



2020 Annual Report



*Nisqually Marine Conservation Initiative from Anderson Island.
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Nisqually Land Trust

January - December 2020

2020 HIGHLIGHTS

\$666,000 raised for the acquisition of conservation properties

\$75,730 raised for stewardship and restoration of conservation properties

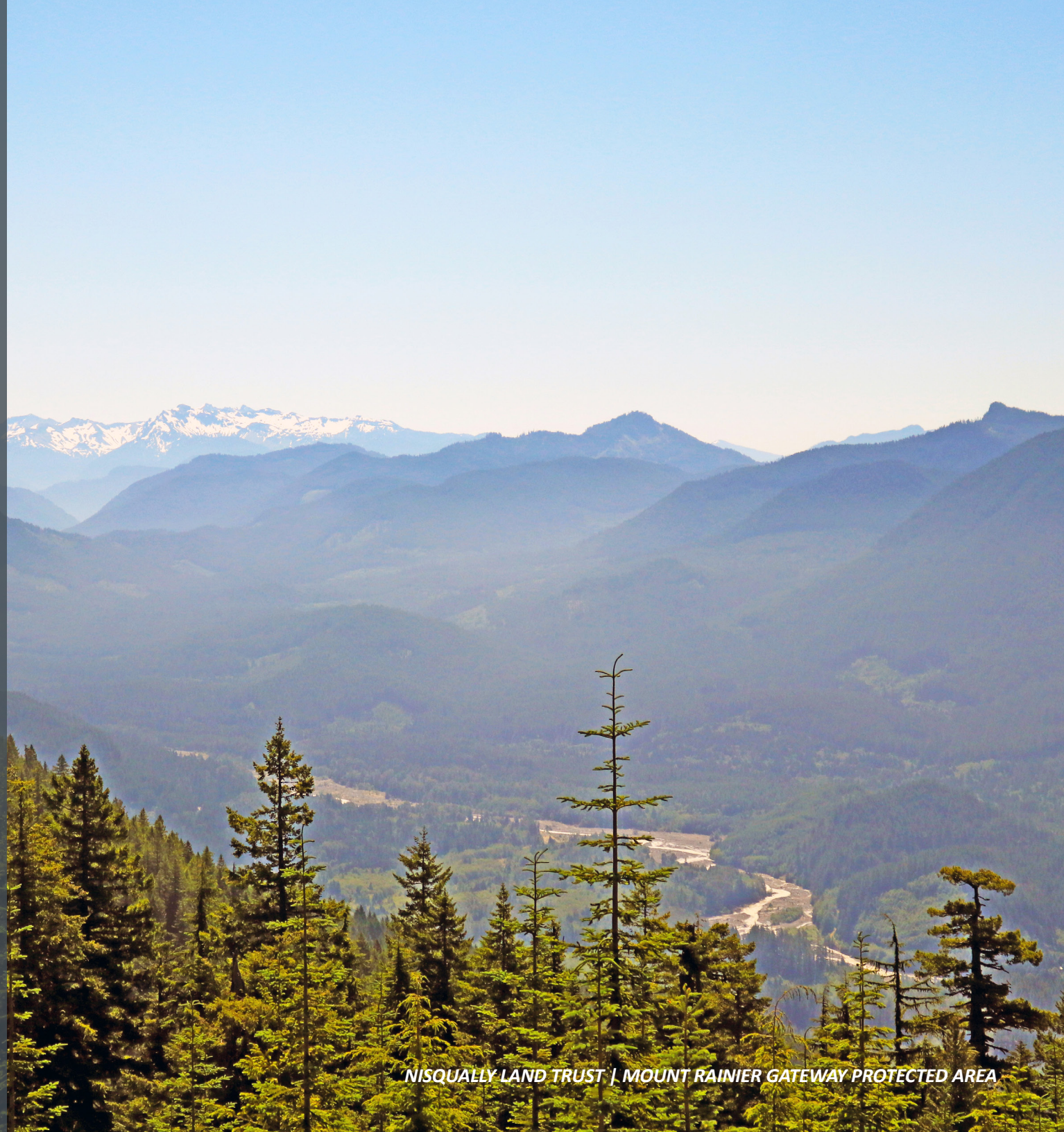
Over a **mile** of salmon-producing shoreline permanently protected

3,000 hours donated by **500** volunteers to restore protected areas

213 acres permanently protected in 2020; **8,737 acres** protected to date

16,000 native trees and shrubs planted; over **355,000** planted to date

64 acres of invasive weeds removed



NISQUALLY LAND TRUST | MOUNT RAINIER GATEWAY PROTECTED AREA

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Nature's Lesson in Resiliency

We owe our protection successes to the generosity of our supporters, our partners, and our incredible volunteers. Thank you!

