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The Cascade Land Conservancy is the first land trust in the state to be accredited by the Washington, D.C.-based Land Trust Alliance.



COVER PHOTO TAKEN BY **Skye Schell**. As the Community Engagement Manager at CLC, Skye knows a lot about getting involved. This photo was taken during a work party at the new Tukwila Community Garden.

Message from the President



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The Cascade and Olympic Agendas have led the country in a new way of conserving our landscapes, changing the notion of what conservation means. Conservation is no longer one dimensional, concerned with keeping people out of what we may want to save, but instead it is equally about making places that welcome people in. We must provide places where people in fact want to and can afford to live if we want to conserve our wild and working lands to keep doing what they do best; provide us clean air and clean water, food and fiber, recreation and habitat. As an organization dedicated to conserving our NW landscapes, over the last decade we have come to be deeply concerned with what it means to have an inclusive, inviting and resilient community. One we want to raise our families in and one they want to return to.

This newsletter is dedicated to our work around community. There is an article about Forest Stewards and the importance of volunteering in our own neighborhoods, in parks next door or down the street. As our Forest Stewards restore our urban woodland parks they also are making

our communities stronger and better, which sums to more welcoming cities. We also have a story about community gardens and how people of many cultures came together to create community spaces for growing food and along the way made our communities more cohesive. The Yakima River Canyon Scenic Byway is a story about a community coming together to conserve a stretch of river to make sure it is available for all – and in the process is improving the fly fishing experience on this state's only blue ribbon trout stream.

The newsletter stretches across both our geography and our understanding of what creates a great community. On the Olympic Peninsula, you'll read about citizens banding together to improve their communities, while maintaining and defining their land base. And Dr. Howard Frumkin, Dean of the University of Washington School of Public Health and a Professor of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences, reports on the fundamental importance of communities to our public health.

Our Cascade and Olympic Agendas are showing that we can live well, right alongside our natural world. Great communities and conservation of our vital landscapes no longer are opposites. We have demonstrated the only way to achieve both is to work hard for each.

Enjoy this autumn season.

Gene Duvernoy · President

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Our Vision

CONSERVATION AWARDS BREAKFAST MAY 2011



Jerry Johnson, Gene Duvernoy and John Rindlaub at Conservation Awards Breakfast

Representatives Bill Hinkle, Senator Scott White and Bruce Dammeier at Conservation Awards Breakfast

DUWAMISH ALIVE! APRIL 2011



Volunteers from Boeing at Duwamish Alive!



Girls Scouts pitch in for Duwamish Alive!

