# COLUMBIA LAND TRUST

Audited Consolidated Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2015



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### Dear Reader:

For many, an audit brings to mind the image of an IRS agent descending on your home or business to catch criminals and tax cheats, striking fear in the heart of the auditee. In our broad cultural milieu, auditors carry about the same warm fuzzy glow as dentists performing root canals.

The truth is, auditors come armed with questions, and questions are the source of all improvement. At Columbia Land Trust, we are constantly seeking improvement. Our auditors help us wrestle out complex questions like how an interest-free loan from a member, to help us buy a property, should appear on our books (answer: as a liability, appearing within the Notes payable line on our balance sheet). Or, do conservation easements carry an asset value, since they are essentially development rights, which surely have a value (answer: they do not have an asset value, as what we really own is not the development right but the obligation to enforce the prohibition on development. You won't see easements as an asset on our books unless they are access easements, or the like, which do come with a definable asset value).

Our love of questions extends to the entire organization, not just our financials. Our accreditation requires us to examine every aspect of our operations. Surely, we are a better organization for asking tough questions about everything that we do.

Finally, we ask questions about ecology and community. After all, the ultimate audit ought to include questions like: are we truly having a positive impact on the nature of the northwest; and is our work fostering a culture of stewardship throughout the region? These are the questions we ask ourselves every time we update our strategic plan or our conservation plan, and every time we visit with landowners and community members. The answers to these questions have caused us to fundamentally alter how we do our work.

We welcome auditors as an opportunity to examine the details of everything that we do. How can we do better?

Any questions?

My Best, Glenn Lamb Executive Director Columbia Land Trust 360 213-1205



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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors Columbia Land Trust and TR Land Conservancy

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Columbia Land Trust (the Trust) (a nonprofit corporation), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as of December 31, 2015, and the related consolidated statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

# Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the organization's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control. Accordingly, we

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520 SW Yamhill Street Suite 500 Portland, Oregon 97204 P: 503 227 0581 F: 503 274 7611 mail@mcdonaldjacobs.com mcdonaldjacobs.com express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Columbia Land Trust as of December 31, 2015, and changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

# Report on Summarized Comparative Information

We have previously audited the Columbia Land Trust's 2014 consolidated financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited consolidated financial statements in our report dated May 7, 2015. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014 is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited consolidated financial statements from which it has been derived.

McDonald Jacobr, P.C.

Portland, Oregon March 24, 2016

### COLUMBIA LAND TRUST CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION December 31, 2015 (With comparative totals for 2014)

		2015		2014					
ASSETS									
Cash and cash equivalents Grants and contributions receivable Contracts receivable Other receivables Cash held for property conservation Prepaid expenses and inventory Investments Property and equipment, net Conservation property	\$	1,124,437 178,446 725,456 21,691 579,206 34,957 6,061,570 49,375 49,100,978	\$	626,631 356,502 1,275,639 37,104 579,206 44,200 5,701,225 41,713 47,215,024					
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	57,876,116	\$	55,877,244					
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS									
Liabilities: Accounts payable and accrued expenses Grant payable Deferred revenue Notes payable Conservation property held on behalf of local governments Total liabilities	\$	395,434 10,000 30,000 6,363,594 6,799,028	\$	325,118 10,000 7,558 343,500 6,363,594 7,049,770					
Net assets: Unrestricted: Undesignated Board designated Net investment in conservation property and other capital assets Total unrestricted Temporarily restricted Permanently restricted Total net assets TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		326,900 1,384,636 42,786,759 44,498,295 2,728,579 3,850,214 51,077,088		170,593 1,642,074 40,579,643 42,392,310 3,105,363 3,329,801 48,827,474					
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### COLUMBIA LAND TRUST CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the year ended December 31, 2015 (With comparative totals for 2014)

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	2014 Total
Support and revenue:					
Contributions and bequests	\$ 751,824	\$ 491,242	\$ 520,413	\$ 1,763,479	\$ 1,412,648
Private and government grants	413,079	1,021,661	-	1,434,740	3,287,806
Donated materials and services	61,616	-	-	61,616	253,230
Special events, net of direct expenses of					
\$106,162 in 2015 and \$111,352 in 2014	135,068	-	-	135,068	129,939
Interest income	1,156	-	-	1,156	1,523
Investment income (loss), net of fees	(42,921)	(139,889)	-	(182,810)	178,207
Other income	744,965	-	-	744,965	439,961
Net assets released from restrictions:	1 6 6 9 1 9 9				
Satisfaction of purpose restrictions	1,662,103	(1,662,103)			
Total support and revenue	3,726,890	(289,089)	520,413	3,958,214	5,703,314
Expenses:					
Program services:					
Land conservation	747,896	-	-	747,896	2,219,361
Public outreach	351,406	-	-	351,406	427,349
Land stewardship	1,468,737			1,468,737	1,456,048
Total program services	2,568,039		-	2,568,039	4,102,758
Management and general	551,059	-	-	551,059	491,665
Fundraising	456,307			456,307	489,566
Total expenses	3,575,405	-		3,575,405	5,083,989
Change in net assets before					
non-operating activities	151,485	(289,089)	520,413	382,809	619,325
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Non-operating activities:					
Grants received for acquisition of		1 (52 020		1 (52 020	
conservation property		1,653,029	-	1,653,029	
Donated land Net assets released from restrictions	213,776	-	-	213,776	346,518
upon the acquisition of conservation					
1 F	1740724	(1,740,72,4)			
property	1,740,724	(1,740,724)			
Change in net assets	2,105,985	(376,784)	520,413	2,249,614	965,843
Net assets:					
Beginning of year	42,392,310	3,105,363	3,329,801	48,827,474	47,861,631
End of year	<u>\$ 44,498,295</u>	\$ 2,728,579	\$ 3,850,214	\$ 51,077,088	\$ 48,827,474

