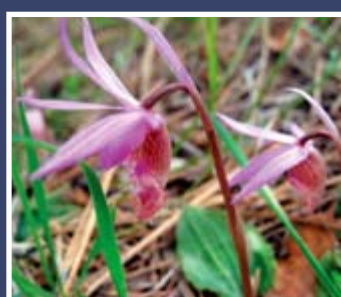
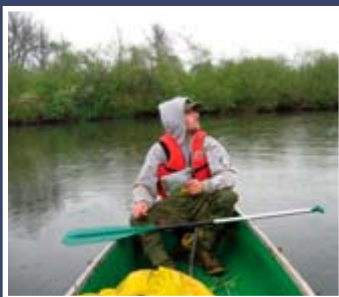




Columbia Land Trust

Annual Report 2009



2009 was a “watershed” year for the Columbia Land Trust. We wrapped up two decades of work conserving lands from the mouth of the mighty Columbia River, through the forests of the Coast Range and Cascades, to the scenic deserts east of the mountains. While the down economy created unprecedented challenges, we still surpassed a key benchmark with over 10,000 acres now conserved ... forever.



Certainly the number of acres is one indicator of our progress. While harder to measure, other indicators may be far more important: key habitat areas protected, wildlife corridors secured, natural processes restored, and more local citizens involved. For example, our Crazy Johnson project near the Grays River in Washington ensured that one of the most important chum salmon spawning sites in the entire Columbia Basin is now protected and will be restored. Our growing work east of the Cascades in Klickitat County continues to connect conserved lands. And our forestry initiative made significant strides in the last year, positioning us to protect tens of thousands of acres of forestlands on the slopes of Mount St. Helens.

Our success in 2009 and over the last 20 years makes me incredibly optimistic about the future. In fact, in 2010,

with your help, we’ll establish an updated five-year strategic plan to guide our work. We’ll continue to focus on saving and restoring the most important, vital habitats. We’ll also work to ensure that our conservation work supports local community priorities such as economy, education, clean air and water, and access to nature for everyone.

Collaboration and partnerships have been hallmarks of success for Columbia Land Trust. To help navigate this tough economy, we have strengthened and expanded our partnerships. Most significant has been the effort to combine with the Three Rivers Land Conservancy to better serve the Portland/Vancouver metropolitan area and the Columbia region as a whole. I’m excited about

joining together and look forward to accomplishing even more with our combined strengths.

With the incredible and enduring support of our members and funders, we accomplished so much. Yet we have so much more to do. You can help make the next two decades even better!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Sims
Board President

Columbia Land Trust and
Three Rivers Land Conservancy
formally agreed to
become one organization
in June 2010.

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- 1st row: Raccoon (*Procyon lotor*) — Eric Bjorkman
- from left: Girl holding Dungeness crab (*Metacarcinus magister*) — Eric Bjorkman
- Lindsay Cornelius with chainsaw — Americorps Field Team 2009
- Backyard bee — Rollin Bannow
- 2nd row: California poppy (*Eschscholzia californica*) — Carol Frischmann *A Wild Life*
- from left: Roosevelt elk (*Cervus canadensis roosevelti*) — Rollin Bannow
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- Tree canopy — Columbia Land Trust staff
- 4th row: Western tanager (*Piranga ludoviciana*) — Eric Bjorkman
- from left: Columbia Land Trust staff — Terry Cornelius
- Banana slug (*Ariolimax spp.*) — Reb Ratliff, Americorps Field Team 2010
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- 5th row: Americorps member Jordan Brown — Americorps Field Team 2009
- from left: Fairy slipper (*Calypso bulbosa*) — Lindsay Cornelius
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Statement of Activities

Year ended December 31, 2009

Assets:

	Year End 2009
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$680,713
Receivables	773,087
Other Assets	47,236
Investments	1,515,828
Conservation Property	23,458,336
Cash Held for Property Purchase	1,016,830
Fixed Assets	14,099
Total Assets	\$27,506,129

Liabilities:

Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$200,179
Contract & Notes Payable	70,000
Conservation Property held on behalf of	6,363,594
Total Liabilities	\$6,633,773

Net Assets:

Unrestricted	\$18,506,628
Temporarily Restricted	2,205,220
Permanently Restricted	160,508
Total Net Assets	20,872,356

Total Liabilities & Net Assets: **\$27,506,129**

Revenue:

