

# 2016-17 Report to the Community

THINK *FOREVER*,  
ACT NOW.



Photo by Wendy Feltham



## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

These days, I think a lot of us are asking ourselves, “What can I do to make this world a better place? How can I make a lasting difference?”

So much is outside our control. But we can envision what future we want locally, and we can make choices to make it happen. Land Trusts - thousands of them across the world - are grassroots groups that communities have formed to preserve local lands and heritage. It's work that takes on global problems at a local level, and a perfect illustration of the saying, “Think Globally, Act Locally.”

One of the most powerful things any of us can do is to protect the land. It's what we all rely on to sustain our lives, our health, our livelihoods, and our communities. And Jefferson Land Trust's mission is to preserve local land forever. Our choices are the bridge to a future here in Jefferson County that still includes bountiful farms, working forests, wild places and open spaces - or not. It's up to us, and our actions right now.

What an incredible opportunity for each of us to make a difference.

The rural way of life, vast forests, wild rivers and open shorelines we enjoy today could easily be squandered and lost - we've seen that happen in so many places. The deep heritage and the very nature of this place we choose to call home could be ended by the choices we make, or don't make, and actions we take, or don't take, here in this moment.

So, let's build on the idea, “Think Globally, Act Locally,” with a new one: “Think Forever, Act Now.”

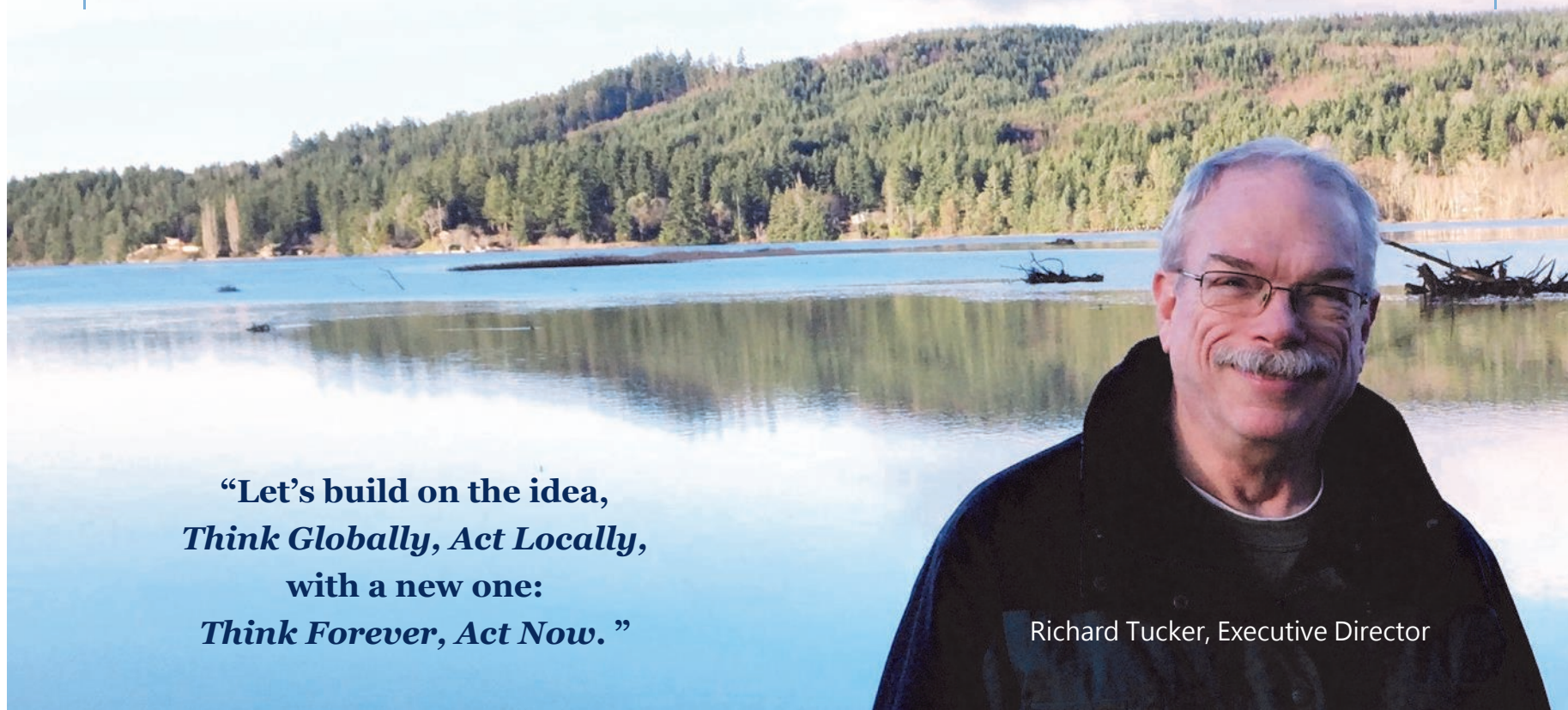
This gets me out of bed every morning thinking, “we have important work to do.” And we can do it, too! This community accomplishes more than any place I have ever lived. This community's successes inspire me, and I am so grateful. Our vision for a healthy future motivates me. And the opportunities we have at this moment in time are too important to miss.