See notes to financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES For the year ended December 31, 2015 (With comparative totals for 2014) COLUMBIA LAND TRUST

		2014 Total	\$ 1,639,964	708,262	1,408,358	636,688	152,275	27,662	35,442	115,297	155,004	51,727	40,365	57,370	21,104	29,650	4,015	806	2 002 000	τοτ.cov.c	\$ 5,083,989
		Total	\$ 1,789,088	416,921	84,907	609,427	164,482	28,288	33,733	121,824	76,689	98,781	18,080	49,287	20,347	34,689	2,640	26,222	2 575 105		\$ 3,575,405
		Total Supporting	\$ 731,629	90,637	١	١	136,313	24,954	16,144	28,790	8,668	50,712	11,447	8,468	19,407	34,689	2,640	17,193	107 101 1	(174,325)	\$1,007,366
	Services	Fund- raising	\$ 336,013	10,794	١	١	1	21,852	7,311	186	3,252	18,255	1,288	3,362	١	١	١	Ň	001 201	53,199	\$ 456,307
	Supporting Services	Indirect Costs	\$ 490	43,774	١	٨	136,313	1,790	7,497	9,224	3,575	22,057	6,497	240	18,447	34,689	2,640	5,102	300 000	(292,335)	` S
2015		Management and General	\$ 395,126	36,069	٨	X	٨	1,312	1,336	18,585	1,841	10,400	3,662	4,866	960	١	١	12,091	010 701	64,811	\$ 551,059
	ervices	Total Programs	\$ 1,057,459	326,284	84,907	609,427	28,169	3,334	17,589	93,034	68,021	48,069	6,633	40,819	940	١	٨	9,029		174,325	\$ 2,568,039
		Land Public Land Conservation Outreach Stewardship	\$ 470,545	66,908	١	609,427	28,169	67	118	90,777	51,004	43,571	2,800	23,398	330	١	١	926	1 200 010	07-0,000-T 80,697	\$ 1,468,737
	<b>Program Services</b>	Public Outreach	\$ 164,740	117,018	١	١	١	3,120	17,217	339	14,976	1,984	1,072	4,912	340	١	١	928	21220	24,760	\$ 351,406
		Land nservation	422,174	142,358	84,907	١	١	147	254	1,918	2,041	2,514	2,761	12,509	270	١	١	7,175	000029	68,868	\$ 747,896
		Co	Salaries and related costs \$	Professional services	Property acquisition costs	Property maintenance	Occupancy	Postage and shipping	Printing and publications	License and fees	Supplies	Equipment and repair	Meetings and training	Travel	Telephone	Insurance	Interest expense	Other	Total expenses before allocation	Allocation of indirect costs	Total expenses

See notes to financial statements.

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### COLUMBIA LAND TRUST CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS For the year ended December 31, 2015 (With comparative totals for 2014)

	2015	2014
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Change in net assets	\$ 2,249,614	\$ 965,843
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net		
cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	17,434	11,752
Realized and unrealized (gains) losses on investments	318,549	(20,275)
Note payable converted to donation		(10,000)
Donations of conservation properties	(213,776)	(346,518)
Proceeds restricted to the acquisition of conservation property	(1,653,029)	
Proceeds from contributions restricted to endowment	(520,413)	(186,878)
(Increase) decrease in:		
Grants and contributions receivable	178,056	252,898
Contracts receivable	550,183	(108,231)
Other current assets	24,656	(25,850)
Increase (decrease) in:	70.016	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	70,316	(84,594)
Other liabilities	(7,558)	7,280
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,014,032	455,427
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of conservation land	(1,672,178)	(531,867)
Purchase of property and equipment	(25,096)	(22,218)
Proceeds from sale of investments	2,804,989	1,769,122
Purchase of investments	(3,483,883)	(2,094,701)
Net cash used in investing activities	(2,376,168)	(879,664)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds restricted to the acquisition of conservation property	1,653,029	_
Proceeds from contributions restricted to endowment	520,413	186,878
Payments on notes payable	(313,500)	100,010
Proceeds from notes payable	(515,500)	313,500
Net cash provided by financing activities	1,859,942	500,378
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	497,806	76,141
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year	1,205,837	1,129,696
Cash and cash equivalents - end of year	<u>\$ 1,703,643</u>	\$ 1,205,837
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,124,437	\$ 626,631
Cash held for property conservation	579,206	579,206
	\$ 1,703,643	\$ 1,205,837