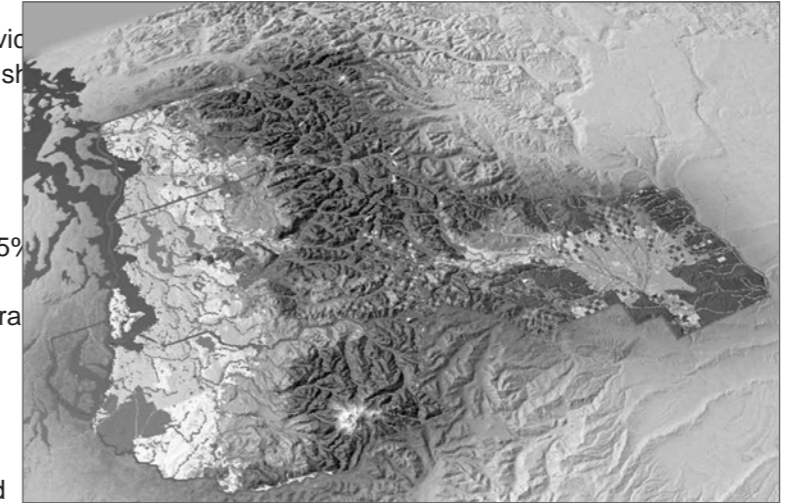
ISSAQUAH BIKE RIDE MAY 2011



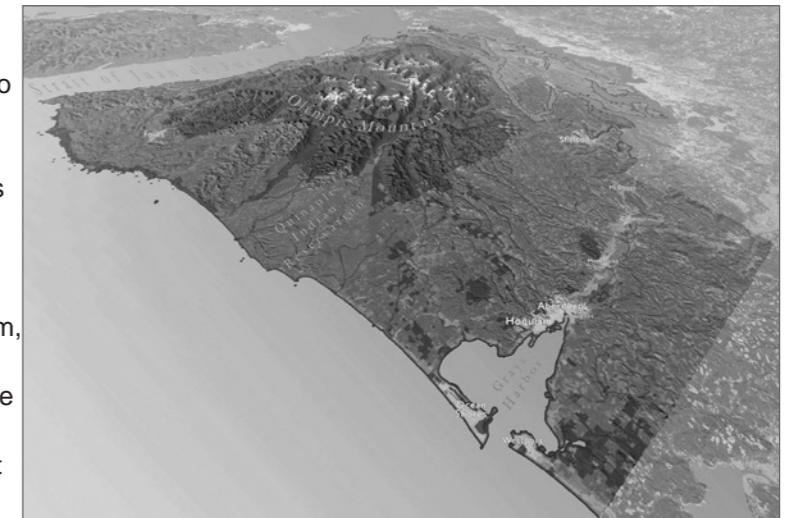
Riders enjoy the city tour in Issaquah

THE CASCADE AGENDA is a 100 year vision and immediate action plan for the lands and communities of our region. It is based on the input of thousands of residents across our region and offers pragmatic solutions to the challenges and opportunities created by our tremendous population growth. The Cascade Agenda's collective vision is grounded in the belief that a broad coalition can achieve fundamental change. It is a balanced approach to conservation and community building that encourages collaboration across all sectors and considers environmental, social and economic needs. The Cascade Agenda brings together business, civic and government leaders to accomplish two big goals:

- 1. Our Lands:** Protect 1 million acres of working forests (93% of existing timberland) and farms (85% of current agricultural lands) and 265,000 acres of shorelines, natural areas and parks.
- 2. Our Communities:** Maintain our rural economies and way of life and enhance the vibrancy and livability of our cities and towns.



THE OLYMPIC AGENDA is an emerging conversation with the residents of the Olympic Peninsula to shape a future of great communities and healthy landscapes. CLC is working with residents, organizations and businesses of the Peninsula to create a 100-year vision and immediate action plan for the lands, communities and economy of Clallam, Grays Harbor, Jefferson and Mason Counties. Drawing on the experience of creating The Cascade Agenda, CLC will identify and help implement strategies that will provide a non-regulatory guide to conservation and community growth.



Governor Dan Evans with Board Chair Peter Orser, Conservation Director Jill Arango and President Gene Durvernoy



Guests take in the sites at the Canyon River Lodge

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Urban Stewards Cornerstones of our Communities

By: Weston Brinkley, Stewardship Engagement Coordinator and Norah Kates, Green Cities Project Associate

By Josh Coben, Media Associate

The Olympic Peninsula is one of Washington's greatest natural, cultural and historic resources. It is home to stunning national parks, economically important working forests and farmlands, culturally significant tribal lands, vital ecosystems and, of course, a broad community of devoted residents. This diverse community is playing a key role in shaping The Olympic Agenda and molding the future of livable communities and working lands on the Peninsula.

Over the last two years, Cascade Land Conservancy has helped host hundreds of conversations, panel discussions and interviews with residents across the Olympic region. From that input, The Olympic Agenda began to form focused on increasing the economic vitality of the region, creating sustainable rural towns and cities and conserving the Peninsula's beneficial natural and working lands.

"The Olympic Agenda is an opportunity to get a new region and a new look and involve the Peninsula community in a broader effort towards sustainability," said Patti Case, CLC Board of Directors secretary, Green Diamond Resource Company public affairs manager and long-time resident of Mason County.

The Olympic Agenda is a long-range, 100-year vision for Mason, Clallam, Jefferson and Grays Harbor Counties that will help ensure

the long-term economic and environmental sustainability of this diverse region. Its goals hinge on the idea that great, livable communities naturally lend themselves to the conservation of great rural lands. When people have central communities in which to live, rural lands are left open for sustainable agriculture and forestry, protected parks and wild ecosystems.

The geographic isolation of Peninsula communities poses a unique challenge to The Olympic Agenda. With towns and cities often located hours apart, it can be difficult to craft and implement cohesive regional plans. Fortunately, leaders around the Peninsula have stepped up to facilitate collaborative progress on the Agenda.



"We have so many things in common on the Olympic Peninsula, and yet, people are in very isolated communities," said Patti. "But when I start to lay out the possibilities of working together as a region, people get really excited. It gets me going seeing how we interact with one another and how each community has some unique piece of a broader vision."

With dedicated residents working to rebuild our communities, strengthen their regional economy and conserve our treasured environments, the future of the Olympic Peninsula is looking bright.

Volunteers are an essential part of Cascade Land Conservancy's work to protect and restore Washington's beautiful rural landscapes and urban green spaces. Without them we simply could not achieve our important goals.

At the heart of our Green Cities Partnerships, volunteer Stewards are pulling weeds and laying mulch, coordinating planting plans and organizing their neighbors. The time, effort and dedication they give to the care of our urban parks and natural areas lay the foundations for community building and serve as the social link between people and the natural environment.

