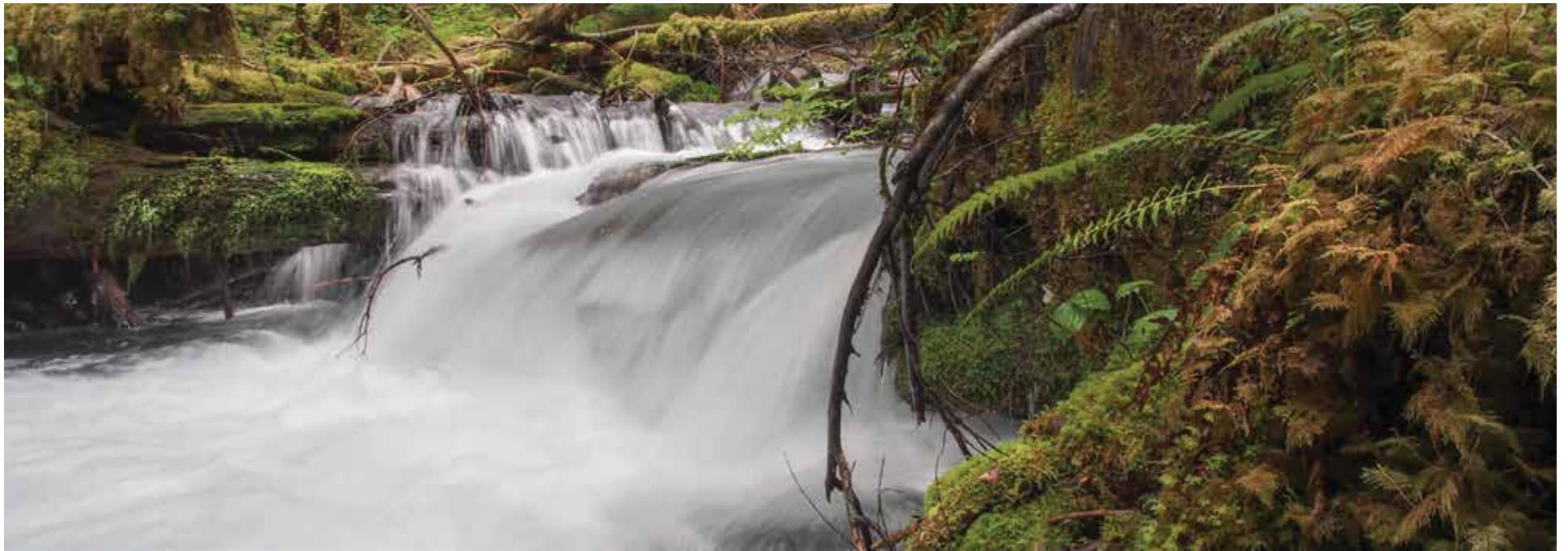




2017-18 Report to Our Community

Working together for the land we share, the
land we work, and the land we all depend on.





The Big Quilcene River in the Buckhorn Wilderness is the water source for the city of Port Townsend. It's one of the many ecosystems studied in our annual naturalist course. Photo by Robert Tognoli.

Letter to the Community

I grew up outside Philadelphia in the town of Cherry Hill, New Jersey at a time when there were still wooded areas and meandering streams to explore and local farms where the farmers knew us by name.

As a child, I needed the outdoors and spent time playing in the woods and visiting local farms for fresh produce. Sadly, all of the open spaces of my childhood are now gone — long ago covered by homes, a shopping center, and a hospital.

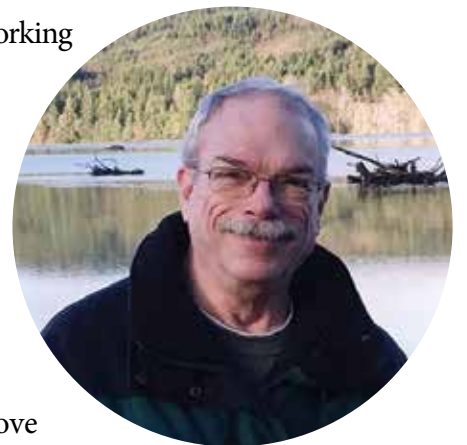
I believe this loss is what drew me to a career in land protection and my final destination here in **Jefferson County, where wild open spaces and local farms still thrive.** For me, our land is what connects us. It's at the center of what makes our community healthy and vibrant. Special places play a central role in our personal histories. For many of us, a sense of place is often the backdrop for our stories. And, like certain tastes and smells, those places can evoke our most cherished memories.