In ecology, resilience is the ability of an ecosystem to recover quickly from unexpected changes and disturbances. An essential part of our work at the Nisqually Land Trust is to help the Nisqually Watershed be resilient. Resiliency helps the fish, wildlife, and people of the Nisqually to continue to survive and thrive in the future.

Resilience can also describe organizations. The events of 2020 tested the resilience of the Land Trust.

We began 2020 with our long-time beloved Executive Director announcing that he was stepping down. Then in March, just days before our biggest fundraising event of the year, the pandemic caused us to cancel the event and close our office, sending all of our staff to work from home.

These events were definitely unexpected changes and disturbances that tested our ability to continue our work to protect and steward the special places of the Nisqually watershed. As you will see when you read this report, despite the significant challenges thrown our way in 2020, our organization was still able to accomplish a tremendous amount.

We continued to:

- protect new high-priority properties, including one of the last large privately owned undeveloped parcels on the river
- knock back invasive plants and plant new trees on our existing properties with our unstoppable volunteers and stewardship staff team
- secure funds for future work. We pivoted from our traditional auction in the spring to our first ever fully online auction in the fall

These successes were due in large part to the generosity of our supporters, our partners, and our incredible volunteers. Three decades of work by our dedicated board and staff also ensured that the foundation of our organization was strong.

We are resilient thanks to incredible community support and a mission that continues to inspire. The Nisqually Land Trust is here to stay. We are committed to protecting and stewarding the special places of the Nisqually watershed for future generations.



With Gratitude,

Jeanette Dorner
Executive Director

2020 CONSERVATION SUCCESSES



Nisqually River North Wilcox Reach Property | Photo, Dennis Folk



Nisqually River Wilcox Reach | Miller Property



Upper Tanwax Protected Area | Stahl Property

2020 was an outstanding year for protection in the Nisqually Watershed. The Land Trust completed four transactions valued at over \$1.5 million dollars to protect critical salmon and wildlife habitat. This level of success was only possible due to the unwavering support of our community during an unprecedented and difficult year.

Nisqually River Shoreline and Floodplain Projects - Our largest protection project of the year was twenty years in the making. We protected almost a mile of undeveloped land along the north shore of the Wilcox Reach of the Nisqually River: 174 acres of intact forest and wetlands. Western Rivers Conservancy, Wilcox Farms, and the Nisqually Indian Tribe were critical partners, helping us secure permanent protection for this project.

At the end of 2020 we also acquired 21 acres of Nisqually River floodplain along the south shore of the Wilcox Reach. Previously a hay field and rural residence, this property includes beautiful river shoreline, mature forest, and unique side-channel habitat. The house, which was threatened by the migrating river channel, was removed by the owner before the sale. The Land Trust will now partner with the Nisqually River Education Project over the next two years to plant native trees and shrubs at the site.