	Year End 2009
Donations	\$725,688
Special Event	95,759
In-Kind Revenue	309,132
Grants	2,828,866
Investments	194,297
Other Income	1,234,093
Total Revenue	\$5,387,835

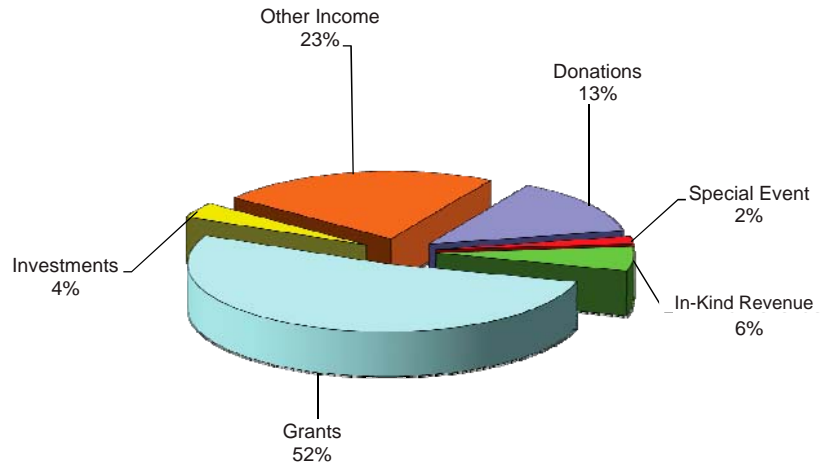
Expenses:

Land Conservation	\$598,044
Public Outreach	201,619
Land Stewardship	573,638
Administration	208,746
Fundraising	327,836
Total Expenses	\$1,909,883

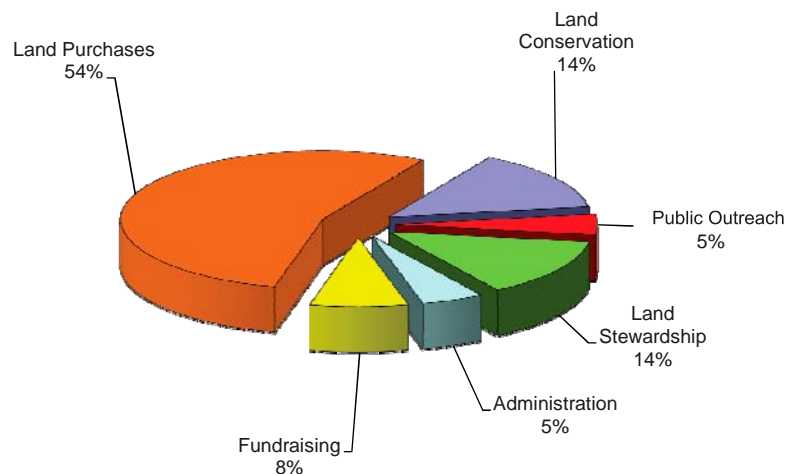
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Both Columbia Land Trust and Three Rivers Land Conservancy have been fortunate to count among our longtime supporters a wonderfully civic-minded couple — Phil and Rosie Hamilton. Phil and Rosie are passionate about conservation and volunteerism. Portland residents for the past 34 years, the couple supports a number of other thoughtful organizations as well, including Friends of Tryon Creek, Friends of Gorge, The Nature Conservancy of Oregon, Portland Audubon, the Oregon Zoo, and the Oregon Food Bank. Phil was kind enough to write a personal account of how he came to be such a staunch supporter of conservation:

“On many walks in the woods and canoe excursions, my parents instilled in me a love of nature. Support for conservation followed. Had there been a college curriculum in environmental science back in those days, that likely would have been my path. As it was, I initially chose forestry, which didn’t hold me for long. The last 19 years of my working career I coordinated the preparation of environmental impact statements, mostly related to land use plans for forest and high desert areas. Along the way I started financially supporting conservation groups that were acquiring and/or restoring threatened or degraded properties.

