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## Looking toward the next 20 years

### Columbia Land Trust & Three Rivers officially agree to combine

By Eric Allen

**O**n June 16, 2010, the Board Presidents and Executive Directors of Columbia Land Trust and Three Rivers Land Conservancy all signed an agreement to combine the organizations. This marked perhaps the most significant moment in the histories of both organizations, histories that are remarkable similar.

About 20 years ago, Three Rivers Land Conservancy started as the Friends of the Pfeifer Pony Farm under the leadership of Lake Oswego resident Wilma McNulty. Despite concerted effort to save it, the historic farm was ultimately developed into a subdivision. "Failure, though, makes your resolve stronger," says Wilma. "We all realized that the values that brought us together lived on." The group then formed the Lake Oswego Land Trust and started successfully applying their hard-earned lessons to other local conservation projects (Beth Ryan Nature Preserve, Luscher Farm, Stafford Basin, etc.) and hired its first staff.

With success came calls for help from other communities, so they expanded to serve the geography of the confluence of three rivers: the Clackamas, the Tualatin, and the Willamette. They changed their name again to reflect this new scope and continued to grow and thrive. As of the June signing, Three Rivers had conserved more than 30 properties and over 700 acres.

In that same 20-year period, Columbia Land Trust followed a surprisingly similar path. Founded by a handful of concerned Clark County residents, the Land Trust worked for three years to conserve its first property (Johnson's Enchanted Acres). Once the Land Trust hired its first staff, the successful projects multiplied.

As happened with Three Rivers, other communities beyond Clark County started asking for help, and in 1998, the Board took the bold leap to expand the service region from east of the Cascades to the ocean, in both Oregon and Washington. At this same time, the board defined new initiatives focused on habitat, working forests, farms and ranchlands, and nature close-to-home. As of June 2010, the Land Trust has conserved over 10,000 acres with over 90 landowners.



Photos: Columbia Land Trust staff

Glenn Lamb & Dave Beckett

Over the years, the two organizations worked together often, most notably on our two signature events last year — Wild Splendor and Wine & Land. It became increasingly clear that we could accomplish even more if we combined our efforts, and our boards began more serious talks last year, ultimately culminating in this recent agreement. We all think this will lead to a stronger, more effective organization and even more great conservation of the Northwest.

The board and staff of the combined organization are working hard to carry forward the best of both groups. For example, we see enormous potential for the Backyard Habitat Certification Program to grow and to more firmly establish our Nature close-to-home initiative.

The sidebar below lists some of the hard facts about the combined organization, but please see our website ([www.columbia-landtrust.org](http://www.columbia-landtrust.org)) for detailed answers to frequently asked questions. And we certainly welcome any feedback you have about this combination. Thank you all for your support for the last 20 years, and we look forward to great things to come. ■

#### FACTS about the combination

**Name:** Columbia Land Trust

**Geographic coverage:** the entirety of the current service areas of both Columbia Land Trust and Three Rivers Land Conservancy.

**Strategic initiatives:** Vital habitat, Working Forests, Farms & Ranchlands, Nature Close-to-Home. Note that most of Three Rivers Land Conservancy's projects and programs fit seamlessly into the Nature Close to Home initiative, including the growing Backyard Habitat Certification Program.

**Staff:** 18 (see staff list on next page)

**Board:** a combined board from both organizations. Final board elections won't occur until the August 2010 annual meeting.

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## Together

Glenn Lamb's muse

This spring Sue and I ventured out to a property conserved by Three Rivers Land Conservancy in the Rock Creek watershed between Portland and Beaverton. If you haven't visited this area in a decade or more, get ready for a shock. What I remember as bucolic rural farmland is now wall-to-wall houses, running up and over hills and down to the edge of river and stream. Driving along Saltzman Road to get there, I craned my neck looking ahead to find where there could possibly be conserved land in this sea of houses.