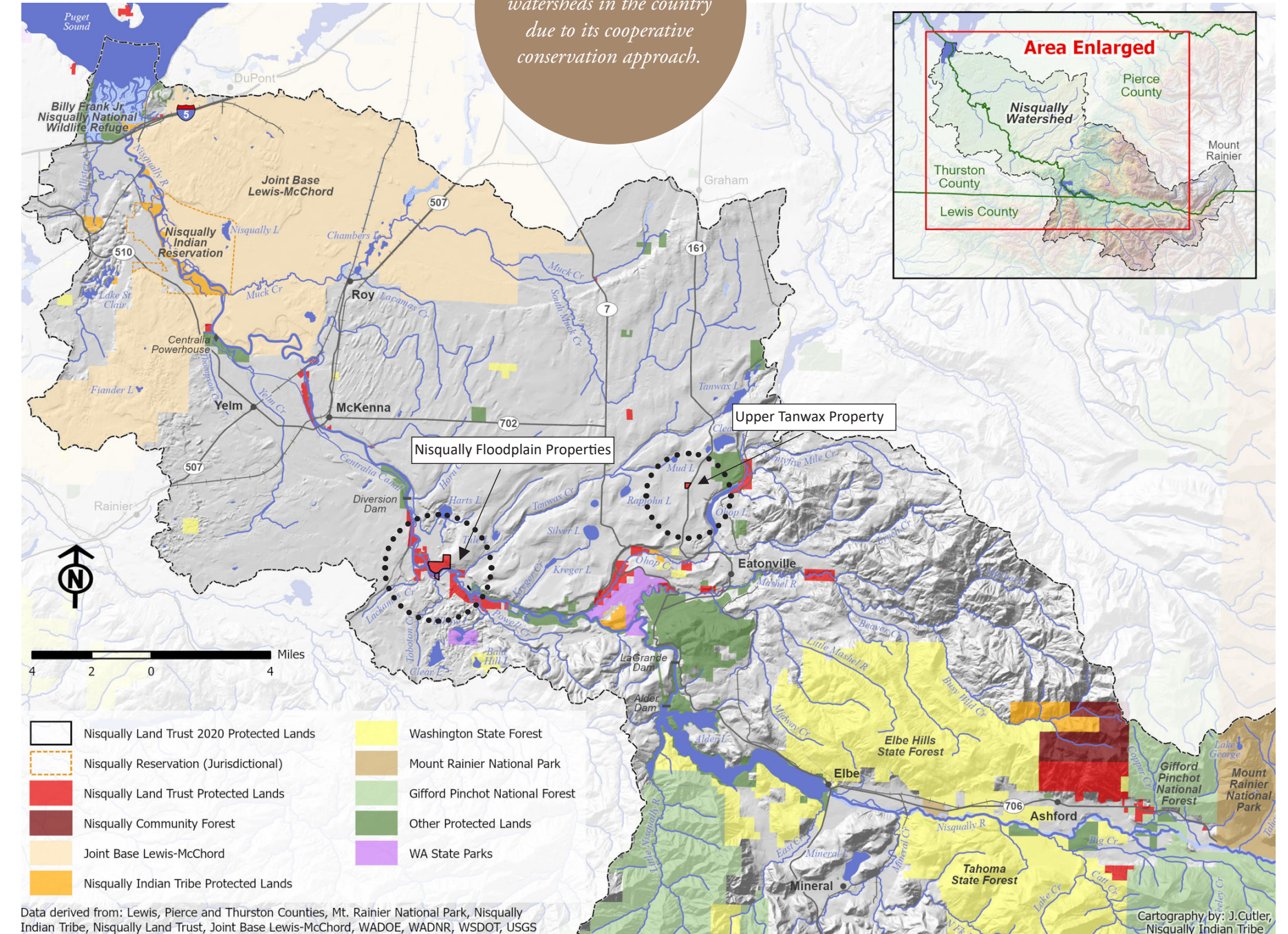
Upstream of the Wilcox Reach, a small but important property was acquired along the Middle Reach of the Nisqually River. The undeveloped forest site is across the river from where Powell Creek empties into the Nisqually. When this parcel was originally mapped it contained 100 feet of riverfront shoreline, but today its shoreline is along an oxbow side-channel that formed after the river shifted south in the 1970's. This acquisition completes an important block of protection next to a long stretch of Nisqually River floodplain and shoreline managed by Tacoma Public Utilities as a part of their Nisqually River Wildlife Area.

Upper Tanwax Protected Area - Last year we received a generous donation of nearly 18 acres of forestland near Northwest Trek and the Town of Eatonville. The forest is 40-50 years old with a diverse mix of older trees and understory plants. This forest provides wildlife habitat in an area surrounded by rural residences.

NISQUALLY PROTECTED LANDS 2020

The Nisqually Watershed is one of the most protected watersheds in the country due to its cooperative conservation approach.

This map shows how the Nisqually Land Trust and its many partners work together to protect and steward the watershed. This includes protecting almost 78 percent of the salmon producing Nisqually River shoreline below the Alder LaGrande Dam.