Trained in ecological restoration, event planning and volunteer recruitment by program staff from CLC and our partner organizations, each Steward selects a park or natural area they want to call their own. These Stewards are the on-the-ground leaders and community advocates for the parks and natural areas where they work.

Often paired in teams, the Steward's work is sometimes as much about fun and socializing as it is about pulling English ivy.

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Leading volunteer work parties is at the core of what Forest Stewards do. They harness the support from their communities to create successful restoration events that are engaging and effective. By helping others get involved, Stewards amplify their efforts tremendously. It is because of them that Green City Partnerships are able to receive over 100,000 hours of volunteer time each year. Doing so not only ensures a sound ecological future, it provides a venue for friends to come together and new relationships to form.

"When I see a child having a real encounter with a tree that she's planting, or when I hear someone at a work party saying, 'This is the first time I've ever picked up a shovel,' that's why I get out of bed in the



morning," said Dylan Mendenhall, Schmitz Park Forest Steward in Seattle."

Volunteering with the Green Cities program is just one way to get involved in your community. In addition to the 150+ Green City Stewards, Land Stewards help to restore CLC's properties and easements and Community Stewards work on urban policy issues. The work of Stewards furthers the twin goals of the Cascade and Olympic Agendas of community building and ecological health. These Stewards' work is essential for sustaining Washington's wonderful lands, cities and communities for generations to come.

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PLANTING a community

..... By Kristen McIvor, Community Garden Coordinator - Tacoma/Pierce County and Skye Schell, Community Engagement Manager



Skve Schell

Farming is in Dal Diyali's blood. His mother and father were farmers. He was a farmer before he came to Tukwila. It's part of the reason the Bhutanese refugee is excited about the new community garden that broke ground at the St. Thomas Church in Tukwila in April.

"People are very interested in producing the kind of food they used to garden in their homes. Food that's healthy, food that they have a hard time finding in the local grocery," said Diyali. "At the same time, it's an opportunity to share their cultural setting to build a greater community that connects them to their new home."

Community gardens are sprouting up all over Washington as more and more people choose to live in cities and want to connect to their environment, food supply and each other. Urban dwellers are learning how to grow their own food and live closer to their neighbors all while reaping the rewards of a ripe tomato fresh off the vine.

Spurred by their residents' desire to plant, cities are placing aside land for community gardens. The gardens are as diverse as the neighborhoods in which they reside and often contain organic vegetables, flowers, fruit, wildlife habitats, composting and much more. They increase access to healthy food, reduce crime, strengthen bonds between neighbors and offer educational opportunities about recycling the organic waste that cities produce.

Cascade Land Conservancy recognizes that by creating great communities where people choose to live, we can protect rural working and natural lands from development. Urban gardening is one of a variety of programs we're advancing that improve the quality of life for our urban residents across the region.

Last year, we collaborated with the International Rescue Committee—a national nonprofit that resettles refugees—and the St. Thomas Church to build a 70-plot community garden on the church grounds.

Parishioners, neighbors, students from next-door Foster High School and local refugee families elsewhere spent the past year planning, organizing and fundraising for the site. Finally, in April, they broke ground.

The produce will help create food self-sufficiency for new refugee families from Burma, Bhutan, Somalia and elsewhere; stock the church's food bank, and feed other Tukwila residents who lack ready access to fresh, healthy food. Teachers plan to use regular field trips to the garden as an experiential learning tool to teach biology, nutrition, math, life skills and more.



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Tukwila is certainly not alone in building gardens. In 2010, CLC partnered with Pierce County and numerous local environmental and health groups to create a Community Gardening program for Tacoma and Pierce County. Today, there are 42 community gardens throughout Pierce County, up from 13 gardens in 2008.

The Green Thumb Community Garden in Tacoma embodies the spirit of this program. The community members here have kept themselves busy with not one, but two community gardens. During the summer of 2010, they worked nearly every Saturday to build the garden on City of Tacoma property. It's home to a diverse collection of gardeners happily growing everything from collard greens to Asian mustards.

Neighborhood demand was huge and quickly outgrew Green Thumb's capacity. Through a partnership with the Puyallup tribe, neighborhood residents are working on building a second garden a block away on tribal

land. Aptly named the "Good Medicine Garden" it will house a medicinal herb garden with traditional tribal crops in addition to the individual plots assigned to residents.

In Tacoma, Tukwila and beyond, community members are working together to make their visions of the ideal neighborhood into a reality. With the help of community gardens, neighborhoods are becoming livable communities where people know each other, work together and enjoy a few sun-ripened tomatoes along the way.

> Join us on September 10th for the Harvest Tour in Tacoma. Check www.cascadeland.org for more info.



