



2021 Annual Report

Pictured: Nisqually River Shoreline Volunteer Workparty



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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

The “We” In Conservation

As I review the Nisqually Land Trust’s accomplishments from last year, I am reminded of why I love working in the Nisqually watershed. Our organization is part of an incredible partnership of government agencies, other non profits, and our generous volunteers and supporters - all working together to ensure that the fish, wildlife, and people of the Nisqually watershed can survive and thrive for generations to come.

The successes and progress you read about in this annual report are not just the Nisqually Land Trust’s alone. In 2021 we worked with close to 20 conservation partners to protect and steward valuable habitat lands. We received funding from 17 different agencies and foundations in addition to hundreds of donations from individual supporters.

At a recent event where I was sharing an update of our latest accomplishments, someone came up to me and remarked how much she loved the fact that I used the word “we” . That word comes naturally when describing our work because those partnerships are essential to our success.

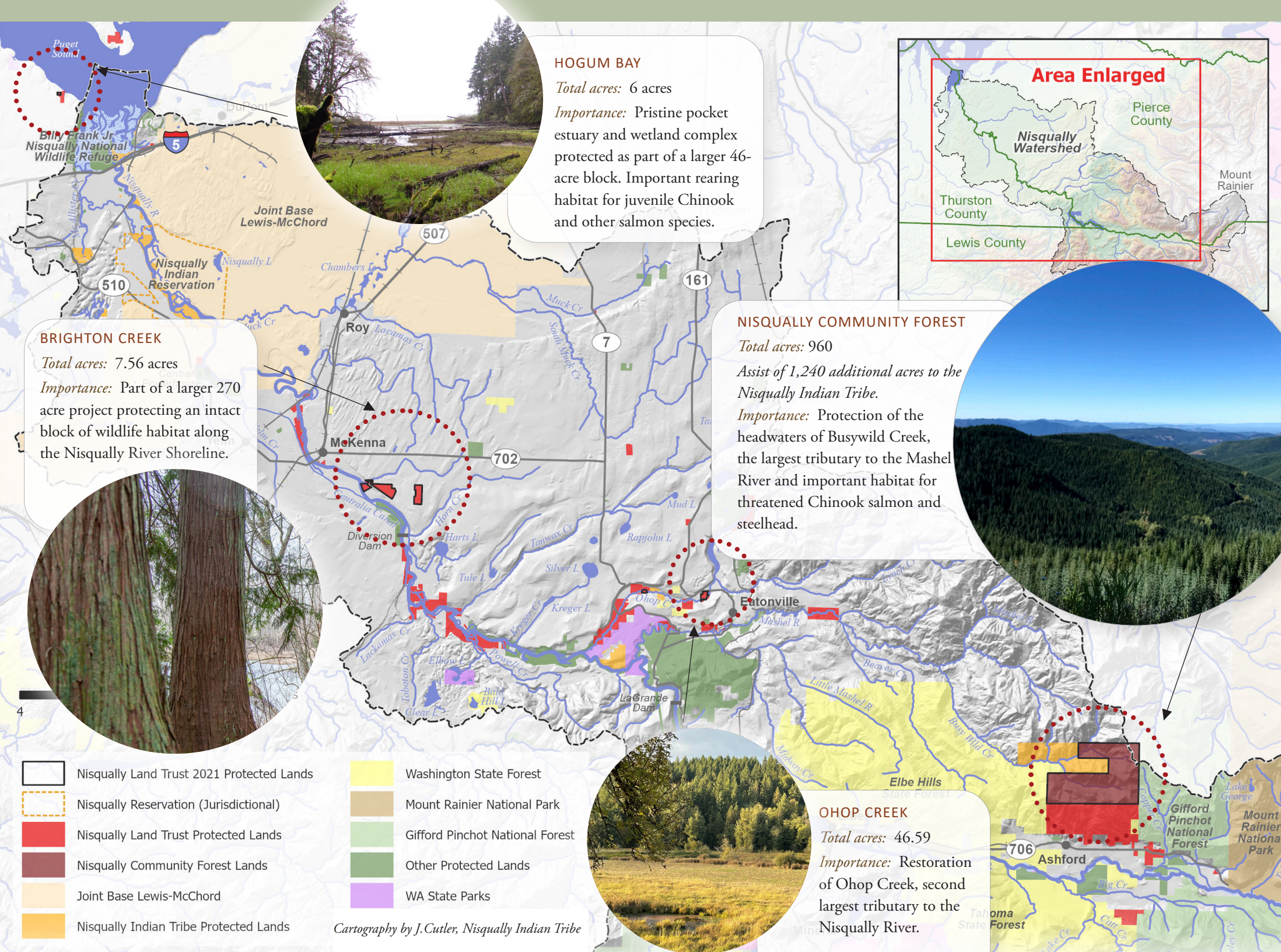
As you review this report, I invite you to join me in that perspective. These are not just the things that the Nisqually Land Trust did in 2021. It’s what “we” accomplished together in 2021.

Thank you for all you have done to contribute to this work.

