

## Nisqually River Therapy



When was the last time you just sat and watched the river go by? Really just sat there and did nothing but let your thoughts drift with the current?

It had been quite a while for me, until just recently, when I was on a work party with Claire and Charly and a handful of our awesome volunteers. We had just finished pulling scotch broom and blackberry on one of our restored and protected properties on the Mashel River when I found myself along its shore.

I looked at the water for just a moment and smiled, then turned to go, because I had so much else to do. Then I realized that was like me every day – rushing on to the next thing that needs doing, and the next... And the river had been waiting for me all along.

So I sat down on a rock, fixed my gaze on the patient river, and exhaled one of those long, sighing breaths. You know the kind. With my next breath I took in the river's scent: moss, maple, salmonberry blossom, something decaying, spicy "dread" herb Robert (we'll get him next time).

And this time as I exhaled, I felt a whole lot of tension go with it. I didn't even know I was tense! But there it went, downriver without me. It felt great.

So I did it some more. It was five minutes of total relaxation and restoration. When I turned around to rejoin the work party I was even prouder of the work we'd just finished and of the Land Trust's accomplishments over the past year.

We're making new friends and gaining more support all the time. And we're finding new ways to be more effective in our mission to protect and restore the lands in our care. But best of all, we are creating places and opportunities for folks to have special moments.

Safe water for salmon, healthy habitat for dozens of other creatures, and beautiful restorative places for us and our children to enjoy. Strong work!

I hope you can join us on one of our nature walks or float trips this summer, so that you can have your moment, too. ~

See you on the river!

*John Johnson*  
Board President

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## Nature Walks

Join us for the last THREE walks of the summer:



MOUNT RAINIER GATEWAY RESERVE  
NEAR ASHFORD  
JULY 9TH | 10 AM - 1 PM

BOXCAR CANYON  
NEAR EATONVILLE  
AUGUST 6TH | 10 AM - 1 PM

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IN YELM  
AUGUST 27TH | 10 AM - 12:30 PM

These walks are generously sponsored by:



You are invited to explore special Land Trust protected areas throughout the Nisqually Watershed (Pierce and Thurston Counties) on these free guided tours. RSVP is required to attend and space is limited. Please contact us at [staff@nisquallylandtrust.org](mailto:staff@nisquallylandtrust.org) or 360-489-3400 to reserve your spot.

## OUR IMPACT IN 2015

- ◆ Over **two** miles and **240** acres of salmon shoreline permanently protected; **5,125** total acres protected to date
- ◆ **\$8,785,535** raised for acquisition of conservation properties
- ◆ **3,901** hours donated by **349** volunteers to improve wildlife habitat on Land Trust properties
- ◆ **30,600** native plants installed; over **245,000** planted to date
- ◆ **38** acres of invasive ivy, blackberry and scotch broom removed to improve wildlife habitat

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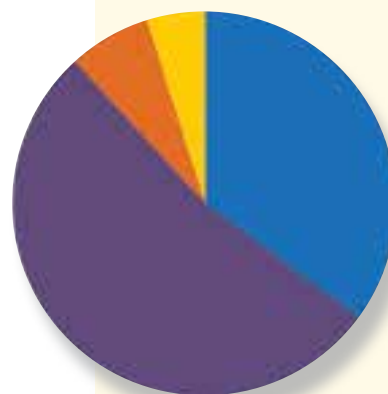
## 2015 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

*Condensed Balance Sheet*

Cash	\$518,003
Conservation Land	\$22,482,887
Equipment (minus depreciation)	\$8,497
Investments & Other	\$993,970
Receivable	\$150,514
Prepaid Expense	\$8,978
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$24,162,849</b>
Current Liabilities	\$52,110
Other Liabilities	\$0
Net Assets	\$24,110,739
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$24,162,849</b>

*Condensed Statement of Activities*

<i>Support and Revenue</i>	
Grants and Contributions	\$1,311,616
In-Kind Donations	\$1,163
Fundraising	\$113,157
Earned Income	\$80,538
Interest and Dividend Income	\$31,887
Other Revenue	\$729
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,539,090</b>
<i>Expenses</i>	
Land Acquisitions	\$798,321
Conservation Program Services	\$523,879
Management and General	\$108,268
Fundraising	\$85,477
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,515,945</b>
Net Result	<b>\$23,145</b>

*Percentage of Total Expenses*

- ◆ Land Acquisition, 53%
- ◆ Conservation Program Services, 35%
- ◆ Management and General, 7%
- ◆ Fundraising, 5%

*These charts were derived from an independent audit by Aiken & Sanders, CPA, and represent the financial position of the Nisqually Land Trust as of December 31, 2015. For more information or copies of our audit, visit our website at [www.nisquallylandtrust.org](http://www.nisquallylandtrust.org) or call us at 360.489.3400.*

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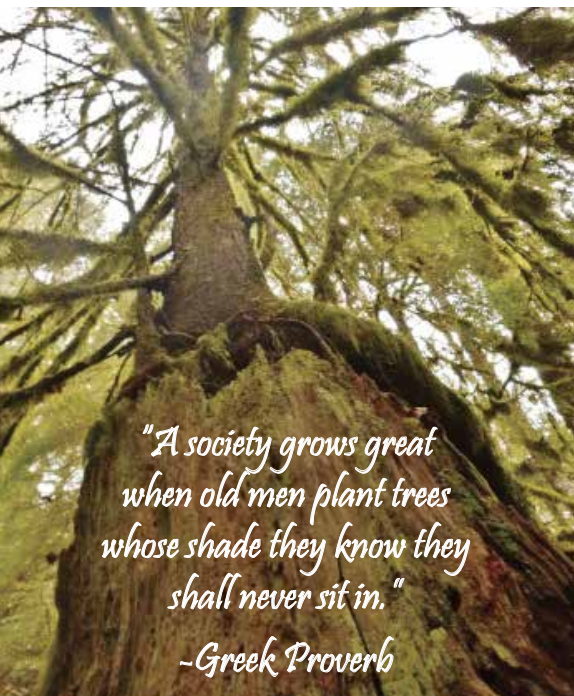
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*"A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in."*  
*-Greek Proverb*