My favorite summer days were spent visiting local farm stands with my mom. I can still taste the fresh Jersey tomatoes and sun-warmed fruit. That's why I'm so pleased that one area of focus for the Land Trust is on keeping family farms in the family.

To date, we've protected 14 local farms, like Midori Farm, where Hanako Myers and Marko Colby produce their award-winning kimchi and sauerkraut.

And, with your support, we're actively working to protect six additional farms.

The Duckabush River and the proposed community forest on Chimacum Ridge dwarf the woods and streams where I played as a youth. It thrills me to know that these special places will be around for a new generation of kids to explore and create their own lifelong memories, and that our work to improve them is helping local wildlife thrive.



It's also exciting to see that our focus on education — **designed to provide local students with meaningful outdoor experiences so they can develop an enduring love of nature** — is having the desired effect. I'm grateful for active volunteers like Scotty Scott, committed teachers in our public schools, and enthusiastic students, including our summer intern, Rian Plastow.

If you're interested in learning more about the work of the Land Trust and how you can get involved, please call me at 360.379.9501. I'd love for you to partner with us in protecting and caring for this special place — as a donor, volunteer, or landowner.

Richard Tucker, Executive Director

“Our land is what connects us. It's at the center of what makes our community healthy and vibrant.”

Together, we've helped protect more than 16,500 acres!

Congratulations and Thank You!

Community support of our work has resulted, to date, in conserving 101 properties in Jefferson County. The location of each property is shown by a rhododendron on the map.

Each protected property is a special place: a family farm providing local food, a forest sheltering elk, frogs, and song birds, a restored river or creek nourishing salmon, or a preserve where families connect with nature and enjoy the outdoors.

How we protect land

Through voluntary legal agreements that protect land from development, we partner with people so they can use their land to meet their financial goals, while promoting the health and prosperity of our community.

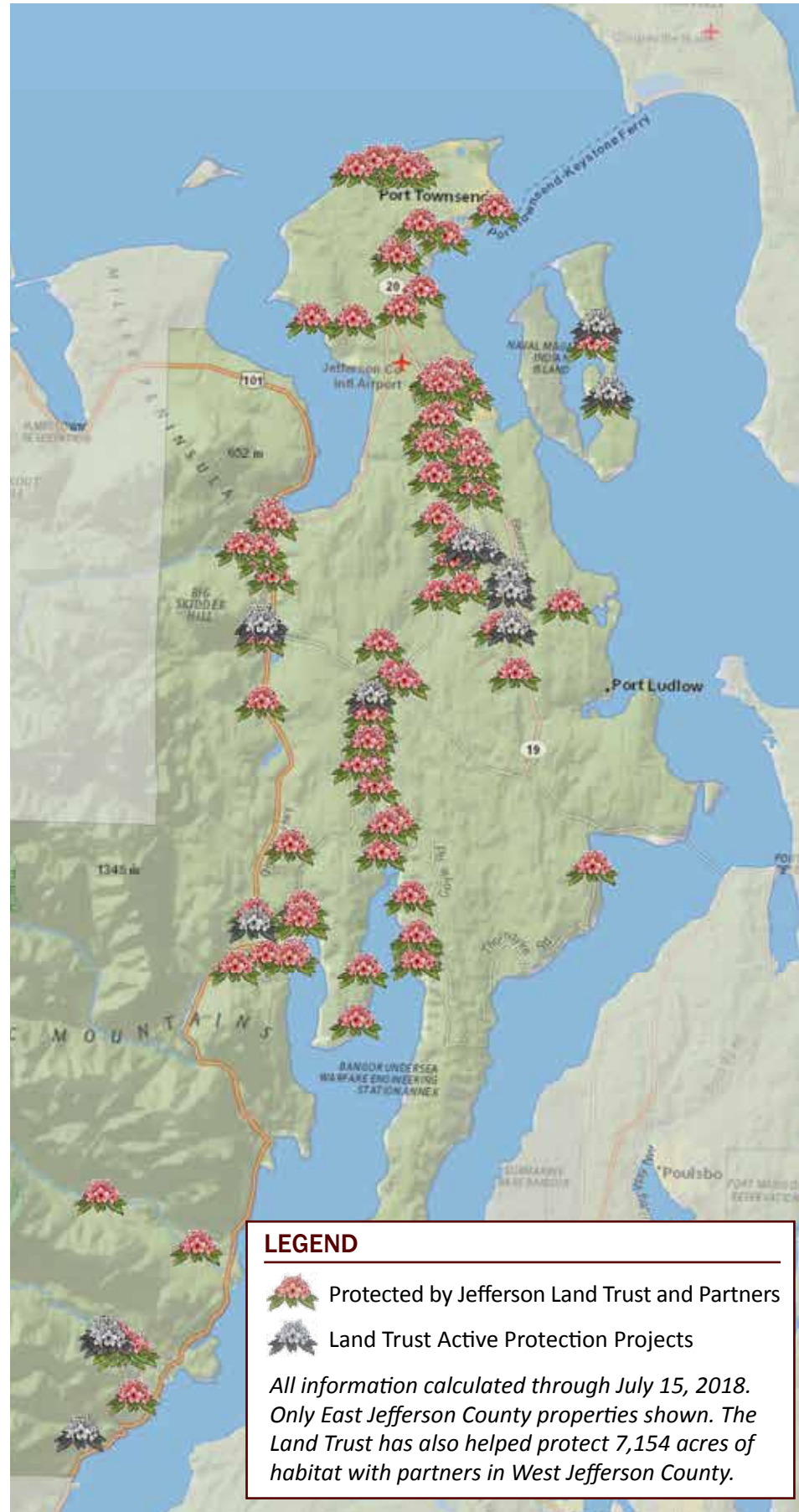
We ensure that our beautiful wild places, family businesses, local industries, and community treasures can be shared with future generations, while fostering the health of native plants and animals.

