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## Partners Rally to Complete Gateway Initiative

*2,500-acre Mount Rainier project benefits people and endangered wildlife*

The Land Trust is pleased to announce the successful completion of our project to build a 2,500 acre, \$10.5 million wildlife corridor connecting local, state, and federally protected lands near the main entrance to Mount Rainier National Park.

Known as the Mount Rainier Gateway Initiative, the Land Trust project is located directly north of the community of Ashford, between Gifford Pinchot National Forest and Elbe Hills State Forest.

The Land Trust completed the corridor in October with the purchase of 520 acres of environmentally sensitive timberlands from the Hancock Timber Resource Group, headquartered in North Carolina.

The \$2.8 million purchase was funded with a grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund. This purchase is one of the largest in the Land Trust's history and could not have happened without key partnerships and the support of Land Trust members.

"The areas connected by this corridor are home to spotted owls, marbled murrelets, bald eagles, elk, black bear, cougar, and many other species," said Land Trust Executive Director Joe Kane.

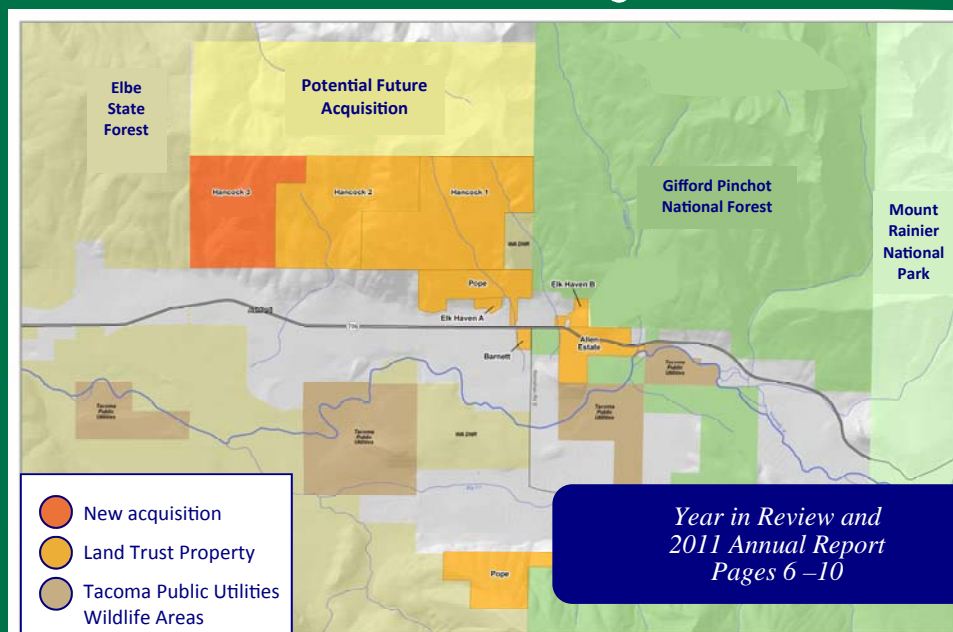
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"This is a perfect example of cooperative conservation. This purchase represents multiple wins by multiple partners on multiple fronts, and at a scale that none of us could have achieved by acting alone."

*Joe Kane,  
Executive Director*

### Mount Rainier Gateway Initiative





## Conservation objectives accomplished by the Mount Rainier Gateway Initiative

- Protection of critical habitat for spotted owls and marbled murrelets, listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act, and at least nine other species of concern to state and federal wildlife agencies.
- Protection of the viewshed at the main entrance to Mount Rainier National Park, visited by millions of tourists each year. The site is located on the flanks of a ridge just above the town of Ashford. It includes areas that are visible from State Route 706, the main approach to the national park, and had been permitted for timber harvest.
- Protection of recreational access to an extensive stretch of the Mount Tahoma Trails Association’s hut-to-hut ski-trail system, the largest no-fee system in the country.

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“Protected corridors are critical to their survival, especially in the face of threats like climate change. They allow wildlife to adapt to habitat changes by traveling from low country to high, from east to west and north to south, from timberlands to river bottoms.”

The Washington Department of Natural Resources partnered with us to win the grant in a national competition. The Department will hold a conservation easement on the property, and as match for the grant it will transfer a portion of its own old-growth forest reserves into permanent conservation status.