So let's think ‘forever’, and let's act now to protect what makes this place special. Together, we make great things possible.

*- Richard Tucker*

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**What will Jefferson County be like in the years to come?  
We envision a future where, in 100 years:**

Sustainable, productive farms grace our rural landscape and fill our tables. Agriculture is still a prominent part of our economy, community and way of life. More people eat locally grown food, and farm businesses are thriving.

FARMS

WILDLIFE

Natural places and open spaces are full of wildlife. Natural areas connected by wild streams and greenbelts give animals refuge and freedom to move. Bull elk are still able to wander. Songbirds can find rest during their travels. Growing numbers of salmon make it upstream to good spawning grounds.

FORESTS

Vast forestlands work hard for our communities. They are an important part of the local landscape and economy. They keep our air and water clean. They provide wood, revenue, and jobs. And they are beautiful refuges where people can hike, ride, forage, relax, or explore.

RECREATION

Communities are connected with the land around them. The wild and scenic character of our county is still a part of life here. Abundant trail networks connect towns and open spaces. People enjoy nature and the outdoors, and everybody has the chance to experience them.



# FARMS

**SHORT’S FAMILY FARM** has been producing food for our community for a long time. Square nails on the barn date it to the 1800s.

This was a dairy when Roger Short’s father farmed here. Now the farm produces grass-fed beef. The old milking parlor is used for meat freezers, but the farm is still running, and it’s still in the family.

“My father’s goal was to never sell it to anyone, and so we never sold parcels away from it for that reason. He wanted to keep the farm all as one, always. He wouldn’t sell off pieces to someone else to make the finances easier,” Roger said.

Roger feels that he’s honoring his father’s legacy by conserving the farm. Now it will never be divided and developed. Removing building rights makes farmland

more affordable in the long run, and means it won’t be whittled away by residential development.

There are salmon, birds, and other wild creatures here too. Chimacum and Naylor Creek both run through the land.

Roger explained the reflectors installed to warn trumpeter swans away from powerlines. He pointed out a crossbar for bald eagles to perch above the power pole, and the spot where trees had been planted to shade Naylor Creek.

Farming has its challenges, Roger says, but there’s nothing else he’d do.

“I feel good about what we did because I can keep operating the farm, and we’re keeping it all together,” he said.

2016

254  
ACRES PROTECTED  
SHORT’S  
FAMILY FARM

950+  
TOTAL  
PROTECTED  
FARM ACRES  
As of 12/31/16

495+  
ACRES  
PROTECTION  
IN PROGRESS  
As of 6/1/17

2017

**“I’ve always wanted to keep it all one farm like my father wanted. That’s my goal.”**

**- Roger Short**





**THE DUCKABUSH RIVER** is home to all kinds of wildlife.

In 2016 we protected 21 more acres in this river corridor.

