

2018

**ANNUAL
REPORT**



*Blossoming arrowleaf balsamroot.
Photo by Brian Chambers Photography*



BOARD LETTER

Where's your place?

By Wendy Gerlach,
Board of Directors President

Columbia Land Trust has entered its 29th year of conservation work, thanks to our donors and partners. Your commitment makes possible the preservation and restoration of special places throughout our region.

The Land Trust's Cranes' Landing project is one of those places. I first visited it when it was just a dormant field, quiet until a group of sandhill cranes appeared in the sky and descended with rattling cries. This winter I joined a Land Trust field trip to the site, and we looked through a spotting scope at a thousand or more cranes foraging in fields managed by Land Trust staff to provide them food and shelter.

The Cranes' Landing project provides an essential stopover for migrating cranes and, on the other side of the berm separating cranes from noise and traffic, provides open space that links into a park system. Families ride along the bike path, joggers lope along the channel, kids fishing in the Columbia look up to see lines of cranes flying over from Sauvie Island. Thanks to the Land Trust, and the Land Trust friend who first conceived of this project while he was running alongside these fields many years ago, this is a place for all of us.

I thank you, our supporters, for your role in preserving these lands, and invite you to celebrate your own place—in nature, in community, and in conservation. 🌿

Photo by Missy Gerlach



2018 PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Conservation took flight across the region thanks to you.

1 Kerry Island Wetland Habitat Restoration

Our stewardship team continued wetland habitat restoration efforts throughout the Columbia River Estuary. We planted more than **14,000 trees and shrubs** at our Kerry Island restoration site in Columbia County, Oregon, with the goal of restoring salmon habitat and supporting a host of migratory birds and other wildlife.

2 Backyard Habitat Milestone

In 2019, we expanded the Backyard Habitat Certification Program throughout the cities of Clackamas County, exceeding our goal of enrolling **5,000 yards** and other sites three years ahead of schedule. In addition to cultivating a sense of stewardship and a connection to nature, these sites offer critical wildlife habitat and contribute to healthier, greener neighborhoods.



3 Mount St. Helens Forest Conservation

In July 2018, we realized a 12-year vision to conserve **20,000 acres** of forestland along the southern slopes of Mount St. Helens. U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell highlighted our collaborative forest conservation approach as a national model while advocating, successfully, for the permanent reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund in 2019. The landmark conservation success on Mount St. Helens protects critical habitat for wildlife, including cougar, bear, spotted owl, and bull trout, while also ensuring that much of the land stays in working forestry.

4 Klickitat Canyon: Phase II

As if conserving the largest single property in our history (**3,200 acres**) wasn't enough, the Land Trust closed 2018 by also conserving 360 adjacent acres at Klickitat Canyon. In 2019, the work in Klickitat Canyon continues. We're aiming to complete the third phase of our 10,000-acre plan, which will conserve one of Washington's best salmon and steelhead rivers and surrounding cliffs, forests, and grasslands of deep cultural and ecological significance.

BY THE NUMBERS

2018



CONSERVATION & STEWARDSHIP

11,360

Acres Conserved

4

Land Acquisitions

434

Acres of Vegetation and
Weed Control

114,635

Native Trees and Shrubs
Planted by Volunteers,
Crew, and Staff



BACKYARD HABITAT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM *

210

Acres Enrolled in 2018

5,205

Properties Enrolled
to Date

11,805

Native Trees and Shrubs
Planted on Certified
Properties

9

BHCP Technicians



VOLUNTEERS

188

Volunteers

1,282

Volunteer Hours

20

Site Stewards

11

Directors of the Board

25

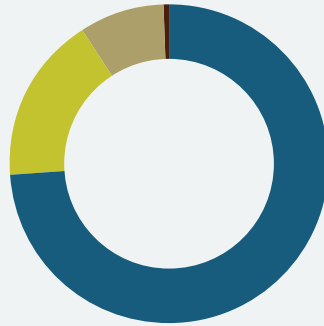
Advisory Council
Members

**This program is a collaboration between Columbia Land Trust and Portland Audubon.*

2018

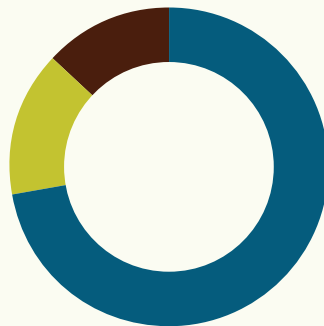
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Contributions by Donor Type



74.1%	INDIVIDUALS
17%	FOUNDATIONS
8.5%	EVENTS
0.5%	CORPORATIONS

Total Programmatic Efficiency



72.7%	PROGRAM SERVICES
14.6%	FUNDRAISING
12.6%	GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION

Complete audited financial statements for Columbia Land Trust are located online at columbialandtrust.org/about-us/financials or call (360) 213-1203.