Yours in conservation,



Jeanette Dorner
Executive Director



2021 NISQUALLY PROTECTED LANDS

The Land Trust completed five projects with transactions valued at over \$4.8 million dollars to protect forests, river and marine shorelines, and critical salmon and wildlife habitat in the Nisqually Watershed. This scale of protection was only possible with the support of our community and Watershed partners.

Right: Reverends Olaf Miller and Tim Schomberg of the North Cascades Buddhist Priory enjoying the ribbon cutting celebration of the Brighton Creek Protected Area.

Below: In 2021 more than a quarter-mile of high-priority Nisqually River salmon shoreline on the mainstem was protected.



In 2021 the Land Trust made significant progress in protecting lands in all of our conservation initiatives and priority areas. Another 2,260 acres of Puget Sound shoreline, Nisqually River and Ohop Creek floodplain, and forests in the foothills of Mount Rainier National Park were protected.

We continue to focus on strategic habitats that are essential to recovery of Nisqually salmon. In order to thrive salmon need:

- healthy forests in the headwaters of rivers and streams that can supply clean, plentiful water to downstream spawning and rearing habitats,
- naturally functioning floodplains along Ohop Creek and the Nisqually River,
- productive estuaries that provide food and cover for outmigrating juvenile salmon.

These projects ensure that salmon have more of these habitats available in the Nisqually watershed – now and forever.



A LEGACY OF PROTECTION AND STEWARDSHIP

2021 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Behind each of the numbers in this report are the people that helped us to make conservation happen in 2021. Our dedicated partners, supporters, and volunteers help us secure and leverage the dollars we raise and then spend to get conservation on the ground.

OUR IMPACT IN 2021

\$2,174,563 raised for acquisition of conservation properties

\$269,577 raised for stewardship and restoration of conservation properties

Over **3 miles** of salmon-producing shoreline permanently protected

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

2,260 acres permanently protected in 2021;
10,034 acres protected to date

21,825 native trees and shrubs planted; over **400,000** planted to date

2021 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Condensed Balance Sheet

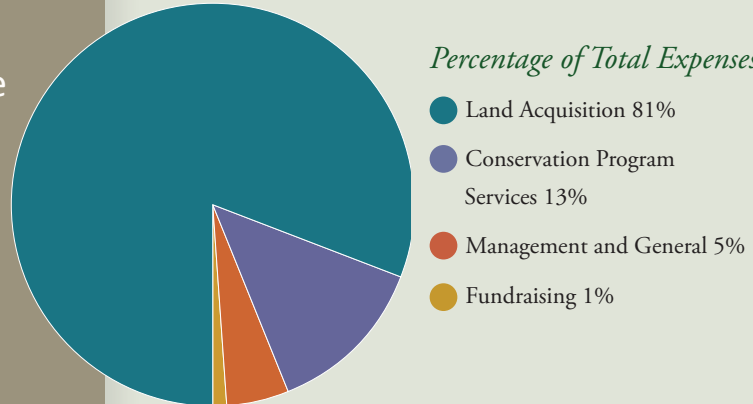
Cash	\$1,463,330
Conservation Land & Equipment	41,241,474
Investments & Other Assets	1,617,664
Grants & Other Receivables	219,477
Prepaid	5,225
Total Assets	\$44,547,170

Current Liabilities	\$151,546
Net Assets	\$44,395,624
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$44,547,170

Condensed Statement of Activities

Support and Revenue	
Grants	\$4,795,021
In-Kind Donations	80,000
Contributions	335,035
Earned Income	58,789
Interest and Investment Revenue	196,055
Other Revenue	6,487
Total Support and Revenue	\$5,471,387

Expenses	
Land Acquisitions	\$4,416,502
Conservation Program Services	748,570
Management and General	254,884
Fundraising	41,084
Total Expenses	\$5,461,040
Net Result	\$10,347



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January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021

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Cedar waxwings along the Nisqually River shoreline. Photo by Land Trust restoration volunteer, Kat Fish.

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

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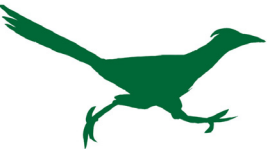
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The Land Trust was awarded an unrestricted grant from the Metabolic Studio. This is the first time the Land Trust has received support from the Studio.

“We are honored and grateful that the Metabolic Studio reached out to invite us to apply for support,” said Jeanette Dorner, Nisqually Land Trust’s Executive Director. “These resources are critical to our ability to continue to work with our partners on innovative approaches to protection and stewardship of lands impor- tant to the fish, wildlife, and people of the Nisqually watershed.”

A representative from the Metabolic Studio reached out to the Land Trust in 2021 when they saw a news story online about the conservation work that the Land Trust has been doing in partnership with the Nisqually Tribe and the Nisqually Community Forest. The Metabolic Studio explores sustainability and watersheds through innovative art installations, including a floodplain reconnect- tion project of the Los Angeles River in the city of Los Angeles.

For more information about the Metabolic Studio you can visit their website at: <https://metabolicstudio.org/about>.



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