Pictured (from left):

Dozens of salmon cast their shadows on the river bottom.

Bear and Roosevelt elk are among the large animals sighted at the Duckabush Preserves.



Photo by Artemis Celt

2016

40+  
ACRES ADDED  
TO WILDLIFE  
CORRIDORS

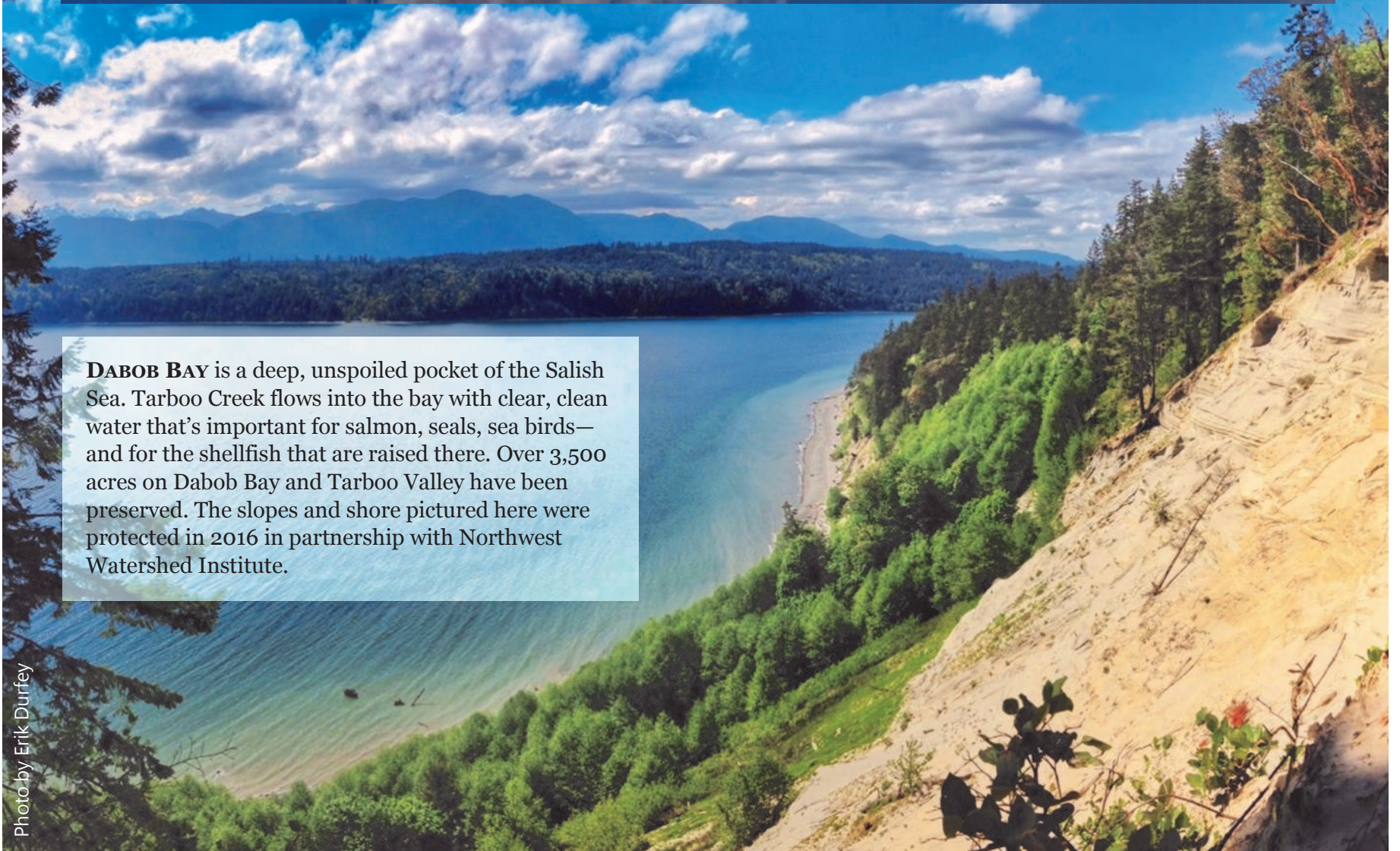
- QUIMPER WILDLIFE CORRIDOR
- DUCKABUSH RIVER
- SNOW CREEK
- DABOB BAY

120+  
ACRES  
PROTECTION  
IN PROGRESS

2017

**DABOB BAY** is a deep, unspoiled pocket of the Salish Sea. Tarboo Creek flows into the bay with clear, clean water that's important for salmon, seals, sea birds—and for the shellfish that are raised there. Over 3,500 acres on Dabob Bay and Tarboo Valley have been preserved. The slopes and shore pictured here were protected in 2016 in partnership with Northwest Watershed Institute.

Photo by Erik Durfey





**THE QUIMPER WILDLIFE CORRIDOR** is a greenbelt of native wildlife habitat linking a series of wetlands and Cappy's Trails.

### HISTORY

Cappy's Trails are named after William Capriotti, a scrap-dealer who lived nearby in the 1950s-80s and loved these woods.

This land was platted for heavy development during Port Townsend's late-1800's boom. However, its wetlands and floodplain aren't well-suited to build on. In a natural state, the Corridor provides storm-water control protecting the city, and natural sanctuary for wildlife and humans alike.

### PRESERVATION

The local community is working to protect land in the Quimper Wildlife Corridor — an effort that has spanned over twenty years.

Every year, we protect a few more acres here through the passion and generosity of people who love this place... And there's more to do!

### GET INVOLVED

You can help to protect these woods and trails. Look for upcoming volunteer events at [saveland.org](http://saveland.org), or contact us at [info@saveland.org](mailto:info@saveland.org) if you'd like to learn more about this project.