Why we protect land

What we do together for our land will determine what Jefferson County will be — for us and our neighbors today, and for our children and grandchildren tomorrow.

Our vision is to live in a healthy, thriving community where residents and visitors feel at home in our natural areas, and where the entire community is involved in stewarding these lands for the future.

Learn more by visiting our website at: saveland.org/farms-fish-forest-forever.



Farmland

1,063 acres
14 properties



Fish and Wildlife Habitat

10,368 acres
75 properties



Working Forest

5,149 acres
8 properties



Urban Open Space

4 acres
4 properties



FARMS, FISH and FORESTS FOREVER

Working to protect Jefferson County's most important places and shape a future that includes vibrant local farms, thriving fish and wildlife, verdant forests, and the next generation of people who love this land.

At Jefferson Land Trust, our mission is to help the community preserve open space, working land, and habitat forever.

With the help of friends like you, we bring all of these things together for the benefit of people and wildlife.

From the shoreline to the timberlands, we're protecting some of Jefferson County's most fertile farmland, richest salmon spawning grounds, busiest wildlife

corridors, as well as its lush working forests and the headwaters of its creeks.

Our land is who we are, what we do, and what we will become in Jefferson County. The land we share defines our community. The land we work shapes our economy. And what we do with this land today determines our future.

Through our educational partnerships, we invest in our shared future by fostering

a personal connection to the land and appreciation for nature in the next generation.

Together, we can help shape what this place will look like and what it will be able to offer our children and grandchildren.

The stories that follow illustrate a few of the ways Jefferson Land Trust is helping to fulfill the vision of Farms, Fish, and Forests... Forever.

Growing a Future at Midori Farm



A view of Midori Farm in Quilcene.

Farmers Hanako Myers and Marko Colby met in 2006 while working at the Port Townsend Farmers Market and married in 2007. Together, the couple started Midori Farm on five leased acres as they searched for farmland to buy where they could put down roots.

It took them six years to find the land in Quilcene where they could build their organic farm. They purchased it in 2013 and haven't looked back.

Their award-winning sauerkraut and kimchi are sold throughout the region, as is their organic produce. Hanako and Marko also grow organic vegetable and herb seedlings and have published a garden guide to share what they've learned about local gardening.