“It is amazing what committed people can accomplish, regardless of the challenges, when the brass ring is pursued and cherished by all. I can hear the champagne bottles popping from Ashford to North Carolina. Congratulations to everyone!”

*Richard Scrivner  
Washington Department of  
Natural Resources*

The Nisqually Tribe, which helped fund earlier phases of the Gateway Initiative, will also help us manage the site to enhance its wildlife values.

“Not that long ago the spotted owl was a pariah,” Kane said. “Now the owl is everyone’s friend. It helped the timber company sell its property at a good price in a down market, and it helped preserve scenic vistas and recreational opportunities that are critical to the local tourism economy and business community.”

“Protection at this scale takes a lot of patience from many stakeholders, but in the end, everyone wins.”

## Volunteer Opportunities for Many Interests

In-the-field work parties planting trees and clearing pesky scotch broom are just a few ways to give time and talent to protecting the Nisqually.

Other ways to get involved are:

- Help in the office with mailing parties or other clerical work.
- Join the auction committee.
- Provide special expertise like proofreading, event planning, photography, or marketing.
- Share your knowledge of the Nisqually watershed — history, ecology, flora and fauna—in our publications or on property tours.

*Interested in volunteering? Call us at 360.489.3400 or visit our website at [www.nisquallylandtrust.org/contact](http://www.nisquallylandtrust.org/contact).*

## New Look for Newsletter in 2013

We are updating our newsletter and would like your feedback!

What do you like about our newsletter? What could we do better? What information do you want more of? Less of? Do you have ideas and suggestions? We will incorporate your comments into future newsletters.

*Share your comments by visiting our website at [www.nisquallylandtrust.org/contact](http://www.nisquallylandtrust.org/contact), by calling Sheila at 360.489.3400 ext. 110, or email at [sjackson@nisquallylandtrust.org](mailto:sjackson@nisquallylandtrust.org).*

## Wish List

*Waterproof digital camera:* Help us document restoration progress and bring the forests and rivers to you! An Olympus TG series is a good option for the elements we encounter in the field.

*Locking file cabinets:* A four-drawer style would provide the most storage space with the smallest footprint.

*To donate, please call us at 360.489.3400 or email [staff@nisquallylandtrust.org](mailto:staff@nisquallylandtrust.org).*

## Removing Roads Restores Forest Connectivity and Stream Habitat

### *Road abandonment project is next step in comprehensive Gateway management plan*

The Mount Rainier Gateway Forest Reserve is about protecting and enhancing wildlife habitat, with a focus on reestablishing a diverse, mature forest corridor between state and federal forest lands.

The Land Trust has developed a comprehensive plan for the reserve that guides management activities, and this summer marked the first step in one of the key restoration strategies – reduce overall road network density through road removal.

Charly Kearns, the Land Steward for the Forest Reserve, worked with a local contractor to remove the first mile and a half of the ten miles of forest roads that have been identified as nonessential for future forest management.

Abandoning these roads included removing cross drains and culverts to improve the natural flow of water; pulling back side cast material to eliminate the possibility of future erosion events; roughening the road surface to encourage infiltration; and blocking future vehicle access which will help to minimize human disturbance in the mature forest stands that are nearby.



*The Land Trust has begun road decommission on former industrial timberland acquired in 2009, located near the Mount Rainier National Park. Culverts (right) were removed and the road bed was roughened to speed revegetation.*



This project was carried out with assistance from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program. We are planning another road abandonment project next summer.

Thanks to dedicated volunteers, we have recently completed other activities in the Mount Rainier Gateway,

which include planting in previously harvested areas, removing invasive knotweed, and clearing trash.

*For more information about stewardship projects, please contact Kim Bredensteiner, stewardship director, at [nltsteward@nisquallylandtrust.org](mailto:nltsteward@nisquallylandtrust.org), or call 360.489.3400 ext. 101.*

## Welcome to Cris Peck New AmeriCorps Volunteer Coordinator



Cris Peck, AmeriCorps member and the Land Trust's new volunteer coordinator, has worked restoring wetlands in one of America's most infamous watersheds, the Cuyahoga, where, during the 1960s and 70s, the river frequently caught fire.