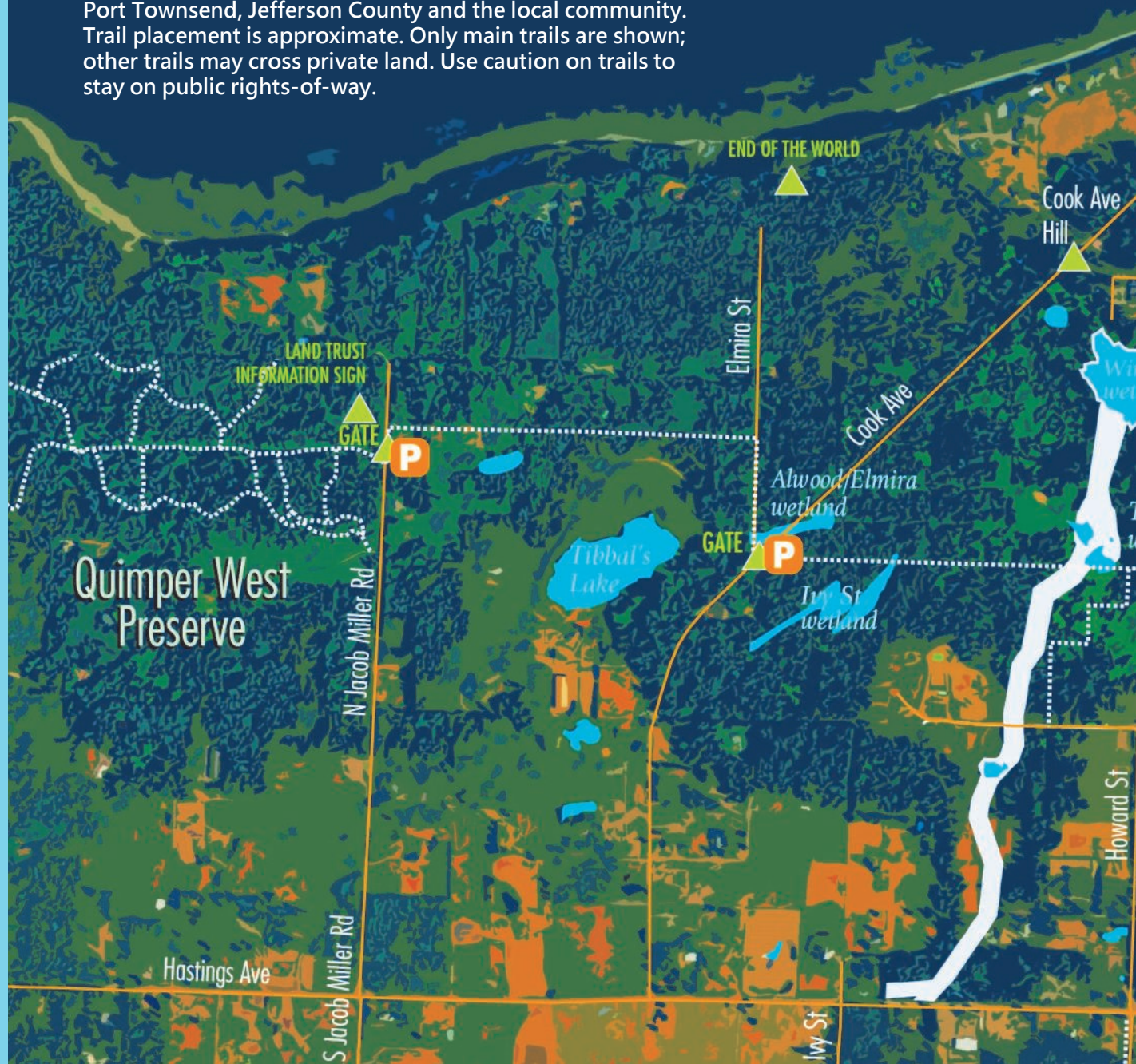
A more durable version of this map is available at Jefferson Land Trust: 1033 Lawrence Street, Port Townsend.



Lands in the Quimper Wildlife Corridor are protected through a partnership of Jefferson Land Trust, the City of Port Townsend, Jefferson County and the local community. Trail placement is approximate. Only main trails are shown; other trails may cross private land. Use caution on trails to stay on public rights-of-way.