Because it was so difficult to find their land, they became interested in agricultural land preservation. Upon purchasing their farm, Marko and Hanako immediately

“We're thrilled knowing that our land will remain farmland beyond our lifetimes.”

began working with us to ensure that it would remain open for agriculture beyond their lifetimes.

Protecting Midori Farm took a big team effort. To make it happen, generous community supporters donated \$48,000 to match a grant from the Jefferson County Conservation Futures Fund.

Keeping local farms thriving is a big win for all of us. A strong local agricultural economy creates jobs and means that our community is more resilient, self-reliant, and vibrant. It also means that we benefit from having good, local food grown and produced by our neighbors.

Find Midori Farm products in local produce aisles, the Port Townsend Farmers Markets, or at the Midori Farm farm stand — it's open every day of the year, sunrise to sunset.



*Marko Colby and Hanako Myers.
Photo by Amanda Milholland.*



Hanako assisting a customer at the Wednesday Farmers Market in Port Townsend. Photo courtesy of The Leader.



Roosevelt elk during a thunderous crossing of the Duckabush River. Photo by Artemis Celt.

Wildlife Thriving on the Duckabush River

The Duckabush River greenbelt hosts many animals that have relied on this land for thousands of years. In addition to providing important spawning habitat for endangered salmon, wildlife such as bear, beaver, and cougar have all been observed there recently. And one more common, but no less magical, sighting on the Duckabush is its herd of Roosevelt elk.

Just 20 years ago, the Duckabush River Roosevelt elk herd numbered only 40. Today, according to Bryan Murphie, their population has more than doubled.

Bryan, who is pleased with their comeback, works as a wildlife biologist for Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and has been studying the herd since 1998. He credits their growing numbers, in part, to the Duckabush River Valley habitat that the Land Trust and others have worked for years to protect. The landscape where these elk roam is along a permanently protected wildlife corridor of more than 3,250 acres.

“People love to see them,” said Bryan. “They’re big, beautiful, wild animals.”

Elk in the Duckabush River Valley can be seen almost any time of year. Three particularly good viewing areas, according to Bryan, are at the mouth of the Duckabush River, under the power line corridor, or along Duckabush Road.

“Elk can be quite communicative with one another, calves and cows, but also the bull elk bugling,” said Bryan. “In September and October during the rut (the time when male elk, or bulls, vie for the hearts of their female counterparts)

when the bull elk are most vocal, is an exciting time to see and hear them.”

The Duckabush River elk are fairly used to being around people. However, the public should minimize disturbance in late winter and during calving. This is why we have seasonal closures at our Duckabush Oxbow & Wetlands Preserve — to give them a break when they’re most vulnerable.

The Duckabush River is a local treasure with rich wildlife habitat that a consortium of partners including Jefferson Land Trust, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Trust for Public Land, the Navy, and others continue to collaborate to protect and restore.



Our Stewardship Director, Erik Kingfisher, atop Chimacum Ridge. Photo by Caitlin Battersby.

Chimacum Ridge Update

With \$3.4 million in funding from Washington state, we’re approximately 75 percent of the way toward our vision of establishing a locally-managed community forest at Chimacum Ridge.

The goals for this property are to demonstrate sustainable forest management practices, while also providing healthy wildlife habitat, hiking and nature viewing, and education opportunities for local schools and the community.



Our summer intern, Rian Plastow, is shown here hiking on Mt. Townsend

Inspiring a Love of the Land with Our School Partnerships

Rian Plastow has big dreams. “I want to help make the Olympic Peninsula the best place it can be,” said Rian. “I hope that when I graduate, I can come back and take care of the forests and streams I love the most.”

For the second summer in a row, the Land Trust is fortunate to have Rian — whose college studies are focused on ecology — working as a summer intern. We appreciate her bright smile and her willingness to pitch in wherever needed. However, what we value even more is the confirmation that partnering with local schools to get kids out on the land is having the desired effect — building the next generation of land stewards.

As a student in Chimacum School District’s Pi Program, Rian remembers going on a field trip to one of the Land Trust’s preserves to collect data on the plants growing there. The experience made an impression on her. “I loved the idea that the forest that was there would still be there if I came back in 50 years.”