And suddenly there we were. We turned off the busy road onto a dirt farm road. A burn pile of farm slash sent lazy smoke curling up overhead. Rows of trees stretched out over the land. A pasture extended across the side hill to meet the open woodland. Below that, the stream and floodplain of Bronson Creek meandered along, through a rich wooded corridor. A record-size trout was recently caught in this stream. Beaver have exercised their engineering genius in the form of dams and ponds. (Our 16-year old standard poodle Molly decided to take a swim ... except we didn't know that she could still swim!) Small songbirds flitted in and out of the willow trees. A hawk circled high above the tall Douglas fir.

And in every direction, houses and condos line up right along the property boundary.

Karl and Julie Schmidt live on this place and tend the land. They built their house, carved the totem poles, and donated a conservation easement on more than eight acres of stream frontage. One grew up on a farm and one on a ranch. Their skin is clear and healthy and their eyes bright and strong. They speak from the heart about how crucial it is that these places be saved. They speak with an imperative: there is no choice but to save this land. For the kids.

Today, I sit in the rocking chair in my living room. Molly is dry by now (barely) and sound asleep on the couch. Outside I hear the yells of neighborhood kids. The sky is dark gray. We are in a brief moment between spring's pelting showers. We welcome the showers because they enrich our new native plants, planted by Sue this weekend as part of our enrollment in the

Backyard Habitat Program. I've advocated for more hummingbird attractants out front: I want to be sitting there playing a game with neighbor kids when a hummer buzzes in and causes us all to giggle and laugh, and be in awe.



Rufous hummingbird  
(*Selasphorus rufus*)

Photos: Eric Bjorkman

These are the experiences that make our collective work so crucial to our future. This isn't magic, this isn't make-believe. These are real-life experiences happening NOW because of the hard work and dreams of hundreds of people over the years. Landowners, board members, volunteers, staff, supporters.

As you've probably already read, we've surely had some very exciting weeks recently: combining with Three Rivers Land Conservancy (see cover article), being awarded grants totaling more than \$8 million, forming several new partnerships, and having breakthroughs with landowners throughout our region. The Powerdale Dam is now being removed on the Hood River! And in addition to the 800 people signed up for the Backyard Habitat Program, over 600 people signed up for their recent tour, and nearly \$100,000 in new grants were awarded for the program.

It's easy to look ahead and see so much great promise. It's easy to just keep jumping to The Next Great Project, The Next Great Accomplishment. Which we will do. Looking ahead, we know there are great opportunities and possibly even greater challenges.



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# Tales from the field

By Laura O'Leary

Each spring we visit all 30 of our conserved properties throughout the greater Portland/Vancouver Metro area. What we hope to see on these monitoring visits is no obvious change in the landscape. If everything looks as it did the previous year, all is likely well. This is not the case on properties where beavers reside. These are dynamic, ever-changing systems.

In March, we visited one of our conservation easement properties on Bronson Creek, a tributary of Rock Creek in Washington County, which flows to the Tualatin River. Since our previous visit beavers had moved in and created a remarkable structure on the creek. Their dam had completely changed the hydrology of the site,

Photos: Three Rivers Land Conservancy staff



Beaver dam

slowing water, and flooding an active roadway and some of the landowner's crops.

We were particularly struck by the tolerant attitude of the landowners. Instead of wanting to eradicate a potential pest, they marveled at the engineering feat and the ingenuity and industrious nature of the beavers. Their approach reminded me that the natural world has much to teach us. Biomimicry, an emerging discipline that stud-

ies nature's best ideas and then imitates these designs and processes to solve human problems, may be one of our best hopes for a sustainable future. Clearly a clever critter, the beaver reminds us that the only constant is change. ■

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But, while wanting to jump forward, I also want to stop and treasure the great work already accomplished by Three Rivers Land Conservancy. I want to freeze frame moments on the conserved land and the improved habitat. A pileated woodpecker flies from tree to tree on the Pratt property above the Clackamas River. Salamanders make their way down to the water. Elk graze in the meadow near the Speroff's donated 80 acres at Forest Park, impossibly conserved as a single forested chunk after being carved into nearly 1,000 lots, only to be recombined by the relentless work of Leon and Sen Speroff. The wooded stream flowing through the forest conserved by the Hockensmith/McCullough family easily captures the steady rains and provides one of our most essential resources: clean and abundant water. These are but a few examples.