"There are very few anadromous fish left in the Cuyahoga, and we were working to reduce severe damage complicated by intense development, with the goal of improving water quality," says Cris. "Here, we are working to protect the water quality, and salmon and wildlife habitat. We are protecting the Nisqually river at a point where restoration, not just mitigation, is possible." Cris says he is excited to learn about the Nisqually Watershed and enjoys working with the volunteers who help protect it.

In his role as volunteer coordinator, Cris is leading our volunteer and site steward program. And if you haven't already met Cris, his enthusiasm is contagious! Come out to a Land Trust volunteer work party, help the Nisqually, and join the fun.

*Contact Cris with questions about being a volunteer or site steward at [volunteer@nisquallylandtrust.org](mailto:volunteer@nisquallylandtrust.org), or call 360.489.3400 ext. 106.*

## CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIPS

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#### Planning Team

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Joe Kane, *Nisqually Land Trust*

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Steve Pruitt, *private forest landowner*

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Sarah Scott, *Upper Nisqually Community Forum*

Jean Shaffer, *forestry consultant*

Evan Smith, *the Conservation Fund*

Paula Swedeen, *forestry consultant*

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George Walter, *Nisqually Indian Tribe*

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### ROAD TO RAINIER SCENIC BYWAY

Mount Rainier National Park

Mount Rainier Visitors Association

Nisqually River Council

Pierce County

Puget Sound Regional Council

Town of Eatonville

### MOUNT RAINIER GATEWAY

Nisqually Indian Tribe

Nisqually Headwaters Coalition

Washington Department of Natural Resources

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



## Road to Rainier Scenic Byway

The Land Trust will lead a collaborative process to develop a “Road to Rainier Scenic Byway” management plan for State Route 7/706, the main highway into Mount Rainier National Park. This will be a grassroots planning effort, supported by the Federal Highway Administration and executed with concert with the residents of Eatonville, Elbe, and Ashford and local civic and governmental organizations.

The plan itself, when completed, will provide a framework to:

- ▶ coordinate and network recreational opportunities, historic sites, and visitor services along the *Road to Rainier* corridor to make them more attractive and accessible for visitors;
- ▶ inventory and map scenic vistas in the upper Nisqually watershed, along the route to Mount Rainier; and
- ▶ prioritize conservation efforts to protect the natural areas and scenic views in the upper watershed that attract visitors and support the local economy.

In its final form, the plan will offer communities in the Upper Nisqually Watershed guidance on strategic investment that will enhance and grow the tourism sector, which is far and away the lead component of the upper watershed’s economic engine.

Projects identified in the plan will qualify for state and federal funding. This will give the plan partners a rich opportunity to align the community’s economic and conservation goals and build a more vibrant local economy.

*For more information about the Scenic Byway project, please contact Nicole Hill, conservation project manager, at [nhill@nisquallylandtrust.org](mailto:nhill@nisquallylandtrust.org), or call 360.489.3400 ext. 105.*

## A Gift This Season Will Support Conservation Year-Round

To meet our annual operating budget, we are dependent upon generous contributions through our Fall Appeal from individuals like you.

Your gifts leverage significant grant funding and partnership building. Projects like the Mount Rainier Gateway Initiative and Nisqually Community Forest would not be possible without your support.

We put your gifts immediately to work and encourage you to give generously this year. Together, we are protecting the water, wildlife, natural areas, and scenic vistas of the Nisqually River Watershed. *Thank you!*

*To learn more about supporting the Land Trust through monthly, annual or planned gifts, contact Sheila Jackson, philanthropy director, at [sjackson@nisquallylandtrust.org](mailto:sjackson@nisquallylandtrust.org), or call 360.489.3400 ext. 110.*

#### Ways to Give

Enclose your gift in the donation envelope included.

Consider making an annual pledge with monthly payments.

Make a contribution securely online at [www.nisquallylandtrust.org/donate](http://www.nisquallylandtrust.org/donate).

## Help Create a Nisqually Community Forest

In June 2011 the Land Trust and a team of partners and stakeholders began meeting to ponder a simple but powerful idea: What would it take to create a Nisqually Community Forest?

Clearly, we had a tremendous opportunity at hand. Over 100,000 acres of the Nisqually Watershed – some 25 percent of its land mass – are in privately-owned commercial timberlands.