### 1. THE ORGANIZATION

### Description of Organization

Columbia Land Trust (the Trust) is a nonprofit organization founded in 1990 with the mission to conserve and care for vital lands, waters, and wildlife of the Columbia River region. Based in Vancouver, Washington, with offices in Astoria, Hood River and Portland, Oregon, the Trust provides opportunities for community members to conserve their land through conservation easements and donation of fee simple ownership. The Trust also raises money for stewardship and to purchase priority lands for conservation. Since its formation, the Trust has conserved more than 28,533 acres at 189 different sites throughout the Columbia River Region. The Trust's support is derived primarily from private and government grants and contributions.

TR Land Conservancy is a nonprofit organization with a purpose of conservation and managing real property owned by the Conservancy or over which the Conservancy holds a conservation easement. TR Land Conservancy became a member organization on July 1, 2010 with Columbia Land Trust as the sole member. This change in the organizational structure was done to facilitate the combination of the two organizations through the transfer of TR Land Conservancy conservation properties to the Columbia Land Trust.

Columbia Land Trust and TR Land Conservancy's (collectively, the Trust) programs include:

### Land Conservation

The Trust conserves the most important and threatened land using all the tools of private, voluntary land conservation. The Trust works exclusively with willing landowners to find ways to conserve, forever, the scenic and natural values of the land and water. Landowners donate or sell a conservation interest in their land, such as development rights or full ownership, to the Trust. The Trust manages the land under a stewardship plan and, if necessary, legally defends its conservation values. The Trust also identifies priority conservation lands to purchase. Further, the Trust conserves working forest and agricultural land for the purpose of keeping the land in resource production.

### Public Outreach

The Trust increases awareness about the benefits of private land conservation and the mission of the Trust. Methods include focusing education and outreach to support conservation in priority areas, targeting technical advisors to landowners, showcasing successful projects to promote conservation and stewardship, and introducing the general public to land conservation through tours and publications.

### 1. THE ORGANIZATION, Continued

### Land Stewardship

Protecting and enhancing the conservation values of lands acquired by the Trust is some of the most important work in which the Trust is involved. It is the responsibility of the Stewardship Program to protect conservation values and to be a good neighbor and community member for all Trust properties through sciencebased management. The Trust evaluates every property for its conservation value, the threats to these values, and for opportunities to enhance conservation values through responsible management. A stewardship plan is developed and implemented based on this analysis to include annual monitoring as part of an adaptive management framework. A number of Trust conservation properties currently include significant restoration work to replace lost functions and increase the conservation value of the property. Volunteers are a growing resource for the Stewardship Program with volunteers of all ages participating in planning and implementation. Individuals and groups are providing hundreds of hours of service stewarding conserved lands. A stewardship funding strategy, including gift donations during the acquisition process, is an integral part of every new conservation project. Stewardship funds are used to provide for future expenses of restoration, monitoring, enforcing compliance with easement restrictions, and underwriting legal defense of the conservation protections for all Trust properties. The Trust has also established a stewardship endowment to provide permanent support for program activities.

# 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### Basis of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Columbia Land Trust and TR Land Conservancy. All significant inter-organization amounts have been eliminated in consolidation.

### **Basis of Presentation**

The Trust reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. This has been accomplished by classification of net assets and transactions in to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets.

- Unrestricted net assets represent net assets not subject to donor-imposed stipulations.
- Temporarily restricted net assets represent net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may or will be met by actions of the Trust and/or the passage of time.

### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, Continued

### Basis of Presentation, Continued

• Permanently restricted net assets represent net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that neither expire with the passage of time nor can be fulfilled or otherwise removed by actions of the Trust.

Expenses are recorded as decreases in unrestricted net assets. Gains and losses on investments and other assets or liabilities are reported as increases or decreases in unrestricted net assets unless their use is restricted by explicit donor stipulation or by law. Expiration of temporary restrictions on net assets is reported as net assets released from restrictions.

### Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the consolidated statement of cash flows, the Trust considers all highly liquid investments available for current use, with maturities of three months or less at the time of purchase, to be cash equivalents.

### Grants and Contributions Receivable

Grants and contributions, which include unconditional promises to give (pledges), are recognized as revenues in the period the Trust is notified of the commitment. Conditional promises to give are not recognized until they become unconditional, that is, when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met. Bequests are recorded as revenue at the time the Trust has an established right to the bequest and the proceeds are measurable.

### Contracts Receivable

Contracts receivable are reported at the amount management expects to collect on balances outstanding at year-end. Based on an assessment of the credit history with those having outstanding balances and current relationships with them, management has concluded that realization losses on balances outstanding at year-end will be immaterial.