And yes, somewhere a standard poodle may be swimming around in a beaver pond, causing her owner to shed shoe and sock and roll up pant leg in preparation for emergency rescue, toes squeezing up mucky mud. And the accompanying friends may be laughing hard at the sight. An experience, out on the ground, in the woods, in one of our great places. Wedged in between the houses.

These are the experiences that we keep in mind as we move forward as a combined organization. These are the "outcomes" from our strategic plan that I want to defend and celebrate and promote. Your support has kept these experiences alive, and I am honored and a little intimidated to be one of the ones carrying these dreams forward. Yes, we should congratulate ourselves. But, too, I

am inviting as many of you as possible to stay with this cause, to continue to donate your time, your money, and your expertise. We are a long way from having achieved our dreams. But we have a treasure trove of places and experiences already on our side, thanks to you.

Outside, the rain has resumed its driving patter. The kids have retreated back inside. Our new plants get just a little bit stronger. ■

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# Millions awarded for Mount St. Helens forest

By Cherie Kearney

Photo: Columbia Land Trust staff



Mount St. Helen's forest from south side

With a prayer and song, as my mother used to say, Columbia Land Trust set out with the vision two years ago to conserve 20,000 acres in the southern shadow of Mount St. Helens. While we are still murmuring supplications and humming, the Land Trust is much closer to that conservation goal with the recent award of two federal grants totaling \$8.5 million dedicated to the project. The 20,000-acre forest is owned by Pope Resources with whom the Land Trust has been working cooperatively toward market-based conservation solutions which include purchase of development rights for working forest and of ownership rights on critical habitat areas. Both grant awards highlight the national significance of the Mount St. Helens Forest.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service awarded \$6 million through the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund dedicated to acquiring and protecting habitat that supports threatened and endangered species. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar states, "These grants provide the means for states to develop the long-term partnerships with landowners and communities necessary to conserve habitat and foster stewardship that will bring species back from the threat of extinction." The grant will help purchase approximately 3,000 acres of land surrounding Pine Creek that includes one of Washington's best bull trout sites, forested habitat for northern spotted owl, and potential future range for gray wolves dispersing south through the Cascade Mountains.

An additional \$2.5 million was awarded from the Forest Legacy program to purchase the first phase of conservation easements. The goal of Forest Legacy funding is to protect privately-owned forests from conversion to housing developments and allow forest owners to retain ownership and continue forestry practices. "The grants announced

today will help protect working forests in states around the country that are in danger of becoming fragmented or disappearing altogether," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. Forest Legacy grants are awarded to projects that are ecologically and socially important, protect air and water quality, provide recreational opportunities, protect wildlife habitat, and provide forest products and resource-based jobs.

The funding advances the Land Trust's negotiation with Pope Resources to acquire development rights over 17,000 acres for continued forest management, and ownership of 3,000 acres for habitat forest management — ultimately to ensure conservation of the 20,000-acre Mount St. Helens Forest nested between the Mount St. Helens National Monument, the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, and Swift Reservoir on the Lewis River. The Land Trust brought together funding and stakeholders including Skamania County and the group that manages PacifiCorp wildlife funds from the Swift dam settlement agreement. The shared interest among all is to put an end to the development pressure that has persisted in this remote country for the past decade and ensure a future for forestry and wildlife. ■

## Island Lake Forest grows

By Nadia Gardner

The Long Beach Peninsula is most commonly known for its expansive beaches and the incredible oysters of Willapa Bay. In the center of the peninsula, however, there are hidden treasures for those who seek them out — a chain of freshwater lakes running from Leadbetter State Park at the northern tip to south of Long Beach. Columbia Land Trust has been working with partners, including Washington State Parks and Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW), to conserve some of these special places for wildlife and people for over a decade.