# Quimper Wi

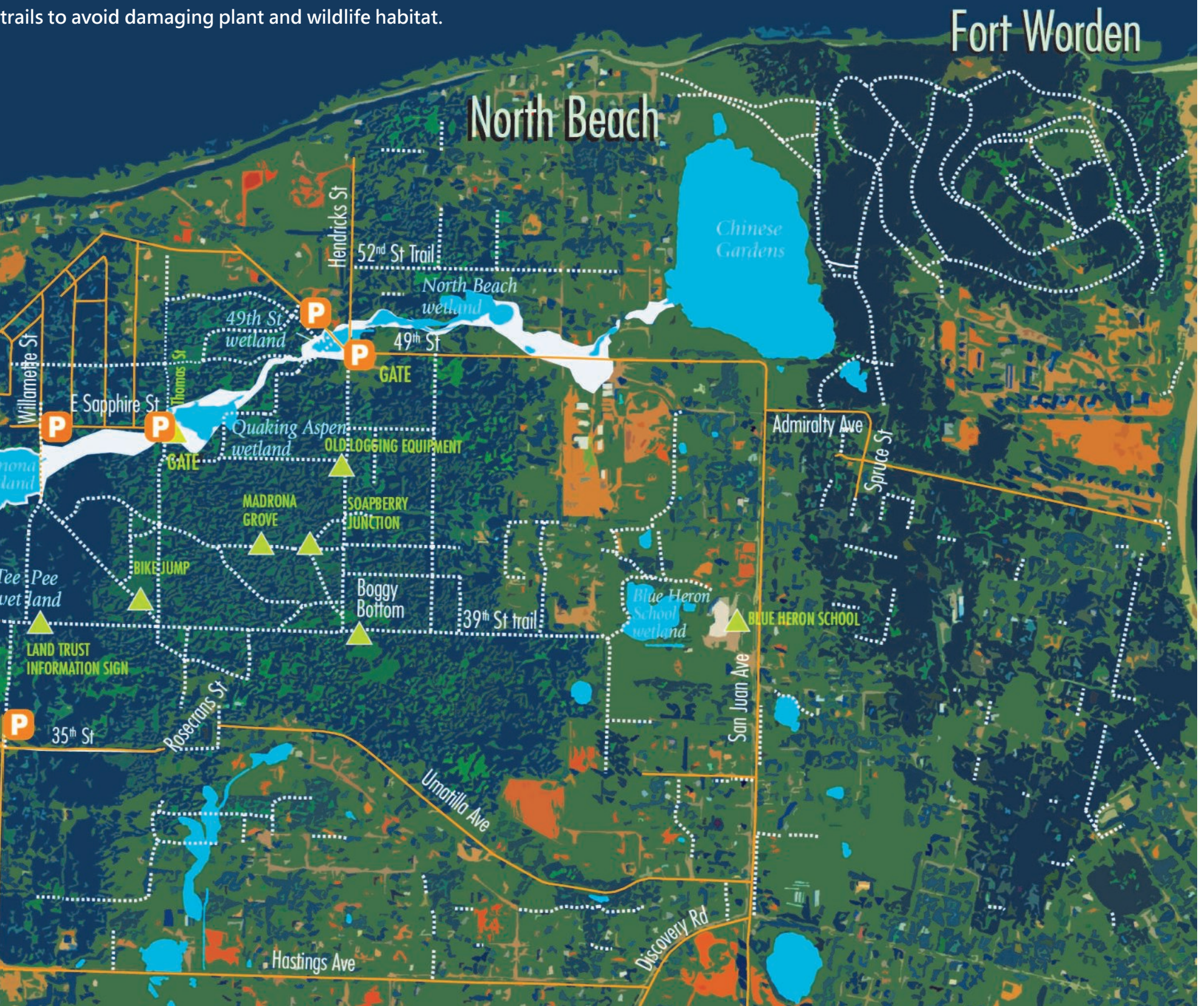
Explore the Corridor from trailheads Howard St, the corner of 49th St and St in Port Townsend. Please stay on





# Wildlife Corridor & Cappy's Trails

Locations on: North Jacob Miller Rd, the corner of Cook Ave and Elmira St, the corner of 35th St and  
and Hendricks St, the corner of Sapphire St and Willamette St, and the eastern end of Sapphire  
trails to avoid damaging plant and wildlife habitat.





# FORESTS

## WHAT DO FORESTS DO FOR US?

**They stabilize the climate,** making their own ideal habitat—which is also ideal for us and many other species.

**They purify our air and water,** removing all kinds of pollutants.

**They remove carbon** from the air (as CO<sub>2</sub>), and turn it into wood and oxygen.

**Forests are “anti-deserts.”** Leaves and branches block wind and trap moisture, creating calmer, damper, greener conditions.

**Forests help keep you healthy.** Trees emit essential oils into the forest air that boost your immune system. Spending time in forests even lowers your blood pressure, heart rate, and production of stress hormones.

**Forests enrich the earth** with nutrients from fallen plant matter.

**They prevent erosion.** Roots stabilize and bind the soil so it won't wash away.

**They prevent flooding and help refill wells.** The forest floor is like a giant sponge that slows runoff and absorbs rainwater to recharge aquifers.

