

# Nisqually Land Trust

## Volunteer Position – Community Outreach Volunteer

Founded in 1989, the Nisqually Land Trust acquires and manages critical lands to permanently benefit the water, wildlife, and people of the Nisqually River Watershed. Today, we protect and manage over 6,500 acres. The Nisqually River Watershed is one of Washington's most pristine river habitats, despite being located in a landscape that is extensively and increasingly urbanized. Our vision is to protect, restore, and manage the natural and essentially wild aspects of this river basin while cooperating with watershed communities to support an ecologically sustainable way of life.

**Project Description:** Participate in community events and contribute to Land Trust outreach aimed at engaging community members in dialogues and activities that encourage understanding of local conservation issues and the Land Trust's mission, vision, and goals. Assist the Land Trust in reaching a larger and more diverse audience throughout the Puget Sound region.

- Attend community events as an ambassador for the Nisqually Land Trust.
  - Staff booths at community fairs and outreach events.
  - Suggest community events for the Land Trust to attend.
- Recruit supporters to help the Nisqually Land Trust grow.
  - Talk to your friends, neighbors, and community groups about the accomplishments and goals of the Land Trust.
  - Post outreach flyers at your favorite hangout spots.
  - Contribute photos, videos, and writing for Land Trust media, which help to illustrate stories about Land Trust projects and the ways you are connected to this organization and watershed.
  - Introduce service organizations you are involved with to the Land Trust's community projects.

### **Benefits:**

Volunteers will gain a deeper understanding of land conservation and the programs that support it in Western Washington. This volunteer position is a great opportunity to connect with the public about ways that Land Trust activities are supporting an ecologically sustainable way of life in the watershed and the region. New outreach volunteers will be mentored by Land Trust staff and experienced volunteers.

### **Time Commitment:**

Typically, we ask for two- or three-hour shifts at community events, but shifts may be longer or shorter, depending on the event. Initially, volunteers are asked to commit to attending one outreach event each month for three months. Volunteers are welcome to continue to serve in this capacity after the first three months.

**Location:** Throughout the Nisqually River Watershed and South Sound region. Many outreach events are in Olympia or Tacoma.

### **Qualifications:**

- Interest in sharing the Land Trust's mission and current activities
- Ability to communicate respectfully with diverse members of the public
- Clear understanding of the difference between education and advocacy

### **How to Get Started:**

If you would like to volunteer for this opportunity, please send an email that outlines your skills, interest, and availability (weekdays, weekday evenings, and/or weekends) to [volunteer@nisquallylandtrust.org](mailto:volunteer@nisquallylandtrust.org).