### Inventory

Inventory, which consists primarily of T-shirts, baseball hats, and other items held for sale at various functions and public meetings, is carried at the lower of cost, as determined on a first-in-first-out basis, or market. Inventory totaled approximately \$3,300 and \$13,300 at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

### Investments

Investments consist of marketable securities and are carried at current market value. Net appreciation (depreciation) in the fair value of investments, which consists of realized gains or losses and the unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of those investments, is shown in the consolidated statement of activities. Interest income is accrued as earned and reported net of investment advisory fees. Security transactions are recorded on a trade-date basis.

### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, Continued

### Property and Equipment

Acquisitions of property and equipment in excess of \$5,000 are capitalized. Property and equipment purchased are recorded at cost. Donated assets are reflected as contributions at their estimated values on the date received.

Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets which range from 3 to 6 years.

### Conservation Property

Conservation property is reported at cost when purchased and at fair market value on the date received when acquired by gift. Conservation property value is held at a constant value and is not adjusted for depreciation or re-assessment. Also see Note 8 regarding conservation easements.

### Income Tax Status

Columbia Land Trust and TR Land Conservancy are nonprofit corporations exempt from federal and state income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and applicable state law. No provision for income taxes is made in the accompanying financial statements, as neither organization has activities subject to unrelated business income tax. Neither organization is a private foundation.

The Trust follows the provisions of FASB ASC *Topic Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes.* Management has evaluated the Trust's tax positions and concluded that there are no uncertain tax positions that require adjustment to the financial statements to comply with provisions of this Topic.

The Trust's information returns for years ended December 31, 2011 and prior are generally no longer subject to examination by taxing authorities in its major tax jurisdictions.

### Restricted and Unrestricted Revenue and Support

Contributions received are recorded as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted support, depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions. Donor-restricted support is reported as an increase in temporarily or permanently restricted net assets, depending on the nature of the restriction. When a restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished), temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the consolidated statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Contributions restricted for long-term stewardship of conservation properties are generally not property-specific. Contributions of unrestricted and temporarily restricted gifts are recognized at the time of the gift.

### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, Continued

### Restrictions and Unrestricted Revenue and Support, Continued

Temporarily restricted funds are released as unrestricted support at the time stewardship expenses are incurred. Service revenues are recognized at the time services are provided and the revenues are earned. Funds received in advance of providing services are recorded as deferred revenue until the services are provided. Membership payments received from the Trust's members are considered equivalent to unrestricted contributions and are recognized as revenue when received.

### Donated Materials and Services

In-kind contributions of equipment and other materials are recorded where there is an objective basis upon which to value these contributions and where the contributions are an integral part of the Trust's activities. When conservation property is purchased at a bargain sale, that is, when the purchase price is below the appraised value, an in-kind contribution is recorded for the difference between the purchase price and the appraised value.

The Trust reports as revenue the fair value of contributed services received where the services require specialized skills, are provided by individuals possessing these skills, and represent services that would have been purchased had they not been donated. The Trust regularly receives contributed services from a variety of volunteers who assist the Trust in its programs and events; the value of such services has not been recognized in the accompanying financial statements since the criteria for recording these contributed services have not been met.

During the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Trust received the following in-kind contributions:

	 2015	 2014
Pro-bono legal and consulting service	\$ 29,527	\$ 61,443
Other in-kind professional services	4,557	46,531
Special events items and other goods	25,132	73,998
Other	 2,400	 71,258
Donated materials and services	61,616	253,230
Bargain sale on land and donated property	 213,776	 346,518
Total in-kind contributions	\$ 275,392	\$ 599,748

Donated property has been capitalized and other materials and services have been charged to the program to which they apply.

### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, Continued

### Contributions of Long-Lived Assets

Contributions of equipment and other long-lived assets without donor-imposed stipulations concerning the use of such assets are reported as unrestricted revenues. Contributions of cash or other assets to be used to acquire equipment or other long-lived assets with such donor stipulations are reported as temporarily restricted revenue. The restrictions are considered to be released at the time of acquisition of such long-lived assets.

### Expense Allocation

The costs of providing various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the consolidated statement of activities and in the consolidated statement of functional expenses. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### Summarized Financial Information for 2014

The consolidated financial information as of December 31, 2014 and for the year then ended is presented for comparative purposes and is not intended to be a complete financial statement presentation.

### Subsequent Events

The Trust has evaluated all subsequent events through March 24, 2016, the date the consolidated financial statements were available to be issued.

# 3. GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE

Grants and contributions receivable are summarized as follows at December 31, 2015 and 2014:

	 2015	 2014
Expected to be collected in:		
Less than one year	\$ 167,446	\$ 295,752
One to five years	 11,000	 60,750
Total grants and contributions receivable	\$ 178,446	\$ 356,502

Management estimates that any uncollectible accounts will be insignificant.

During 2015, Columbia Land Trust was the recipient of an estate bequest. As of December 31, 2015, the amount was not readily determinable due to outstanding claims and unsold stock in the estate. The bequest will be recorded at such time that the amount to be received can be determined.

