# ANNUAL REPORT



















## A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hello WMBC Members!

2022 has been a momentous year for our community and we couldn't have done it without the generosity and support of our members, local businesses, and partners.

Of course, this year's highlight was completing the 184-stall trailhead and parking lot on Samish Way which provides safe trail access for our youth bike clubs, neighbors, road cyclists, runners, equestrians, and dog walkers going to both Galbraith and Lake Padden.

This project was the culmination of 5 years of planning, fundraising, and hard work by our all-star team who donated their time and professional services! To the more than 959 individuals and businesses that donated \$828,665 to the trailhead, we cannot thank you enough.

Our trail crews were as busy as ever. With the timber harvest on Galbraith and a calming sense of normalcy, we were able to host 21 public trail days (aah, that felt nice!), rebuild 9 trails, and brush over 30 miles of trail. Both the Civic and Waterfront dirt jumps received an overhaul and are running fantastic.

With our programs and trail stewardship responsibilities growing, we added staff to our small little organization in 2022! Shannon Flory took over for Char Waller as Program Director, Kelsey Hackem joined as Operations Manager, Spencer Baldwin and Scotty Scamehorn - long-time WMBC volunteers - started as part-time trail builders, and James Pulse came on to lead the Youth Trail Corps. Whew, that's a lot and that's not everything! I'll just leave you with this: we can't do these amazing things without our incredible volunteers and supporters who keep our stoke levels high. I often joke that I have the best job in Whatcom County, but that's true largely because of our community that elevates and inspires us.

So, looking forward, I can assure you that we've got some really cool projects in the works for 2023 and beyond to get excited about. See you out on the trails!

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Eric Brown, Executive Director

Eric Mickelson

Photography

## WORDS FROM OUR PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Our bike clubs thrived in 2022 thanks to the many community volunteers who are dedicated to sharing their love of mountain biking and leading folks on the trails!

We are so grateful to our 150+ adult volunteers who support our programs. With their help we ran After School Bike Clubs and Flying Squirrels in the spring and fall for elementary and middle school riders. We also partnered with Vamos Outdoors Project to support their bike program. Our Youth Trail Corps worked hard this year to rebuild and maintain many trails on Galbraith and our women's ride club, JoyRiders, was on the trails May-September.

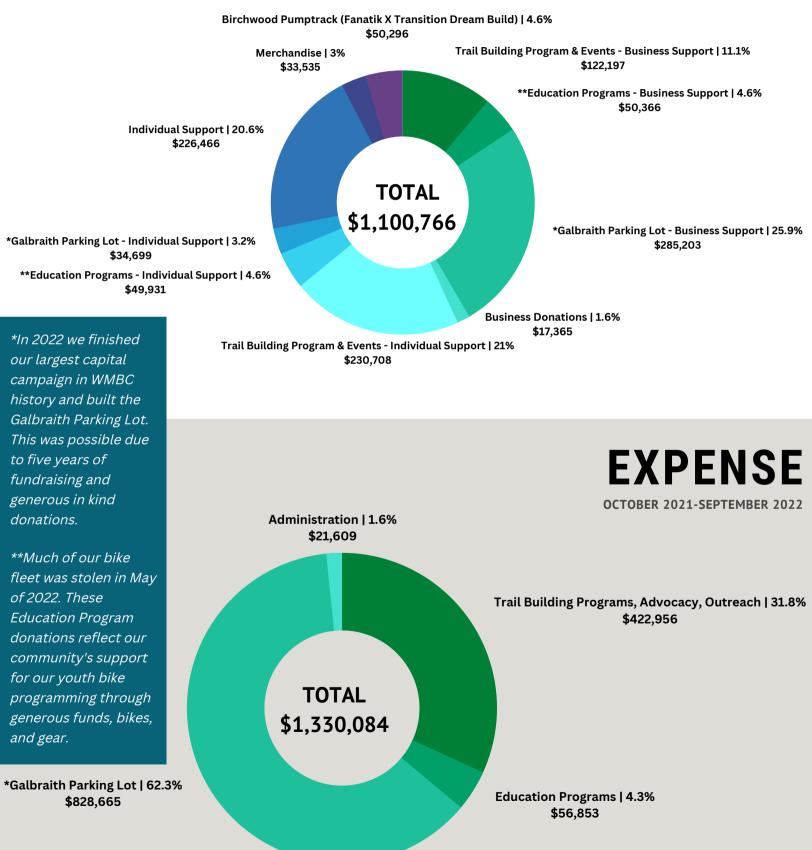
Thank you to everyone who volunteered, partnered, participated and rode with WMBC in 2022!

## **2022 BY THE NUMBERS**

#### 1,700+ INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

## INCOME

OCTOBER 2021-SEPTEMBER 2022



## THANK YOU BUSINESS SUPPORTERS IN 2022, LOCAL BUSINESSES DONATED:

\$122,197 TO TRAILS \$50,366 TO EDUCATION PROGRAMS \$285,203 TO THE GALBRAITH PARKING LOT

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT, WE COULD NOT DO IT WITHOUT YOU!



## 2022 PROGRAMS & EVENTS IN REVIEW



**66** TRAIL ADOPTION SPONSORS

> **10K+** INSTAGRAM

5,284 EMAIL SUBSCRIBERS

> **7,330** FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS

## **EVENTS**

Dream Build	Fanatik built Transition bike   Raised \$80k
Whatcom World Cup	13 races   Raised \$20k   Over 600 racers
NW Tune-Up	Hosted Cascadia Dirt Cup & beer garden
Shoot The Trails Awards	1000+ attendees   17 videos & 56 photos   Raised \$60k

#### **TRAIL ADVOCACY & STEWARDSHIP**

Galbraith Parking Lot	Completed May 2022   184 stalls + 2 trailer stalls
DNR Partnership	Master Contract Agreement for Whatcom County
Birchwood Pump Track	\$50k raised   Spring start pending permitting
Waterfront Pump Track	Race course built   Jump lines rebuilt
Galbraith Trail Updates	Cedar Dust Drop Zone   RESPECT trail signs   30+ miles of trail brushed   21 trail days   Rebuilt 9 trails

#### **EDUCATION**

After School Bike Clubs	257 students   8 clubs   85+ volunteer ride leaders
Flying Squirrels	126 girls   67 first-time Flying Squirrel riders
Youth Trail Corps	36 students   14 trail days + 2 summer camps
Vamos Outdoors Project	171 students   9 ride leaders   2 competitions
JoyRiders	100+ women-identifying riders   18 group rides
Ride Leaders	66 trained in-house
Bike Fleet	58 youth & adult bikes   23 new bikes received   11 youth bikes upgraded