In “retirement” I’ve volunteered for a variety of organizations. But it’s been ecological restoration — undoing the damage resulting from actions of my forebears — that has occupied most of my time. My passion has become controlling invasive plant species. I started doing that 17 years ago for the Friends of Tryon Creek, as the mostly forested Tryon Creek State Natural Area is near my home so I could quickly go there whenever I had free time. But that casual approach is past. I now spend over a thousand hours a year there, sometimes working alone but often leading the efforts of others in clearing away a number of invasive plants. Our primary target is English ivy, which we’ve controlled on about 200 acres of the park. Himalayan blackberry is another and the former blackberry patches are where we’ve done most of our planting of over a thousand trees and shrubs, to regrow a forest in the canopy holes where blackberries have thrived. Hikers and runners I encounter there applaud the changes we’ve wrought. That’s one reward; just hanging out in the woods is another.”

Each year our annual report profile spurs us to find out in-depth information about individual supporters. We extend our gratitude to the Hamiltons along with all of you for your instrumental help accomplishing our mission. We invite you to get in touch with us as well to share what motivates your passion for conservation — your stories inspire us and propel us forward in this work!

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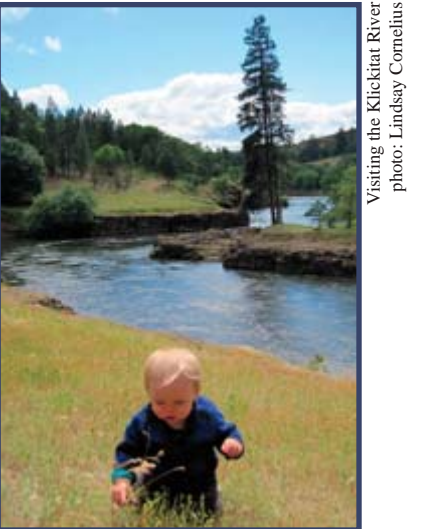
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Ladybug (*Coccinellidae* spp.) on the hand of a young
volunteer at Chapman Green Cathedral volunteer day.
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Coast and Estuary

Willapa Bay — photo: Nadia Gardner



Willapa Bay — 86 acres

This site includes 3/4 mile of Willapa Bay frontage, a mature sitka spruce forest, and open tidal salt marsh. The property provides valuable habitat for threatened Columbia River salmon, bald eagles, Roosevelt elk, black bear, and other species.

Hines Marsh (East & West Dune) — 2 acres

This project has secured two key in-holdings within the complex of fresh and saltwater wetlands that constitute Hines Marsh. This area is an important biological “island” for wildlife and birds around Willapa Bay.

Elochoman River — 182 acres

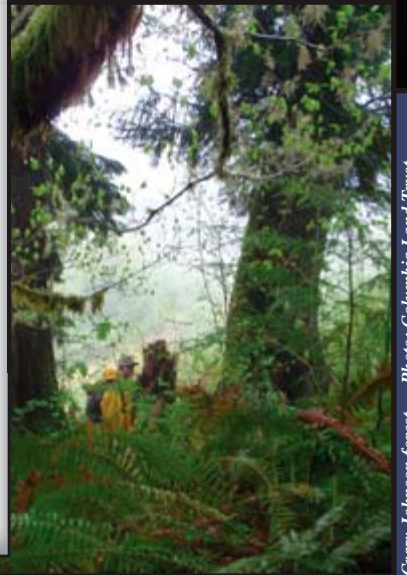
Includes 1,000 feet of Elochoman River frontage, which connects to the larger Elochoman Slough and the Columbia River. It has over 7,000 feet of side channels, which are critical rearing habitat for juvenile salmon.

Crazy Johnson — 305 acres

Hillside forest and riparian habitat, including the lower portion of Crazy Johnson Creek. Protection of this property secured chum salmon spawning habitat for 30% of the chum that spawn in the Columbia River basin.



American Black Bear — photo: Rollin Bannow



Crazy Johnson forest — Photo: Columbia Land Trust

Mid- River

Porcupine — photo: Rollin Bannow



Krohn — 6 acres

This property straddles the Washougal River and links with an existing Land Trust project. The property contains important fish, wildlife, and open space values for the Washougal River.

Gorge & East Cascades

Wildflowers — photo: Dennis Wiancko



Sandhill crane — photo: International Crane Foundation

Young’s Wetlands — 82 acres

This property contains unique wetland habitat for the east side of the Cascade Mountains — a patchwork of upland forest, wetland habitat, and open dry grassland. It is used by a variety of wildlife and is potential sandhill crane habitat.

Margerum Ranch — 141 acres

Provides migratory, rearing, and spawning habitat to nearly every species of fish in the Klickitat, but is particularly important for Chinook salmon and steelhead.