# 4. CONTRACTS RECEIVABLE

Contracts receivable are unsecured and are summarized as follows at December 31, 2015 and 2014:

	 2015	 2014
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	\$ 866	\$ 93,651
Salmon Recovery Funding Board (passed		
through State of Washington)	368,894	575,365
Bonneville Power Administration	191,922	96,142
Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board	26,196	322,838
State of Washington Wildlife Recreation program	70,955	93,435
Others	 66,623	 94,208
Total contracts receivable	\$ 725,456	\$ 1,275,639

Amounts included in contracts receivable that are over 90 days past due totaled approximately \$311,000 and \$279,700 at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

# 5. INVESTMENTS

Investments at December 31, 2015 and 2014 are carried at fair value and consist of the following:

	2015	2014
Funds held at the Community Foundation		
for Southwest Washington	\$ 414,001	\$ 428,914
Mutual funds:		
Fixed income	1,439,487	1,486,236
Equity securities	3,687,693	3,048,618
Other mutual funds	383,722	581,275
Cash equivalents	136,667	156,182
Total investments	\$ 6,061,570	\$ 5,701,225

Investment income (loss) for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 consists of:

	 2015	 2014
Interest and dividends	\$ 169,144	\$ 189,625
Net realized/unrealized gains (losses)	(318,549)	20,275
Investment fees	 (33,405)	 (31,693)
Net investment income (loss)	\$ (182,810)	\$ 178,207

Investments include funds held for investment with the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington (CFSW). The Trust's funds are pooled with other assets managed by CFSW and are invested in debt and equity securities. The Trust has not granted variance power to CFSW.

# 6. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consist of the following at December 31, 2015 and 2014:

	 2015	 2014
Leasehold Improvements	\$ 22,218	\$ 22,218
Computer hardware and software	63,236	63,236
Office equipment and furniture	11,150	11,150
Stewardship equipment	 93,772	 68,676
Total property and equipment	190,376	165,280
Less accumulated depreciation	 141,001	 123,567
Net property and equipment	\$ 49,375	\$ 41,713

# 7. CONSERVATION PROPERTY

Conservation property consists of the following at December 31, 2015 and 2014:

	2015	2014
Fee simple land and property	\$ 42,719,084	\$ 40,822,005
Land held on behalf of local governments	6,363,594	6,363,594
Access easements	18,300	18,300
Fee simple land in progress	-	11,125
Total conservation property	\$ 49,100,978	\$ 47,215,024

*Fee Simple Land and Property* includes conservation land and property held and maintained by the Trust. These lands are held for conservation purposes consistent with the Trust's mission and/or donor restrictions and are reported at cost and/or fair value as of the date received.

*Land Held on Behalf of Local Governments* includes land for which the Trust holds title and has committed to convey the property to local governmental agencies upon request or at the expiration of a specified period. In each of these transactions, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been executed between the Trust and the local governmental agency, dictating the terms of the future transfer. Accordingly, a corresponding liability is reported in the accompanying statement of financial position.

Access Easements include easements purchased or donated for the purpose of accessing certain properties owned by another person or entity to reach Trust land and property.

*Fee Simple Land in Progress* includes the initial costs of preparing to purchase conservation property.

### 8. CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

The Trust has acquired and holds a number of conservation easements, each representing a legal interest in land owned by another person or entity. The easements grant the Trust the right to use, control, and/or protect the land for conservation purposes. Because of the unique nature of these assets, the impracticality of obtaining consistent and reliable estimates of the values ascribed to these interests, and consistent with the practices followed by many environmental land trusts, the accompanying consolidated financial statements do not include any amounts for these property interests. At December 31, 2015 the Trust held 52 conservation easements on 4,658 acres of land (47 conservation easements and 4,497 acres of land at December 31, 2014).

# 9. LINE OF CREDIT

The Trust has a \$500,000 unsecured revolving line of credit with Columbia State Bank, expiring March 2016. Advances on the credit line are payable on demand and carry an interest rate of 4.5% at December 31, 2015 (prime plus 1% with a minimum rate of 4.5%). There were no advances on the line of credit at December 31, 2015. Subsequent to year end, the line of credit was renewed through March 2017.

# 10. NOTES PAYABLE

Notes payable consists of the following at December 31, 2015 and 2014:

		2015	2014		
Unsecured note payable to an individual, with no interest and payment upon maturity. Note is due December 2020.	\$	30,000	\$	30,000	
Note payable to Craft3, with interest due quarterly at 2% and principal due upon maturity. The note was secured by real property and paid February 2015.	Ψ	-	Ψ	313,500	
Total notes payable	\$	30,000	\$	343,500	

Interest forgiven under the terms of the note payable for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 totals \$1,800 and \$2,400, respectively, and has been recognized in the accompanying consolidated financial statements as an in-kind contribution.

# 11. CONTINGENCIES

Amounts received or receivable from various contracting agencies are subject to audit and potential adjustment by the contracting agencies. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, would become a liability of the Trust if so determined in the future. It is management's belief that no significant amounts will be required to be returned in the future.

# 12. LEASE COMMITMENTS

The Trust's main office in Vancouver is leased under an operating lease with monthly rent of \$7,850 subject to annual increases. Subsequent to year end, the Trust relocated and entered into an agreement beginning February 2016 and expiring January 2023 with monthly rent of \$10,039 subject to annual increases.