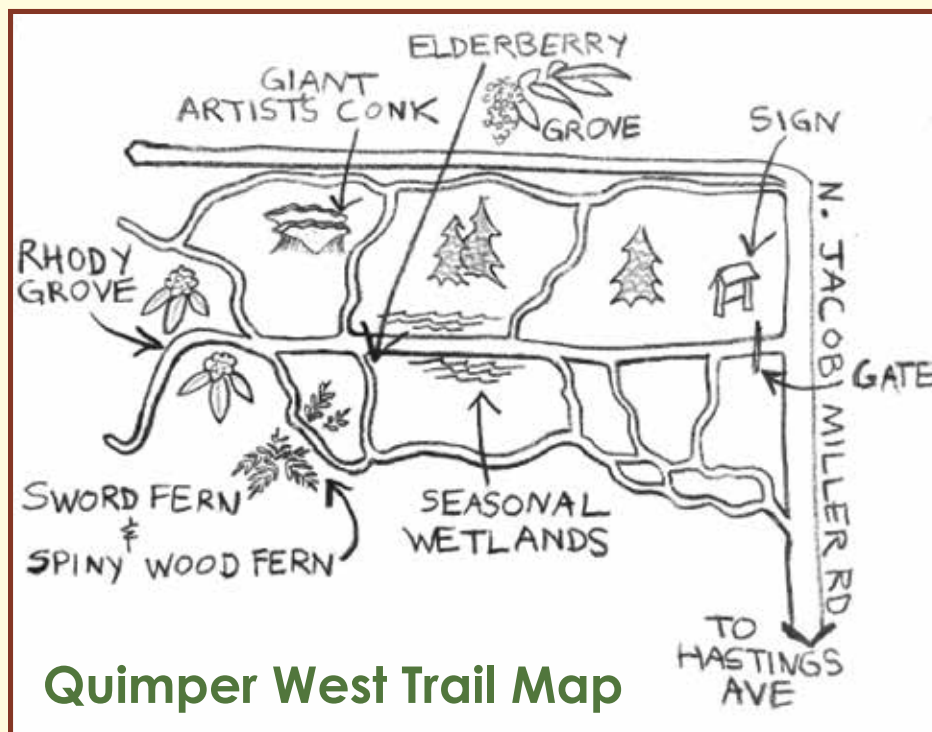
We’re enjoying working with Rian this summer and are looking forward to watching her big dreams come true!

Explore and Enjoy Quimper West

Use this illustrated map to visit one of the special landscapes your Land Trust stewards, nurtures, and protects.

Quimper West is a beloved community treasure where wildlife habitat and light recreation work in harmony.

It's part of the Quimper Wildlife Corridor — a 3.5 mile network of wetlands, floodplains, wildlife habitat, and forested trails that stretches across the tip of the Quimper Peninsula — from Fort Worden to Middlepoint. Come take a stroll this summer!



Quimper West Trail Map

Join Us to Help Care for this Special Place

If you like getting your hands a little dirty, join us for a work party at Quimper West on Tuesday, August 28 from 10 am to 1 pm.

Over the past few years community members have lead a concerted attack against non-native holly. It's time to rally the troops again! We'll focus on hand pulling and cutting holly in this mature forested preserve.

Location: On North Jacob Miller Road, near the end of the road. Please bike or carpool if possible, due to limited parking.

Questions? Email Carrie at cclendaniel@saveland.org or call 306.379.9501.

Want to explore the whole Quimper Wildlife Corridor? For a detailed walking map of the corridor with field guide, drop by the Land Trust office at 1033 Lawrence Street in Uptown Port Townsend.

A Big Thank You to Our Business Sponsors!



2017 Impact By the Numbers

Learning on the Land



367

1st-12th graders
from 3 public school
districts engaged



45

public walks,
work parties,
and events



650+

community
members engaged

Caring for the Land

9862

acres of habitat
restored and
stewarded



58



conservation easements
visited for required
annual monitoring



12

wildlife camera site
visits by trained
volunteers at 3 local
preserves

6



benches built
and installed by
volunteers at our
preserves, creating
a restful spot for
visitors to sit and
enjoy nature

3542

hours of on-
the-land time
in the field



1650

native trees
and shrubs
planted

3.5

pick-up loads
of trash
removed



Volunteers building six benches that have been installed at our preserves. They used materials donated by Carl's Building Supply.

