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 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 335,000 planted to date
64 acres of invasive weeds removed

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

NISQUALLY LAND TRUST | MOUNT RAINIER GATEWAY PROTECTED AREA

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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.
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, 2020.

**Condensed Balance Sheet**

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**2020 Financial Snapshot**

- **Percentage of Total Expenses**
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  - Conservation Program Services 26%
  - Management and General 10%
  - Fundraising 2%

**Our Vision**

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

**Our 2020 Agency Partners**

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- Pierce Conservation District
- Thurston County Conservation Futures
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[ACHIEVING OUR VISION TOGETHER]

[OHOP CREEK PROTECTED AREA | PHOTO BY IAN STONER]

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We'd like to thank and recognize WATERSHED STEWARDS:

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Three consecutive years Charter Members

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Stockwell

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In honor of Michele Buckley

IN HONOR OF THE GARRISON FAMILY

In honor of Gair Crutcher

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Nancy Wilsen

Elaine Tankard

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Dennis & Karol Erickson

- George Walter & NLT

友好的问候！今年我们举办了虚拟年会，您仍可拨打我们的展位电话 www.nisquallylandtrust.org.

We held our 2021 Annual Meeting virtually this year. You can still watch our special address by Bill Dorner about land use history in the Nisqually Valley. You can also learn about some of our successes and highlights of the year!

WATCH ONLINE
2021 Virtual Annual Membership Meeting

Check our website & YouTube channel to watch the video

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