

Restore Water Goal: 2021 Annual Report

Executive Summary

As part of its 2030 sustainability goals, Intel has committed to achieve net positive water by 2030. To meet this goal, Intel will conserve 60 billion gallons of water (cumulatively) in its operations and through community partnerships, as well as enable restoration of more than 100% of its freshwater consumption globally. In 2020, Intel returned and restored approximately 90% of its freshwater usage to its communities and in local watersheds.

Through the end of 2021, Intel achieved the following:

- **Funded 6 new projects**, bringing the total number of funded projects to 38 (32 active in 2021). Once complete, these projects are estimated to restore more than 2.4 billion gallons of water each year.
- **Supported restoration of approximately 2.3 billion gallons of water** during 2021, across six states in the US, and locations in India, Ireland, Malaysia, and Costa Rica.
- **Project activities** during 2021 included: invasive species removal, forest protection and reforestation to protect and improve terrestrial habitat and water yield; crop conversion, fallowing and irrigation efficiency improvement to conserve water and enhance stream flows; wet meadow restoration, lake restoration and floodplain reconnection to increase groundwater storage; and wetland creation, winter flow release and water rights leasing to create and sustain aquatic and wetland habitats. Volumetric restore benefits are calculated based on established quantification methodologies.



Implementing partners to date include American Forests, Arizona Land and Water Trust, Audubon Society, Calapooia Watershed Council, CLEAN International, Clean Water Institute, Colorado River Indian Tribes, Colorado Water Trust, Deschutes River Conservancy, Friends of the Tualatin National Wildlife Refuge, Fundecor, Greenbelt Land Trust, McKenzie Watershed Council, National Forest Foundation, Ireland National Parks and Wildlife Service, The Nature Conservancy, TreeFolks, Trout Unlimited, and Watershed Management Group.



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