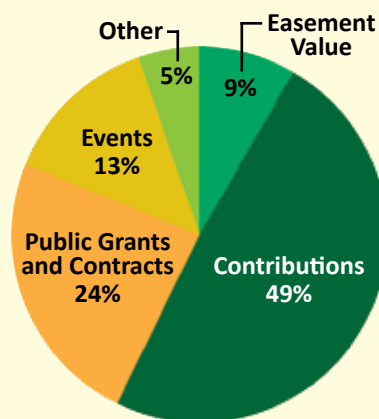


Preserve Steward volunteers attending on-the-land training course at Illahee Preserve.

2017 Financial Report

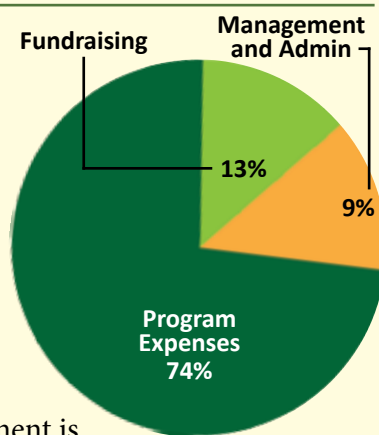
Sources of Revenue

Fair Value of Easement Acquisitions	\$91,898
Gifts and Contributions	
Donations	\$450,344
Private Foundation Grants	\$70,500
Public Grants and Contracts	\$254,919
Special Event Income	\$144,350
Other (net investment return; workshop and seminar fees)	\$55,283
TOTAL	\$1,067,294



Operating Expenses

Program Expenses	\$832,630
Fundraising	\$150,904
Management and Administration	\$148,454
TOTAL	\$1,131,988



On July 17, 2018 the firm of Aiken & Saunders, Inc PS presented its favorable management letter and audited financials for 2017 to Jefferson Land Trust's Board of Directors. The final audited financial statement is available by request via email from Chris Clark at cclark@saveland.org.



With the support of our community, the Land Trust has protected more than 16,500 acres of our area's most important places.



Forester Earl Kong teaching local 8th graders about forestry basics.

Think Forever. Act Now.

Thank You for All the Ways You Give!



View of the Dosewallips River from one of the special places we've protected.

We appreciate all the creative and generous ways the community comes together in support of our work! **This is YOUR Land Trust**, and you are the key to our shared successes. As a nonprofit, community-driven organization, we work with you to protect and advocate for our land, because everything we love about Jefferson County depends on the way we use it. Some of the ways you can get involved include:

- Financial support – gifts of all sizes are meaningful and make a difference!
- Volunteering in our office and out on the land
- Selecting us as your charity when you shop on Amazon Smile
- Donating a conservation easement on your land
- Liking us on Facebook or Instagram and sharing our posts
- Sharing your stories from the land and photos of landscapes, wildlife, and people out in nature
- Introducing family and friends to us at a work party, event, or by visiting one of our preserves

Each of these contributions is a local investment in our rural heritage and quality of life. To find out more, please visit our website at www.saveland.org.

Save Land with a Percentage of Your Profits

Designating a small portion of your sales — typically 1 percent — is a creative way to support the Land Trust. Our current Save the Land partners include Finnriver Farm & Cidery, The Food Co-op, and The Inn at Port Ludlow.

And you don't have to be a large business to do so. Young local artist, Aloura Remy donated 50 percent of sales on her cards and art this year.



“ I support the Land Trust with sales from my art because nature's very important. Trees make the fresh air! We need nature. It's an amazing place to get the stress out and relax. One question I have is, 'Will nature always be there?' ”

Become a Business Sponsor

Partnering with the Land Trust through a business sponsorship is a way to show your support and also receive valuable marketing visibility in the community.

Kristin Manwaring Insurance has been doing this for more than a decade! We appreciate her longstanding support of our work and community.

“ I support the Land Trust because I'm grateful for our shared focus on maintaining quality of life, health and the preservation of natural habitats and farmland. The legacy resulting from this work provides a treasure trove in our community — not only for us, but for future generations, FOREVER. ”



Leave a Legacy with Your Estate

Including the Land Trust in your will or as a beneficiary of a retirement account or life insurance policy is a simple, yet powerful way to ensure that future generations are able to enjoy the treasured lands and waters that you cherish today.