With their excellent growing conditions, extremely low tax rates, and direct access to Asian ports, Nisqually forests are attracting investors from across the country and around the world.

One thing that all of these investors have in common, though, is that none of them live here. A pension fund in Paris, a university endowment in California, a wealthy private individual in New York – do they care whether the forests they're invested in are producing local jobs, or whether their timber harvests impact threatened Chinook salmon or the scenic vistas so important to the local tourism economy?

They might. But will they care as much as the people here at home?

We decided it was time to change the game by joining the game. It was time to create a form of timberland ownership that comes from the watershed itself.

Supported by a planning grant from the National Park Service, and later by grants from the U.S. Department of Commerce, the Weyerhaeuser Family Fund, the Burning Foundation, and the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation, we began a series of conversations about what a Nisqually Community Forest might look like: How would it be owned? Managed? Financed? How big would it be? Where precisely would it be located?

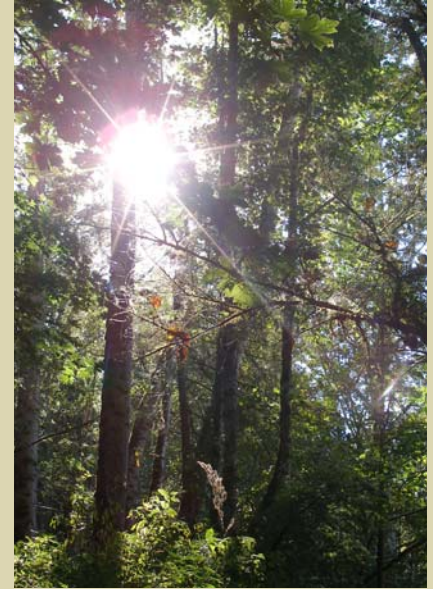
Early on, we hammered out a mission statement: *The Nisqually Community Forest will be a forest owned and managed for the benefit of the people of the Nisqually River Watershed.*

### *What is a community forest?*

A community forest is an economically self-sustaining forest – a “working forest” – owned and managed for the benefit of the local community.

A community forest provides a suite of benefits, such as forestry, tourism, and recreation jobs; forest products; clean air and water; and protected wildlife habitat.

A community forest is a non-regulatory, market-based approach to watershed ownership of watershed resources.



### *What you can do to get involved!*

1. Send comments to the community forest website: [nisquallycommunityforest.org](http://nisquallycommunityforest.org).
2. Sign up on the website to receive the community forest e-newsletter for updates.
3. Attend upcoming community forest forums.

We researched forest management, ownership models, products and services a forest might provide. Commercial timber, for one; this would be a “working forest” that supported itself through the marketplace. But would also provide educational opportunities for kids. Healthy salmon runs. Mountain-bike trails that would help put “heads in beds” at local lodges. Clean air and water. Above all, local jobs.

To accomplish all of this, we would have to think big: 20,000 to 30,000 acres.

We met with management and financing experts. We looked at attempts to build community forests in other parts of the country. We explored alternative ways to generate income (for example, by selling carbon-sequestration credits). We created a website to document our progress.

Now, with the close of 2012, Phase I of the Nisqually Community Forest – the “Conceptual Planning” phase – also draws to a close. Earlier this month, we held community meetings in Ashford and Eatonville to get feedback on our work thus far and guidance for Phase II, in which we propose to create an ownership entity for the forest, such as a nonprofit corporation. We will follow with meetings in Olympia and Tacoma early in 2013.

But, really, we're just getting started, and we need all the help we can get. We invite you to make the Nisqually Community Forest *your* forest. Let us know what you think. Feel free to jump into the work with us. A community forest is only as strong as the community that builds it.

For more information, visit [www.nisquallycommunityforest.org](http://www.nisquallycommunityforest.org).

## A Landmark Year

Since our founding 23 years ago, many dedicated people and organizations have rallied to permanently protect the water, wildlife, natural areas, and scenic vistas of the Nisqually River watershed. We feel privileged to work beside our many friends in conservation and are humbled by our collective accomplishments.

Our work will be even more critical in the coming years as pressures on our beautiful Nisqually Watershed intensify. Our salmon and other wildlife grow increasingly threatened. Climate change, renewed real-estate development, increased logging, and heating and sedimentation of the river and its tributaries have the potential to quickly erode the advances made in past decades.