The Trust also leases an office in Portland under an operating lease which expires September 2020, with monthly rent of \$1,942 subject to annual increases. The Trust receives one month with no rent annually.

Warehouse, equipment and other offices are leased under operating leases with monthly rent of \$2,230 with expiration dates from November 2016 through May 2019.

Rent expense for the above leases totaled approximately \$142,300 and \$125,200 for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Future minimum lease commitments under operating leases are as follows:

For the years ending December 31, 2016	\$ 158,500
2017	157,600
2018	155,300
2019	158,200
2020	156,800
Thereafter	292,000
	\$ 1,078,400

During the year ended December 31, 2004, the Trust entered into a 50-year land lease agreement to protect three Columbia River islands and adjacent floodplains that are important habitats for various species of salmon, migratory birds, and other wildlife. Under the terms of the lease, the Trust will pay \$1 annually for all rights to conserve and restore the island over the next 50 years (through December 31, 2055). However, the Trust has no affirmative obligation to use or maintain the land. As of December 31, 2015, the Trust has paid \$50 in advance under this arrangement. No in-kind contribution has been recorded in the accompanying consolidated financial statements to reflect the below-market lease rate as the value of the contribution is not readily determinable.

### 13. STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

Protecting and enhancing the conservation values of the lands acquired by the Trust, and doing so in perpetuity, is an important aspect of the Trust's work. The Trust evaluates each property it holds for its conservation value, as well as the threats to these values, and develops and implements a stewardship plan based on this analysis. The plan includes detailed monitoring on an annual basis. Current costs associated with the Trust's stewardship efforts are expensed as incurred. The costs of future obligations represent a commitment of the Trust and will be recorded as they are incurred.

### 14. BOARD DESIGNATED NET ASSETS

Board designated net assets are reserved as follows at December 31, 2015 and 2014:

Stewardship endowment (Note 21)	\$ 1,102,725	\$ 1,360,104
Operating reserve	132,500	132,500
Other	 149,411	 149,470
Total board designated net assets	\$ 1,384,636	\$ 1,642,074

# 15. TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Temporarily restricted net assets consist of the following at December 31, 2015 and 2014:

	 2015	 2014
Land acquisition and related costs	\$ 1,222,176	\$ 1,099,676
Stewardship funds	953,319	957,057
Earnings on endowment (Note 21)	400,191	692,654
Other restrictions	57,193	38,576
Future periods	 95,700	 317,400
Total temporarily restricted net assets	\$ 2,728,579	\$ 3,105,363

Included in temporarily restricted net assets are contributions to the Trust from a legal settlement of parties unrelated to the Trust who have selected the Trust to provide conservation required by the legal settlement. At both December 31, 2015 and 2014, there was approximately \$579,200, included in temporarily restricted net assets related to this purpose.

### 16. PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Permanently restricted net assets are held in endowment funds total \$3,850,214 and \$3,329,801 at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The principal portion of the endowment is permanently restricted and income on the principal is restricted to the Trust's stewardship (see Note 21, Endowment).

### 17. RETIREMENT PLANS

The Trust offers a tax-sheltered annuity plan as described under Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code and a Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) plan to substantially all full-time and certain part-time employees. The Trust provides contributions to the SEP plan equal to 4% of the annual compensation of each participating employee (3% in 2014). Employees are allowed to participate in the plans immediately upon employment, and may make other contributions to the 403(b) plan up to the limits allowed by law. Contributions to the SEP plan for December 31, 2015 and 2014 totaled approximately \$56,800 and \$39,400, respectively. Subsequent to year end, a 401(k) plan was adopted.

### 18. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Related parties include management and other parties that have the ability to significantly influence the management or operating policies of the Trust.

At times, the Trust has vendor relationships with companies where board members are employed. Amounts paid to related party vendors totaled approximately \$7,400 and \$40,800 for the year ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. At times, the Trust receives in-kind professional services from companies where board members are employees (Note 2).

### 19. CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK

The Trust maintains its cash balances in several financial institutions, and has concentrated its credit risk for cash by maintaining deposits in banks located within the same geographic region. Balances in each institution are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$250,000. The balances, at times, may exceed the federally insured limit. Uninsured balances approximated \$807,200 and \$334,500 at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statement of financial position.

Credit risk for grants and pledges receivable is concentrated as well because substantially all of the balances are receivable from individuals or entities located within Oregon and Washington.

The Trust's revenues are concentrated with 37% of total revenues coming from one governmental agency for the year ended December 31, 2015 and 43% of total revenues coming from two governmental agencies for the year ended December 31, 2014.

# 20. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Assets and liabilities recorded at fair value in the consolidated statement of financial position are categorized based upon the level of judgment associated with the inputs used to measure their fair value. Level inputs are defined as follows:

Level I: Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities.

Level 2: Observable inputs other than those included in Level 1, such as quoted market prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, or quoted market prices for identical assets or liabilities in inactive markets.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs reflecting management's own assumptions about the inputs used in pricing the asset or liability. Level 3 assets and liabilities include financial instruments whose value is determined using pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies, or similar techniques, as well as instruments for which the determination of fair values requires significant management judgment or estimation.