The Island & Loomis Lakes Conservation Area is one of our key focal areas in the Long Beach Peninsula-Willapa Bay area. North of Long Beach, it consists of land on Island Lake, Loomis Lake, and a number of smaller lakes and wetlands. Washington State Parks holds the undeveloped 340-acre Loomis Lake State Park. WDFW maintains boat launches on both Island and Loomis Lakes and also has several preserves for the Oregon silverspot butterfly in the area. Columbia Land Trust owns the 145-acre South Loomis Lake Wetlands and the newly expanded 440-acre Island Lake Forest.

## Arrivals

We're thrilled to welcome three new staff to Columbia Land Trust. Dan Friesz joined us in April and Gaylen Beatty and Virginia Bowers joined us in July as a result of our combination with Three Rivers Land Conservancy.

◆ **Gaylen Beatty** heads up the Backyard Habitat Certification Program. She has worked in the non-profit environmental field for over 15 years. Focusing primarily on environmental education, she brings a passion for the outdoors and working with the public in conservation practices. After getting her BS in Oceanography at Humboldt State University in the early nineties, she recently received her Masters in Science Education from Portland State University. In addition to loving her work, she also balances home life with husband and two beautiful girls to help remind her how important nature close to home is for us all in the urban landscape.

◆ **Virginia Bowers** has a Master's degree in Planning from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and a BA in Environmental Studies from Trinity College. She has worked as a land use planner for City of Tualatin and Multnomah County, and as a park planner for the Tualatin Parks Department. She completed the first Conservation Strategies Plan for Three Rivers in 2002 as a consultant and joined the staff in 2004. At Columbia Land Trust, she will continue her role helping to develop land projects as Conservation Lead. She loves to ski, bike, hike, travel and be with her family.

◆ **Dan Friesz** is Columbia Land Trust's Stewardship Lead. Dan's experience as a wildlife biologist and natural resource manager working with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service at Conboy, Steigerwald and Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuges, Ducks Unlimited and the Washington Department of Natural Resources adds great depth to the Land Trust's stewardship program.

Dan will be working to evaluate and develop new conservation projects, prepare restoration and management plans, implement work on the ground, complete monitoring and provide support

to the conservation program. With interest and passion ranging from spotted frogs to sandhill cranes, shrub-steppe habitat to estuarine marsh, brewing beer to baseball, we are thrilled (and relieved) to have Dan on board.

## Departures

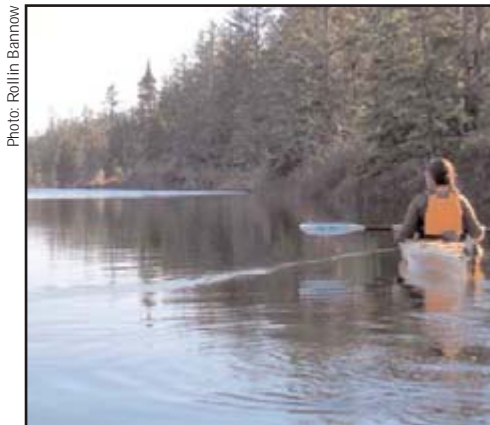
◆ **Laura O'Leary**, formerly part-time Stewardship Director at Three Rivers, recently accepted an offer from One Green World to move from part-time to full-time work there, thus ending her twofold work life of the past few years. We are terribly disappointed for ourselves but most pleased for Laura. Her decade of diverse conservation and natural resource management experience will continue to serve her well in her expanded role there. We will all miss her cheerful pragmatism and arrestingly sunny smile. We wish her the best and know this choice will leave her more spare time for the things she enjoys: hiking, gardening, and traveling. She's promised to stay in touch and we plan to hold her to that!

◆ **Andrea Berkeley** left at the end of April to accept a position with the Natural Resources division of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. Andrea's "can-do" optimism, curiosity, and enthusiasm are missed by all in the Land Trust office — not to mention her willingness to jump into the mud with both feet! We wish her the very best in her new endeavors.