Anyone can make a bequest and no amount is too small. If you do include us in your estate, please let us know so that we can thank you during your lifetime.

Make a Qualified Charitable Distribution

If you're 70½ years old by December 31, 2018, you're eligible to make tax favored charitable gifts from an IRA. Amounts given in this way count toward your required minimum distribution and are excluded from your gross income for the year of the gift.

Donate Appreciated Stocks or Securities

Stocks, bonds, and mutual funds are easily donated, and can often provide you with exceptional tax savings. When you donate appreciated securities, your gift will be exempt from capital gains tax on the appreciation, and you'll usually receive an income tax deduction on the full value of the gift.

To learn more about these and other ways to give, contact Chris Clark at cclark@saveland.org or 360.379.9501 ext. 102.

A Big Volunteer Shout Out!



Volunteer Amy Johnson taking photos at a fundraising event.

We Couldn't Do What We Do Without You!

Thanks to everyone who volunteers in one way or another. From fieldwork to fundraisers, community volunteers make our world go around.

Collectively, you spent more than 1,317 hours improving wildlife habitat, assisting in the office or at events, serving on our board, and helping us accomplish our mission in 2017. Thank you!

Want to Help? There's lots of ways to get involved as a Land

Trust volunteer. If you like to be outside, join us every 2nd or 4th Tuesday at one of our outdoor work parties to care for our preserves. Contact us if you want to help in other ways and we'll find something that fits your interests and schedule.

Learn More!

Visit our website at www.saveland.org for upcoming opportunities, call 360.379.9501, or email info@saveland.org.



Volunteers planting trees at Upper Snow Creek Forest Preserve. Photo by Charles Espy.



Volunteer from Sunfield Farm and Waldorf School shares baby goat with visitors at our annual celebration and fundraising event.



The Land Trust offers a naturalist course each year. The invaluable assistance of up to 35 volunteers is what makes the course a success.



Volunteers celebrate the removal of invasive ivy at our S-Curve Preserve on Chimacum Creek.



Volunteer Coca Sanchez helps serve dinner at our annual celebration and fundraising event at Finnriver Farm & Cidery. Photo by Carole Huelsberg.

Volunteer Spotlight: Scotty Scott

Scotty Scott's lifelong passion for nature fueled a 40-year career as a science teacher. Now she's inspiring hundreds of students by volunteering with Jefferson Land Trust's local school partnerships.

Scotty helps with everything from designing lesson plans to meet state standards for K-12 public-school students, to overseeing our YMCA camp collaborations.

Among 7-12 year-olds, her most famous lesson is her Salmon

Habitat Obstacle Course. In it, kids traverse the threats salmon face: holding their breath in low-oxygen zones, dodging predators, and jumping obstacles to migrate upstream.

Scotty's always tried to make sure every child she works with experiences a meaningful connection to the natural world.

"Most of my teaching was nature-oriented. I tried to teach that all life is interdependent, that we're part of nature and so



Scotty leads a lesson at the Quimper Wildlife Corridor as part of our summer camp partnership with the YMCA.

we need to be even more than stewards. We need to think as brothers and sisters to all life and honor what nature gives us."

This is how you help the world, Scotty believes. "You start with the children and inspire them to love nature."



Volunteers at Lower Donovan Creek removing blue tubes that protected newly planted shrubs until they were strong enough to survive on their own.



Farmer Karyn Williams of Red Dog Farm poses with Rupert the Dog in 2007 to celebrate the first plowing of the farm's fields.



About Jefferson Land Trust

Jefferson Land Trust is a local, nonprofit land conservation organization dedicated to preserving the rural character and iconic landscapes of Jefferson County. In partnership with the community, the Land Trust has helped to protect and manage more than 16,500 acres of our area's most important places.

A land trust is a promise ... a promise we as a community make that in 50 years, 75 years, 100 years, the wild spaces and memory places of Jefferson County will still exist, and that the quality of life and legacy they represent will remain forever.



- Sound Finances
- Ethical Conduct
- Responsible Governance
- Lasting Stewardship

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Cover Photo: Rupert the Dog was the inspiration for Red Dog Farm's name. He was a loyal companion and hard working farm dog until his passing in 2017. Red Dog Farm was permanently protected by the Land Trust in 2011.

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