# 20. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS, Continued

Fair values of assets measured on recurring basis at December 31, 2015 and 2014 are as follows:

Fa	ir Value Level 1		Level 2		
\$	414,001	\$	-	\$	414,001
	1,197,621		1,197,621		-
	241,866		241,866		-
	2,481,748		2,481,748		-
	1,205,945		1,205,945		-
	383,722		383,722		-
\$	428,914	\$	-	\$	428,914
	1,171,721		1,171,721		-
	314,515		314,515		-
	2,166,656		2,166,656		-
	881,962		881,962		-
	581,275		581,275		-
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Fair values for investments are determined by reference to quoted market prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions.

Investments held at the Community Foundation in pooled funds are valued at the net asset per unit as provided by the Community Foundation trustees. Net asset value is based on fair value of the underlying assets of the funds using a market approach, using quoted market prices when available.

# 21. ENDOWMENT

The Trust's endowment consists of two individual funds established for a variety of purposes. Its endowment includes both donor-restricted endowment funds and funds designated by the Board of Directors to function as endowments. As required by generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), net assets associated with endowment funds, including funds designated by the Board of Directors to function as endowments, are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

### Interpretation of Relevant Law

The Board of Directors of the Trust have interpreted Washington's enacted Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (the Act or UPMIFA) as requiring the preservation of the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date of the donorrestricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, the Trust classifies as permanently restricted net assets (a) the original value of gifts donated to the permanent endowment, (b) the original value of subsequent gifts to the permanent endowment, and (c) accumulations to the permanent endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund.

# Interpretation of Relevant Law, Continued

The remaining portion of the donor-restricted endowment fund that is not classified in permanently restricted net assets is classified as temporarily restricted net assets until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the Trust in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by the Act. In accordance with UPMIFA, the Trust considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds:

- (1) The duration and preservation of the fund,
- (2) The purposes of the Trust and the donor-restricted endowment fund,
- (3) General economic conditions,
- (4) The possible effect of inflation and deflation,
- (5) The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments,
  - (6) Other resources of the Trust, and
  - (7) The investment policies of the Trust.

# 21. ENDOWMENT, Continued

Endowment net asset composition by type of fund as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 are as follows:

			Temporarily		Pern	nanently	
	Ur	restricted	Re	estricted	Res	stricted	 Total
<u>December 31, 2015</u>							
Donor-restricted endowment funds	\$	-	\$	400,191	\$ 3	,850,214	\$ 4,250,405
Board-designated							
endowment funds		1,102,725		-		~	 1,102,725
Total	\$	1,102,725	\$	400,191	\$ 3	,850,214	\$ 5,353,130
<u>December 31, 2014</u>							
Donor-restricted endowment funds	\$	-	\$	692,654	\$ 3	3,329,801	\$ 4,022,455
Board-designated							
endowment funds		1,360,104		-		-	 1,360,104
Total	\$	1,360,104	\$	692,654	\$ 3	3,329,801	\$ 5,382,559

Changes in endowment net assets for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 are as follows:

	** / 1	Temporarily	Permanently	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Restricted	Total
Endowment net assets -				
December 31, 2013	\$ 1,240,385	\$ 632,528	\$ 3,142,923	5,015,836
Investment return, net	44,699	135,146	-	179,845
Contributions and bequests	-	-	186,878	186,878
Appropriation of endowment				
assets for expenditure	75,020	(75,020)		
Endowment net assets -				
December 31, 2014	1,360,104	692,654	3,329,801	5,382,559
Investment return, net	(41,086)	(139,889)	-	(180,975)
Contributions and bequests	-	-	520,413	520,413
Appropriation of endowment				
assets for expenditure	(216,293)	(152,574)		(368,867)
Endowment net assets -				
December 31, 2015	\$ 1,102,725	\$ 400,191	\$ 3,850,214	\$ 5,353,130

# 21. ENDOWMENT, Continued

### **Return Objectives and Risk Parameters**

The Trust has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowment while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets. Endowment assets include those assets of donor-restricted funds that the Trust must hold in perpetuity or for a donor-specified period as well as board-designated funds. Under this policy, as approved by the Board of Directors, the endowment assets are invested in a manner that is intended to produce results that exceed the price and yield results of the S&P 500 index while assuming a moderate level of investment risk. Actual returns in any given year will vary from the benchmark.

# Strategies Employed for Achieving Objectives

To satisfy its long-term rate-of-return objectives, the Trust relies on a total return strategy in which investment returns are achieved through both capital appreciation (realized and unrealized) and current yield (interest and dividends). The Trust targets a diversified asset allocation that places a greater emphasis on equity-based investments to achieve its long-term return objectives within prudent risk constraints.

<u>Spending Policy and How the Investment Objectives Relate to Spending Policy</u> Distributions are made at such time that the board approves distributions of earnings on the permanently restricted endowment. Distributions of available earnings may be no greater than five percent of the average annual net fair market value of the endowment assets averaged over the three preceding years. In establishing this policy, the Trust considered the long-term expected return on its endowment that is consistent with the Trust's objective to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets held in perpetuity or for a specified term as well as to provide additional real growth through new gifts and investment return.