## Transitions

◆ **Kim Brown** has transitioned from her role for the past year-and-a-half as Three Rivers' Development Associate to the position of contract coordinator for Columbia Land Trust's annual signature event, Wild Splendor. We are pleased to keep her talents working for conservation within the combined organization. Kim's remarkable level-headedness, efficiency, and organization are all huge boosts to our program, and we feel very fortunate to have her on our team!

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Nadia paddling on Island Lake

The lush and magical Island Lake Forest wraps around pristine Island Lake. The Land Trust has held and stewarded 360 acres there since 2007. In May, the Land Trust succeeded in purchasing 30 more acres from the neighboring King

Family. In July, the Land Trust purchased 50 more acres. Now Island Lake Forest totals 440 acres!

The land has lake shoreline, forested dunes, and sphagnum bogs scattered throughout. Though it was logged many years ago, the forest is mature and is developing old growth characteristics. It hosts a myriad of wildlife, including bald eagle, peregrine falcon, trumpeter swan, black bear, elk, and river otter. As the forest develops into old growth, the property could also host federally-threatened marbled murrelet.

The expansion of Island Lake Forest was made possible by several funders: American Bird Conservancy, The Damuth Foundation, Washington Department of Ecology, Washington State Parks and Recreation, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Pacific Coast Joint Venture, and our loyal members. This project also relied upon several very generous and patient individual loaners. Finally, we are so appreciative of the landowners, Ed and Gretchen Klein, Douglas King, and the Marcel King Trust. Thank you! ■

# Restoring Copper Creek

By Lindsay Cornelius

It was winter 2006. Nestled high up the East Fork Lewis River where homes were cropping up along the banks of the river and large parcels of timber land were being chipped away at for development, lay a 178-acre clear-cut subdivided into 33 smaller lots — lots that were for sale. Encouraged by partners and our shared conservation vision for the East Fork Lewis River, Columbia Land Trust secured funding from Clark County's voter-approved Conservation Futures program to purchase the property, one of few privately-owned in-holdings in the Yacolt State Forest which is owned and managed by the Washington Department of Natural Resources. In a move unprecedented in Clark County, the Land Trust then UN-subdivided the property, turning it from 33 disparate parcels back into one block of land. This now protected block of land spans the river north and south, protecting over one mile of shoreline, riparian forest and uplands, which are peppered by weathered but impressive remnant snags from the famous 1902 Yacolt Burn.

The property was purchased with two goals in mind: conserve vital habitat along the East Fork Lewis River, which supports threatened runs of summer and winter steelhead, and preserve the legacy of working resource lands in Clark County. Four years later we find ourselves in the middle of a pre-commercial forest thinning operation to help push the young, unmaintained, toothpick-like alder forest back toward a diverse, mature riparian forest and to generate a little income in the process both for Columbia Land Trust and for the local contractors we hire to do the work.

Now about 15 years-old, four inches in diameter, and spaced only three feet apart on average, the alders play an important role in the early stages of forest development, fixing nitrogen into the soil like peas or beans do in a garden. But, as they begin to compete aggressively with one another, their growth is stunted, which can result in a stagnant mono-cultural forest that doesn't provide very diverse resources for other plants and wildlife. So we thin them, reducing competition and allowing them to grow into larger-diameter trees, at which point we may choose to harvest some of the alder commercially (a valuable enterprise in today's timber market) and plant other coniferous species lacking in the area — like cedar or hemlock — which can then grow to a ripe old age and provide much needed habitat for old-growth dependent plants and animals.

Photos: Columbia Land Trust staff



Maple & alder trees at Copper Creek before thinning



Anitra Gorham from Natural Resource Conservation Service evaluating deteriorating road condition.