OUR VISION

- Healthy Forests, Clean & Abundant Water
- Salmon Recovery
- Wildlife Habitat Protection & Restoration
- Sustainable Working Forests

OUR 2020 AGENCY PARTNERS

- Nisqually Indian Tribe
- Pierce County Conservation Futures
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- WA Department of Ecology
- WA Department of Fish & Wildlife
- WA State Recreation & Conservation Office:
 - Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program
 - Puget Sound Acquisition & Restoration Fund
 - Salmon Recovery Funding Board
 - WA Wildlife & Recreation Program
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- US Environmental Protection Agency
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
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ACHIEVING OUR VISION TOGETHER

OHOP CREEK PROTECTED AREA | PHOTO BY IAN STONER

2020 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Condensed Balance Sheet

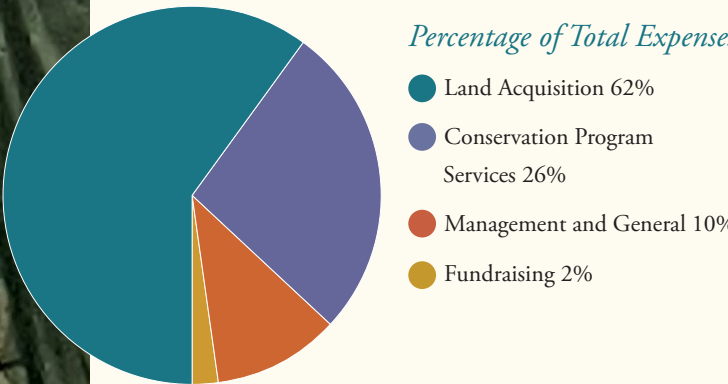
Cash	\$1,237,096
Conservation Land & Equipment	36,752,200
Investments & Other Assets	1,469,135
Grants & Other Receivables	767,808
Prepaid	5,359
Total Assets	\$40,231,598

Current Liabilities	\$379,135
Net Assets	\$39,852,463
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$40,231,598

Condensed Statement of Activities

Support and Revenue	\$2,283,991
Grants	588,994
In-Kind Donations	150,800
Contributions	102,979
Earned Income	162,091
Interest and Investment Revenue	14,662
Other Revenue	
Total Support and Revenue	\$3,239,569

Expenses	\$949,204
Conservation Program Services	650,138
Management and General	247,956
Fundraising	51,110
Total Expenses	\$2,412,637
Changes in Net Assets	\$1,510,211
Additional Land Acquisition Expenditure	\$902,426
Net Result	\$902,426



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January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020

The Land Trust is filled with gratitude for our Nisqually Family of supporters. We are honored by every gift and would like to acknowledge the individuals, businesses, foundations and agencies that generously supported our work. Reflected below are the contributions received or pledged between January 1 and December 31, 2020.

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The Legacy of our River and Forests are Forever

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2021 Virtual Annual Membership Meeting



Check our website & YouTube channel to watch the video

We held our 2021 Annual Meeting virtually this year. You can still watch our special guest and author Tim Ransom speaking with our Executive Director Jeanette Dorner about land use history in the Nisqually valley. You can also learn about some our successes and highlights of the year! Visit our website at www.nisquallylandtrust.org.

NEW STAFF

Welcome to our Land Steward & AmeriCorps Members



Ian Stoner



Lotte Off



Maya Nabipoor

Ian Stoner, Land Steward

Ian is excited to join the staff at Nisqually Land Trust as the new Land Steward. He has volunteered with other land trusts for many years, working on restoration planning, ecological monitoring and climate change adaptation as well as many stewardship related tasks. Ian has worked a variety of jobs in the environmental field, most recently as a crew leader for an ecological forestry contractor. He holds a B.S. in Environmental Science from Evergreen. An Olympia native, Ian has lived and studied all over the Intermountain West and is happy to call the South Sound 'Home' again

Lotte Off, Habitat Stewardship AmeriCorps Member

Lotte is our new Habitat Stewardship Americorps Member, joining us from serving with our friends at Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group, where she managed the Farm at Water's Edge, facilitated nutrition education, and led volunteers with the Steelhead and Chum projects. Additionally, she participated in weekly restoration plantings in the riparian areas of the Hood Canal Watershed and worked in the native plant nursery. She's excited to continue working with volunteers and seeing the connection habitat restoration has with the health of our watersheds and surrounding communities.

Maya Nabipoor, Community Engagement AmeriCorps Member

Maya, our Community Engagement Americorps Member, is joining us after serving with our partners at the Nisqually River Foundation as an environmental educator. She has spent the last 2 years teaching students in the Nisqually Watershed about salmon and environmental stewardship, including leading student restoration field trips with us! She is excited to connect more with the Nisqually Land Trust's community of volunteers and spend time outside restoring habitat in the Nisqually Watershed.

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OUR MISSION

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Mount Rainier Gateway Protected Area Nature Hike, August 2021

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