# 22. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In December 2015, the board of directors of TR Land Conservancy approved dissolution of the entity and transfer of the remaining nine easements to Columbia Land Trust. In February 2016, Columbia Land Trust's board of directors, as the sole member, approved dissolution of the entity.

In December 2015, the board of directors approved to accept approximately 500 acres of conservation land from the Port of Vancouver along with investments for ongoing maintenance. The transfer is anticipated to be completed in early 2016.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION



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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

To the Board of Directors Columbia Land Trust and TR Land Conservancy

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Columbia I and Trust and TR Land Conservancy as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, and our report thereon dated March 24, 2016, which expressed an unmodified opinion on those consolidated financial statements, appears on page 1. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the consolidated financial statements as a whole. The consolidating information in Schedules I and II is presented for purposes of additional analysis of the consolidated financial statements rather than to present the financial position, changes in net assets, and cash flows of the individual organizations, and it is not a required part of the consolidated financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the consolidated financial statements. The consolidating information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the consolidated financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the consolidated financial statements or to the consolidated financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the consolidating information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the consolidated financial statements as a whole.

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Portland, Oregon March 24, 2016

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### COLUMBIA LAND TRUST SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - SCHEDULE I CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION December 31, 2015

	Со	lumbia Land Trust	TR Land Conservancy		С	onsolidated Total
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents Grants and contributions receivable	\$	1,043,106 178,446	\$	81,331	\$	1,124,437 178,446
Contracts receivable		725,456		-		725,456
Other receivables		21,691		-		21,691
Cash held for property conservation		579,206		-		579,206
Prepaid expenses and inventory		33,999		958		34,957
Investments		6,061,570		-		6,061,570
Property and equipment, net		49,375		~		49,375
Conservation property		49,100,978		-		49,100,978
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	57,793,827	\$	82,289	\$	57,876,116
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS						
Liabilities:						
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	394,669	\$	765	\$	395,434
Grant payable		10,000		-		10,000
Notes payable		30,000		~		30,000
Conservation property held on behalf						
of local governments		6,363,594		-		6,363,594
Total liabilities		6,798,263		765		6,799,028
Net assets (deficit):						
Unrestricted:		260.002		(22102)		226.000
Undesignated Board designated		360,082 1,384,636		(33,182)		326,900 1,384,636
Net investment in conservation property		1,304,030		-		1,304,030
and other capital assets		42,786,759		-		42,786,759
Total unrestricted		44,531,477		(33,182)		44,498,295
Temporarily restricted		2,613,873		114,706		2,728,579
Permanently restricted		3,850,214				3,850,214
Total net assets		50,995,564		81,524	_	51,077,088
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$	57,793,827	\$	82,289	\$	57,876,116

See independent auditor's report on supplementary information.

### COLUMBIA LAND TRUST SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - SCHEDULE II CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the year ended December 31, 2015

	Columbia Land Trust	TR Land Conservancy	Consolidated Total
Changes in unrestricted net assets:			
Support and revenue:			
Contributions and bequests	\$ 751,824	\$ -	\$ 751,824
Private and government grants	413,079		413,079
Donated materials and services	61,616	-	61,616
Special events, net of direct expenses	135,068	-	135,068
Interest income	1,043	113	1,156
Investment loss, net of fees	(42,921)	-	(42,921)
Other income	744,965	-	744,965
Net assets released from restrictions	1,662,103	-	1,662,103
Total support and revenue	3,726,777	113	3,726,890
Expenses:			
Program services:			
Land conservation	747,896	-	747,896
Public outreach	351,406	-	351,406
Land stewardship	1,468,737		1,468,737
Total program services	2,568,039	-	2,568,039
Management and general	551,054	5	551,059
Fundraising	456,307	-	456,307
Total expenses	3,575,400	5	3,575,405
Change in net assets before			
non-operating activities	151,377	108	151,485
	151,577	100	151,105
Non-operating activities:			
Donated land	213,776	~	213,776
Net assets released from restrictions upon the			
acquisition of conservation property	1,740,724		1,740,724
Change in unrestricted net assets	2,105,877	108	2,105,985
Change in temporarily restricted net assets:			
Contributions	491,242	-	491,242
Private and government grants	2,674,690	-	2,674,690
Investment income, net of fees	(139,889)	-	(139,889)
Net assets released from restrictions:			
Satisfaction of purpose restrictions	(1,662,103)	-	(1,662,103)
Acquisition of conservation property	(1,740,724)		(1,740,724)
Change in temporarily restricted net assets	(376,784)		(376,784)
Change in permanently restricted net assets:			
· · ·	520 412		520 (12
Contributions	520,413		520,413
Change in net assets	2,249,506	108	2,249,614
Net assets:			
Beginning of year	48,746,058	81,416	48,827,474
End of year	\$ 50,995,564	\$ 81,524	<u>\$ 51,077,088</u>

See independent auditor's report on supplementary information.