An important and often overlooked component of forest management is the road system. In this case, the roads on the property have also gone unmaintained since the clear-cut occurred 15 years ago and three-foot-deep ruts have developed, sediments and water running unmitigated down the steep slopes. Drainage ditches have clogged and culverts failed, none of which are fish barriers themselves, but all of which pose some threat of sediment delivery to the East Fork Lewis River. Sediments can overwhelm clean gravels in river bottoms, which fish need for spawning, so these upland road systems can have critical impacts on the health of a fish-run downstream. With cost-share funding from the Natural Resource Conservation Service Environmental Quality Incentives Program, the Land Trust is repairing function to the road system, which we'll need to implement current and future forest management practices, and abandoning portions of the road no longer necessary for management.

This active management — the stewardship of these important resources — is a victory for habitat, but also for the local economy that relies on such projects to drive the engine of historic rural communities. So while threatened fish and our rural communities continue to share somewhat similar struggles for resources, Columbia Land Trust is hoping to combine the conventional and the unconventional to provide a little for each. ■

# River otter, salmon, and Columbian white-tailed deer benefit on the Elochoman

By Nadia Gardner

Sometimes conservation success comes in smaller packages. In May, the Land Trust succeeded in acquiring two new properties totalling 10 acres. While relatively small in scale, the properties build on the previously protected 182-acre Lower Elochoman River Conservation Area. The addition of the two properties aids in management and prevents potential impacts from neighboring property uses. The land is located off Highway 4, just outside of Cathlamet in southwest Washington. It is adjacent to the 5,600-acre Julia Butler Hansen Refuge for the Columbian white-tailed deer on the Columbia River.

The forested tidal wetlands, side channels, and the Elochoman River itself in the newly expanded Lower Elochoman River Conservation Area host a variety of wildlife, including imperiled salmon species and endangered Columbian white-tailed deer. Perhaps the most charismatic creature living in the area is the North American river otter (*Lontra canadensis*) that is commonly seen frolicking in the river.

The North American river otter lives throughout the United States and Canada. Historically, they were hunted for their fur, dramatically reducing their numbers. Today, urbanization and pollution has led them to be absent or rare in many states. We're lucky to have a fairly healthy population in Oregon and Washington, though they are challenged by overfishing, loss of streams, and pollution.

River otters grow up to four feet long and 30 pounds in weight. (In contrast, sea otters can grow up to 6 feet long and 80 pounds in weight!) As mustelids, they are relatives of stoats, weasels, mink, badgers, and wolverines. Their diet includes fish, crayfish, mussels, clams, and frogs. River otters can hold their breath for up to 8 minutes while under water and dive to a depth of 60 feet. When running, otters can attain speeds of up to 18 miles per hour. River otters are active year round and, except for females with young in a den, are constantly on the move. They tend to follow a regular circuit that is covered in one to four weeks. Males can travel 150 miles within a particular watershed and its tributaries in a year. A family may range 10 to 25 miles in a season.

You may be lucky enough to see a family of otters if you visit the new Conservation Area. Stop off on the Elochoman River bridge on Highway 4, just north of Cathlamet and take a peek. Better yet, put your kayak or canoe in at the Cathlamet Marina and paddle up to the Elochoman through the Refuge. Be sure to bring your binoculars!

This project's success is largely due to our funders, US Fish & Wildlife's Division of Bird Habitat conservation, and our loyal supporters. The Land Trust's acquisition of the property will ensure responsible stewardship the Lower Elochoman River Conservation Area for wildlife in perpetuity. ■

## Upcoming Events

### Membership Picnic and Annual Meeting

Saturday, August 14, 2010, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm  
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**Scotch Broom removal at Little White Salmon Biodiversity Reserve** near White Salmon, WA. Friday, July 30 from 10am to 3pm. Join us to enjoy great views and help us in our ongoing quest to remove scotch broom from the property!

## Site Stewards

Our annual Site Steward training is approaching. Being a Site Steward is a great way to get more involved with Columbia Land Trust; it is a fun and rewarding opportunity for individuals, families, or groups. We request a two-year commitment to monitor and work at an assigned property. We will work with you to tailor an assignment to your interests and location preferences.

## Tour — Klickitat River

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