Your dedication to conservation of this special place is one reason why this year will rank as one of the best in the history of your Land Trust. Some highlights are:

- As 2012 ends, we will have increased our protected lands by over 15 percent since 2011, to some 4,500 acres.
- We completed the Mount Rainier Gateway Reserve, a 2,500 acre wildlife corridor connecting Mount Rainier National Park with old-growth forest reserves in Gifford Pinchot National Forest and wildlife habitat in Elbe Hills State Forest.
- Our land stewards—staff and dedicated community volunteers—cared for the more than 140,000 trees and shrubs planted in the past five years.

Thank you for all you have done to further the Land Trust's mission this year!

Sincerely,



Joe Kane  
Executive Director



J.W. Foster  
President

## 2012 Conservation Accomplishments



### MOUNT RAINIER GATEWAY

The recent acquisition of 520 acres of timberland marks the completion of a 2,500-acre, \$10.8 million wildlife corridor connecting local, state, and federally protected lands near the main entrance to Mount Rainier National Park. The project took seven years to complete. Future expansion of the corridor is envisioned to eventually connect the park environs to Tahoma State Forest.



### MIDDLE MASHEL

240 acres of prime salmon habitat was protected with the Middle Mashel purchase, located above Boxcar Canyon in the Middle Reach of the Mashel River near Eatonville. The Middle Reach ranks as the most important reach in the entire watershed critical for habitat restoration for threatened steelhead trout. This property contains more than two miles of salmon habitat, the most shoreline protected in a single Land Trust purchase.



### THURESON PROPERTY

Although small, this five acre acquisition has great importance for the recovery of threatened Chinook salmon and steelhead trout on the Mashel, the largest tributary to the Nisqually River. This property, serves as a "gateway" to the larger Boxcar Canyon conservation unit, which was transferred to the Town of Eatonville in 2010 for incorporation into their planned trail system, and as match for future conservation purchases.



### STEWARDSHIP

We planted 40,650 trees and shrubs at 14 sites. 165 volunteers participated in 16 work parties and donated 1,010 hours in the field. More than 300 local children visited our protected lands. Stewardship staff maintained 25 restoration areas covering 250 acres, decommissioned one mile of logging road, and demolished one house to improve wildlife habitat. Collaboration with our many partners, inside and outside the watershed ensures the land we protect is cared for in perpetuity.

# Land Trust Site Stewards

*Eyes, ears, and hearts in the field*

Wonder of the natural world. Passion for wildlife and birds. A desire to care for their community. A unique opportunity to commune with nature, breathe in the fresh forest air and listen to the flow of water. Many reasons have attracted our site stewards to “adopt” a Land Trust natural area. This special group of caretakers visit their site at least four times a year. They monitor and report what they find to our stewardship team which helps guide ongoing maintenance to protect our land. We are grateful for our dedicated site stewards. *Thank you!*

## 2012 Nisqually Land Trust Site Stewards

*Hogum Bay* — Maria and Mike Ruth, Anna Mangan

*Red Salmon Creek* — Linda Kunze

*Lower Reach* — Ed Blake, Buck James

*Yelm Shoreline* — Ashley Hetzel, Rhonda DiCostanzo, Peter Briggs

*Thurston Ridge* — Tammy Harrison

*Wilcox Flats* — Roschell (Shelly) Holland

*Thurston County Sites* — Chris Hoff

*Powell Creek Complex* — Dan Locke, Alison Baur

*Ohop Creek* — Karelina Resnick, Steve Pruitt, Rick and Cathy Williams, Crow Vecchio, Brian Dunham, Cyndy Simianer and Mark Splan

*Mashel River* — Laura Schleyer

*Mount Rainier Gateway Forest Reserve* — Dwight and Sharon Bergquist-Moody, Paul and Cassandra Gerard, Byrna Klavano, Dan Locke

