

ANNUAL REPORT

Four Sisters. Photo by Brian Chambers Photography.


Columbia
Land Trust

2016

BOARD LETTER

By Jennifer Sims

Getting married takes love and a leap of faith—faith in the relationship and belief in the future. To be successful, one must be optimistic, fearless, and totally committed.



The nature of commitment has been on my mind this year, as my husband and I celebrate 25 years of marriage. Coincidentally, Columbia Land Trust spent 2016 developing a Conservation Agenda, which maps out our conservation work over the next 25 years.

This action was based on a love of the land and a deep faith that the people in our community will increase their support for our work. The agenda relies on partnerships and strong relationships to be successful. Our belief in a healthy, thriving environment is unwavering, and we are in it for perpetuity. We will be fearless in pursuit of lasting solutions for our region's environmental challenges.

For the Land Trust, 2016 was a watershed year. We turned a corner from a series of five-year strategic plans to thinking and acting on a large scale, across

an entire generation. Amidst this planning process, we also managed to conserve approximately 3,500 acres, including a vast swath of forestland in the Klickitat Canyon, wetland and upland forest habitat along Willapa Bay, and lowland foraging habitat for migrating sandhill cranes in Washington.

Our approach to conservation is evolving in real time, and we're more optimistic, ambitious, and committed than ever. I invite you to join us in this commitment, to forever protect the Northwest's greatest places. 🌿

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2016 PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



1 WILLAPA BAY, SEAL SLOUGH
Pacific County, WA

The Land Trust conserved 374 acres on Willapa Bay at Seal Slough in December 2016. The site consists of tidal wetlands, sloughs, freshwater creeks, and riparian areas, and contains one mile of Willapa Bay frontage, 15 miles of streams, 70 acres of salt marsh, and mature conifer forest.

2 CRANES' LANDING
Clark County, WA

In March 2016, Columbia Land Trust obtained 541 acres of lowlands from the Port of Vancouver. This property will be managed to provide foraging and overwintering habitat for sandhill cranes, which are endangered in Washington.

3 KLICKITAT CANYON
Klickitat County, WA

In December 2016, the Land Trust conserved 2,400 acres near Mount Adams on the east side of the Cascade Mountains in Washington. This conservation project will protect ponderosa pine forest and steep canyon habitats, including more than three miles of the Klickitat Wild and Scenic River important to fish and other wildlife.

4 MILL CREEK RIDGE, PHASE IV
Wasco County, OR

This property's pristine Oregon white oak woodlands and native prairie were acquired by the Land Trust in February 2016. The wildflowers and bunch grasses on these 115 acres bloom profusely in spring and support a host of native pollinators, migratory and resident birds, and other important wildlife.

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A YEAR IN NUMBERS



CONSERVATION

3,500 Acres Conserved (2016)
32,000 Acres Conserved (All Time)
8 Projects Closed (2016)



STEWARDSHIP

47,770 Native Trees & Shrubs Planted by Volunteers, Crew & Staff
11,600 Feet of Levee & Other Infrastructure Removed
360 Weed-Treated Acres
140 Acres of Wetlands Restored/Tidal Floodplain Reconnected



SUPPORT

3,530 Donors
31 Total Staff Members (as of Dec. 2016)



BACKYARD HABITAT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM*

161 Acres Enrolled (2016)
3,647 Acres Conserved (All Time)
589 Properties Enrolled (2016)
13,259 Native Trees & Shrubs Planted on Certified Properties (2016)



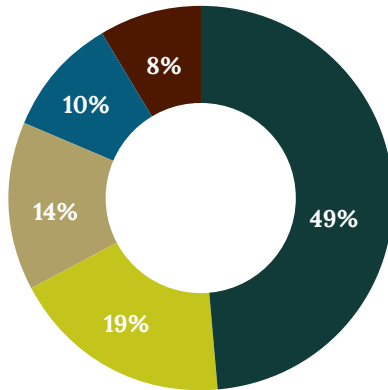
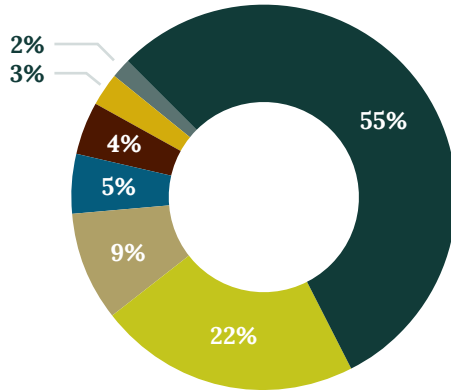
VOLUNTEERS

283 Active Volunteers (2016)
29 Volunteer Events
21 Site Stewards
500 Pounds of Garbage Removed
3,681 Volunteer Hours

*This program is run in partnership with the Audubon Society of Portland.

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FINANCIAL REPORT



REVENUE

Grants	3,594,022.67
Donations	1,436,680.55
Investment Income	594,270.00
Other Income	328,899.00
Special Events	290,003.00
In-Kind Revenue	174,612.00
Private & Govt. Grants	105,000.33
TOTAL REVENUE	6,523,487.55

EXPENSES

Land Stewardship	2,776,261.00
Land Conservation	1,060,541.00
Fundraising	797,338.00
Administration	575,443.00
Public Outreach	477,366.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,686,949.00

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Donated Land	11,012,900.00
Legacy Gift	3,594,159.00
Extraordinary Gift	7,778,494.45