## WORKING FORESTS

2017

745+  
ACRES  
PROTECTION  
IN PROGRESS

**FORESTS ARE AT RISK.** How can we make the most of our forest resources, keep them long into the future, and manage them wisely?

Thanks to the work of a consortium of partners, from local woodworkers and trails groups to large timber companies,

we're making headway on answering these questions.

The Land Trust and our partners recently collaborated in work that removed the threat of subdivision and development on over 6000 acres of working forestland. Now the land will be producing trees as long as we can imagine into the future.

We're also working to establish a community forest at Chimacum Ridge. Community forests are a type of working forest that is managed at the local level for maximum community benefit. This offers great possibilities for managing places where the needs of nature, wildlife, human beings, and the economy intersect.

**CHIMACUM RIDGE** rises up between Beaver Valley and Center Valley, just south of the Chimacum crossroads. Imagine this place - over 850 acres - as a beautiful, diverse forest with big trees and wildlife, forever.

Imagine trail networks laced through the forest, connecting with the community below. Imagine walking up from the crossroads into the woods. Birds are singing. Sunlight filters through the branches after a recent selective harvest of wood for the local woodworking school. The timber revenue pays for trail work for wheelchair access to a favorite grove, because everybody deserves the opportunity to enjoy this beautiful place. Nearby, a class of Chimacum school kids learns about forestry. A community forest can provide so much.

Chimacum Ridge's central, accessible location makes it an ideal place for a community forest. We are working with dozens of local, state and national partners—including the land's current owner, Ecotrust Forest Management—to try to make this vision a reality.



2016  
K-12 EDUCATION  
PARTNERSHIPS

OVER  
230  
KIDS  
ENGAGED



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**SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS**  
Are important for the  
future of the land.

If we can inspire one student to become a forester, a farmer, a salmon habitat supporter, or a good land steward, we're one step closer to ensuring we can protect this place forever.

Our goal is simple: That every child in our community has a chance to explore their personal connection to the land around them. Every child has a chance to understand the resources we share here in Jefferson County and how to keep them healthy and abundant.

***Pictured clockwise from top left:***

A Grant Street student said goodbye to a salmon fry before releasing it into Chimacum Creek.

Students took the "Tree Math Challenge" during a forestry lesson.

The Blue Heron 8th grade came to Snow Creek to test how clean the stream water is and survey the bugs living in different parts of the creek.

Photo by Caitlin Battersby



# PRESERVING A WAY OF LIFE, TOGETHER

You can protect your favorite shorelines, farmstands, and woodland trails. You can preserve local wildlife refuges. You can safeguard Jefferson County’s heritage of family farms, working forests, healthy streams and open natural spaces now, and for generations to come.

Jefferson Land Trust is a non-profit community-driven organization. We are supported by people who believe that a healthy environment sustains a healthy community. Your donations make this work possible! Whether you can give \$10, \$100 or \$1,000, your gift is meaningful. It helps care for the places and quality of life you value.

Each contribution is a local investment in the land around us. To find out more, please visit our website at [www.saveland.org](http://www.saveland.org).

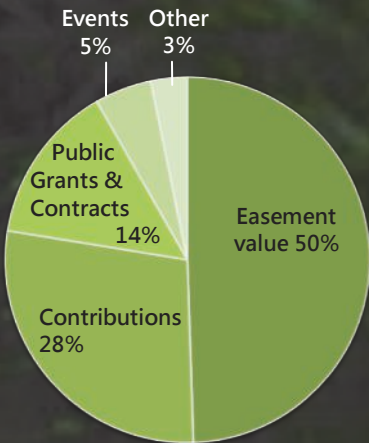
This is YOUR Land Trust. And a land trust is a promise we as a community make that in 50 years, 75 years, 100 years and more, the wild spaces, farms and forest of Jefferson County will still exist, and that the quality of life and legacy they represent will remain... forever.