## Protected Land Grows by 15% in 2012

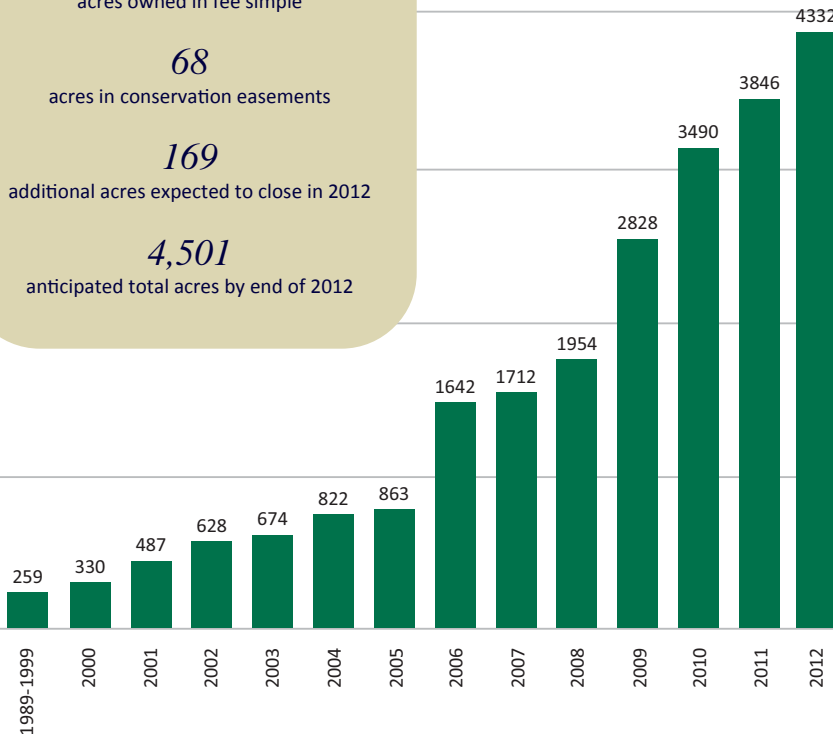
4,332  
total acres currently protected

4,264  
acres owned in fee simple

68  
acres in conservation easements

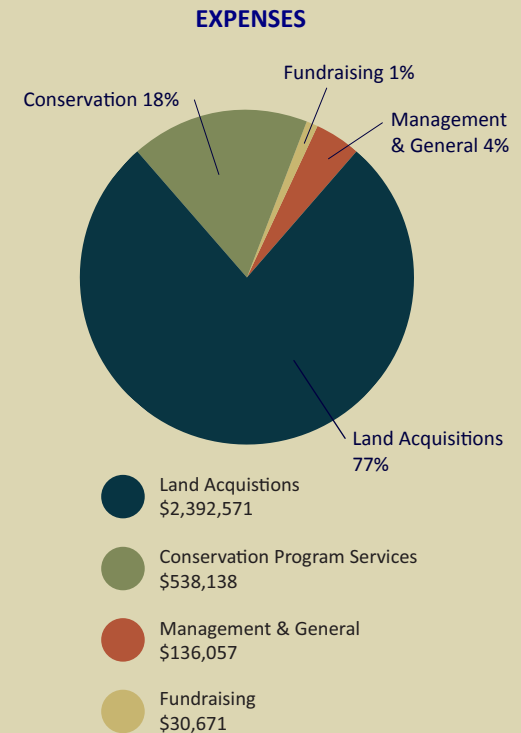
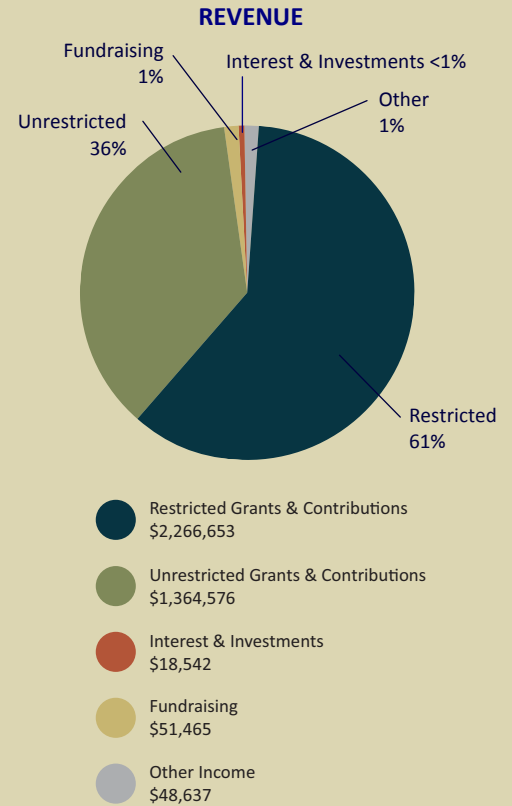
169  
additional acres expected to close in 2012

4,501  
anticipated total acres by end of 2012



## 2011 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

*Year ended December 31, 2011*



*These charts were derived from the independent auditor's review submitted to the board of directors by Aiken & Sanders, CPA, presenting the financial position of Nisqually Land Trust as of December 31, 2011.*

*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.*

# Contributors

October 1, 2011 — October 1, 2012

♥ Members for past three or more consecutive years

★ Charter Members

We often measure the Land Trust's accomplishments in acres of land and shoreline miles, but equally significant are the many people who contribute money and goods to help protect the Nisqually Watershed forever.

*Thank you!*

## **Benefactors--\$25,000-\$49,999**

Nisqually Indian Tribe♥  
The Estate of Margery Sayre♥

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Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund

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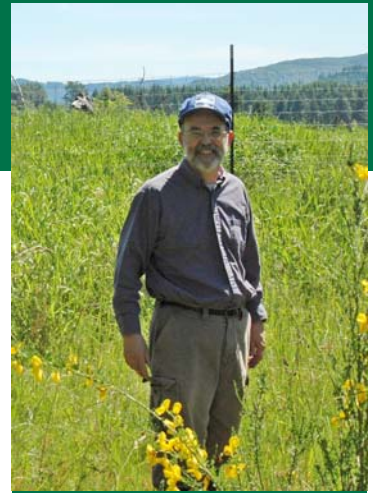
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*George Walter, former Land Trust President, was recently presented with the "Puget Sound Champion Lifetime" award by the Puget Sound Partnership for his central role in protecting the Nisqually River watershed.*

#### **Honorarium**

**Honoring Mike & Barbara Hill**  
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**In Memory of Dolores Dickey West**  
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#### **Gift Memberships**

**On Behalf of Ken Kildahl**  
 Jeff Kildahl  
**On Behalf of Elaine Erickson & Carla Galloway**  
 Kathryn & Albie Jarvis♥



*More than 100 float guests experienced the Nisqually River up close and personal this summer. The float is a unique opportunity to visit areas of the river difficult to access.*

*Want to be part of next year's float?  
Hear about dates and register early by  
signing up for our email list!*

**In-kind Donations**

- Denny Allen
- Linda Andrews♥
- A Friend of the Land Trust♥
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- TwinStar Credit Union
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- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Natural Resource Conservation Service
- Washington Conservation Corps
- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Washington Department of Natural Resources
- Washington Recreation and Conservation Office
- Washington Salmon Recovery Funding Board
- Washington Service Corps/ AmeriCorps
- Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund
- Local Olympia, Yelm and Eatonville schools

*Please accept our apologies if we've accidentally omitted or misspelled your name. We appreciate you bringing any errors to our attention.*

## SAVE THE DATE

# Twenty-first Annual Auction & Dinner

Don't miss the Land Trust's premier fundraiser and a cracking great party, all rolled into one exciting event.

Monies raised from this event help permanently protect the water, wildlife, natural areas, and scenic vistas of the Nisqually River watershed.

Proceeds from this event also help leverage significant grant funding and partnership building essential to support continued conservation successes like the Mount Rainier Gateway Initiative, in the Nisqually Watershed.

*You can help!*

**Attend the auction!** Join the fun, bring your friends (and your checkbook). Invitations will arrive in your mailbox in January.

**Be a sponsor.** Environment-conscious businesses show their support for a healthy watershed by sponsoring our event. Join community leaders like Olympia Federal Savings Bank as a sponsor!

**Saturday, March 16th, 2013**  
St. Martin's Worthington Center  
in Lacey

**Donate an item.** Popular items include Native American and Northwest artwork, unique experiences like vacation getaways, classes, and excursions, garden items and landscaping services, fishing and outdoor experiences and items, birdhouses and birdfeeders, vintage items, food, fine dining, theater tickets, jewelry, and Northwest foods.

**Volunteer!** If you have organizational talents, an eye for decoration, office skills, the gift of gab, or an interest in getting to know great people in the community — we have a rewarding volunteer opportunity for you.