## 2016 FINANCIAL REPORT

On June 20, 2017 the firm of Aiken & Sanders, Inc PS presented its favorable management letter and audited financials for 2016 to Jefferson Land Trust’ s Board of Directors. The final audited financial statement is available by request from [info@saveland.org](mailto:info@saveland.org)

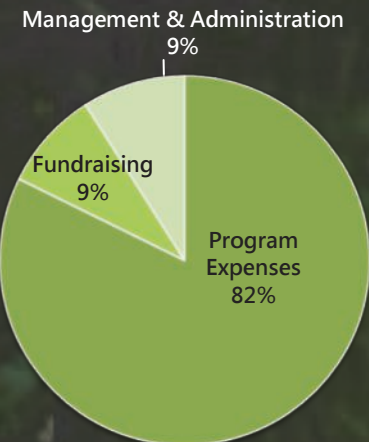
### 2016 Sources of Revenue

Fair Value of Easements	\$1,010,000
Gifts & Contributions	
Donations	\$387,161
Private Foundation Grants	\$186,121
Public Grants & Contracts	\$289,180
Other (net investment return, workshop and seminar fees)	\$65,728
Special Event Income	\$103,197
TOTAL	\$2,041,388



### 2016 Operating Expenses

Program Expenses	\$1,593,001
Fundraising	\$168,305
Management & Administration	\$174,984
TOTAL	\$1,963,290





## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

**“The Land Trust is an interesting and rewarding place to volunteer and get involved – and there are so many opportunities to get out on the land and connect with place while also doing some good for your community.”**

2016

**300+**  
COMMUNITY  
VOLUNTEERS

**3900+**  
VOLUNTEER  
HOURS



Photo by Gigi Callaizakis

### STEVE MOORE

#### What inspired you to start volunteering with Jefferson Land Trust?

I moved to Port Townsend 11 years ago in order to live in a beautiful and pristine environment. I lived in Denver for 25 years and I understand what unbridled growth can do. I left the heat, sprawl and booming construction to live in a peaceful, beautiful, cool and moist paradise.

It's important to me that the character of this place be defended from the same sorts of disruptive growth. Jefferson Land Trust is an active and successful defender of the local environment. THAT is why I walked into their office 11 years ago.

#### How are you involved?

I'm in my eighth year as a board member, and have been a member of the Conservation Projects Committee for 10 years, helping evaluate project properties. I've helped with property clean-up and replanting. And I have served on the Finance Committee and the Investment Committee for many years, helping to guide budgeting and financial decisions.

I believe in actively supporting the causes and programs that I care about – and I take great pleasure in watching the actions of the programs I support – so I try to give what I can while I can.

Having said that, I am also greatly aware of the need for land trusts to remain fiscally viable – our mission is to protect land in perpetuity, which is a very long time! So I know the value bequests from people's estates can bring. I plan my bequests now and let the organizations I support know that they are in my estate plans – and of course Jefferson Land Trust is one of those!

#### Why are you so committed to supporting this work?

I was raised by a family with deep farming roots and love of the land and I spent a lot of time on my grandfather's farm. I grew to love the land as a result, so land conservation is important for me.

In my opinion, the only possible solutions to the challenges we face are locally based, mission-oriented organizations that are well staffed and effective at what they do. It gives me hope for the future, and that is what keeps me involved and inspired.



GET INVOLVED - FIND PLACES TO VISIT, VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES, AND UPCOMING EVENTS AT [SAVELAND.ORG](http://SAVELAND.ORG)



2016 HANDS ON THE LAND

30+ VOLUNTEER EVENTS HELD

1335 VOLUNTEER STEWARDSHIP HOURS

80,000 FEET BOUNDARIES MARKED

5+ PICK-UP LOADS TRASH REMOVED

1210 NATIVE PLANTS PLANTED

BECOME A VOLUNTEER: CONTACT [INFO@SAVELAND.ORG](mailto:INFO@SAVELAND.ORG) TO SIGN UP

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