*For information about the event, or to donate or volunteer, please contact Connie Bond, membership coordinator, at 360.489.3400 ext. 104 or email [cbond@nisquallylandtrust.org](mailto:cbond@nisquallylandtrust.org).*

*For more information about sponsorship levels and benefits, please contact Sheila Jackson, philanthropy director, at 360.489.3400 ext. 110 or email [sjackson@nisquallylandtrust.org](mailto:sjackson@nisquallylandtrust.org).*



*A sold-out crowd enjoys a great party for a good cause at last year's Auction & Dinner.*

*Thank you*

to everyone who completed the recent auction survey. We appreciate your time and willingness to help. Your feedback and ideas have helped us shape our upcoming auction.

## Faithful Friends Join Annual Meeting and Salmon Bake



*Friends, old and new, gather to enjoy a Nisqually salmon dinner and each other, and to celebrate recent conservation successes.*

Land Trust members, supporters and partners attended the 23rd annual meeting and salmon bake in September —our largest attendance to date!

It was a beautiful September day and the conversation engaging. Land Trust Board President J.W. Foster and Executive Director Joe Kane shared this year's land protection and stewardship accomplishments while guests feasted on Nisqually salmon generously provided by Georgiana and Nugie Kautz, grillmaster George Walter, and of course, Mother Nature.

Contributions from our supporters like you ensure we continue to reach ambitious conservation goals and protect the health of the Nisqually so that we can enjoy its beauty and bounty into the future.

Thank you to board member Patt Brady for organizing the dinner fixings and volunteers Sally Abbott, Shelley Bentley and Peter Leach, Jane Ely, Logan Foster, JW Foster, Mark Harding, Bill and Ben Kogut, Ginger Phalen and Jeff Chan, Karelina Resnick, Alex Rivera and Mark Williams.

THANK YOU



**HomeStreet Bank.**  
Great neighbors. Great bankers.

*For helping to support this event!*

**OUR MISSION**

*The Nisqually Land Trust acquires and manages critical lands to permanently protect the water, wildlife, natural areas, and scenic vistas of the Nisqually River watershed.*

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*Students from Evergreen State College cleared scotch broom this fall from the Lower Reach, acquired from the Blake family in 2010. Numerous groups of all ages have visited Land Trust protected areas this year, to learn, explore and care for these special places.*

**2012 Events**

<b>Mashel River</b> Scotch Broom Pull (Eatonville)	Saturday, December 1st — 9 am to noon
<b>Ohop Creek</b> Ivy Pull (Eatonville)	Saturday, December 15th — 9 am to noon

**2013 Events**

<b>Red Salmon Creek</b> Ivy Pull (Olympia)	Saturday, January 12th — 9 am to noon
<b>Martin Luther King Day of Service</b> (Eatonville)	Monday, January 21st — 9 am to 3 pm
<b>Red Salmon Creek</b> Ivy Pull and Tube Removal (Olympia)	Saturday, January 26th — 9 am to noon
<b>Site Steward Training Workshop</b>	January, <i>Date to be announced</i>
<b>Powell Creek</b> Planting and Tube Removal (Yelm)	Saturday, February 9th — 9 am to noon
<b>Yelm Shoreline</b> Scotch Broom Pull	Saturday, February 23rd — 9 am to noon
<b>Yelm Shoreline</b> Tube Removal	Saturday, March 9th — 9 am to noon
<b>21st Annual Auction and Dinner</b>	Saturday, March 16th
<b>Mashel River</b> Scotch Broom and Ivy Pull (Eatonville)	Saturday, March 30th — 9 am to noon
<b>Powell Creek</b> Scotch Broom Pull	Saturday, April 13th — 9 am to noon
<b>Yelm Shoreline</b> Scotch Broom Pull	Saturday, April 20th — 9 am to noon
<b>Earth Day Work Party</b>	Monday, April 22nd — 9 am to noon
<b>Arbor Day Work Party</b>	Friday, April 26th — 9 am to noon
<b>Powell Creek</b> Herb Robert Weed Pull (Yelm)	Saturday, May 11th — 9 am to noon
<b>Ohop Creek</b> Ivy Pull and Blackberry Control (Eatonville)	Saturday, May 25th — 9 am to noon