Skve Schell – what inspires me

I realized during a recent weekend work party at the new community garden in Tukwila that if I didn't need to work to pay the bills, this is exactly what I would do anyway. I get to organize residents in communities around the region, improving their cities' quality of life and supporting CLC's mission. It's most inspiring when the people I'm supporting in our Community Stewards groups take on real leadership, as John Johnson, Lisa Kreeger, Michele Peltonen and Janet Wall have done in Issaquah and Don Scanlon, Dal Diyali and others are doing in Tukwila. At a dinner with the team in Issaquah in June I was amazed when I realized that these are busy people spending an evening with us to plan out a 5-month strategy around a local land-use plan – not the most exciting project. It's these residents and their counterparts around the region that keep me energized.

Built Environments; Healthy Human Habitats

By Howard Frumkin, M.D., Dr.P.H. | Dean, University of Washington School of Public Health

Cascade Land Conservancy is dedicated to making our region great, through healthy communities in balance with nature. We have been engaging in a conversation with Dr. Howard Frumkin, Dean of the University of Washington School of Public Health, about the link between our built environment and public health.

Imagine for a moment that you're a zookeeper. You've just learned that a population of frogs will be arriving at your zoo and you want them to thrive. Needless to say, you'll give a lot of thought to their habitat. You know that humidity, temperature, light, flora, fauna and many other factors will play important roles, and you'll design their habitat accordingly.

It's remarkable how often we forget to consider the human habitat in the same way. We build for efficiency, or aesthetics, or for profit—all worthwhile goals—but we don't necessarily aim to create places in which humans will thrive. So if healthy places are a hallmark

of good places, how might this look? It would incorporate smart land use and transportation strategies, have ample access to green space and include architectural design that considers health in its building standards.

Land use and transportation strategies (variously called Traditional Neighborhood Development, New Urbanism and Smart Growth) include an array of strategies that promote health. Vibrant activity centers, good connectivity, pedestrian and bike infrastructure, transit and relatively high density all play a role.

Neighborhoods that promote routine physical activity through "active transportation"—biking to work, walking to school and so on—are health-promoting. Such routine physical activity doesn't require the perseverance of a gym membership, but is instead woven into daily life.

Interestingly, transit use promotes physical activity as well. A study at the Centers for Disease Control found that bus and rail commuters average 19 minutes of physical activity each day walking to and from their transit stops, and about one in three reach their recommended 30 minutes of daily physical activity. Regular physical activity is an enormously effective disease prevention

strategy, reducing the risk of high blood pressure, heart disease, cancer, stroke, diabetes, obesity, osteoporosis, depression and many other ailments.

Shifting from automobile travel does more than promote physical activity. Motor vehicles are a major source of air pollutants. In metro areas where these pollutants threaten health—triggering heart attacks, asthma attacks and other problems—reducing traffic can significantly improve air quality and protect the public.

Additionally, these design strategies also reduce the risk of car crashes. Car crashes are the leading cause of death among young people in our nation (and a galloping epidemic in the developing world). We've made progress through vehicle and road engineering, education and enforcement, but community design offers a powerful prevention strategy. Reduce your time in a high-risk environment—



Giyen Kim

the car—and reduce your risk of being in a crash.

Communities with mixed land use in which destinations are nearby, with reduced travel demand and with good pedestrian and transit infrastructure are communities that promote public health. **Urban planners and transportation planners are health professionals.**

Contact with nature is a second example. It has great intuitive appeal; most of us, if we have the choice, choose beautiful natural settings for our vacations and our recreational activities. This is more than intuition, there's a growing body of scientific evidence demonstrating concrete health benefits from nature contact.

A study in Pennsylvania showed that post-operative hospital patients recovered substantially faster and suffered less pain if their hospital windows looked out at trees compared to looking out at a brick wall. A study in Tokyo showed that elders living in green neighborhoods have lower mortality rates and live longer compared to elders in neighborhoods without trees. These are just two of many similar examples.

Healthy community design offers contact with nature where people

live, work, study and play. At the small scale, this means naturalistic playgrounds at schools and childcare settings, healing gardens at hospitals, trees along city streets and pocket parks in city centers. At the larger scale, this means parks and wildlife corridors throughout towns and cities woven into the residential and commercial fabric. **Landscape architecture, parks and recreation, and horticulture are health professions.**

A third and final example of designing and building for health takes us from planning to architecture. When you think of a healthy building you probably think of indoor air quality. Beginning with the 1973 oil crisis and continuing with modern energy-efficient construction, we've increasingly built tightly sealed buildings that reduce outside air circulation. We now know that this can degrade indoor air quality, causing discomfort and sometimes illness.

Many other aspects of building design and operation can also promote health, comfort and performance. Natural daylight helps improve academic and work performance, comfort and health. Noise levels need to be controlled in buildings. Noise exposure lowers concentration and performance, and contributes to high blood

pressure and other stress responses. And what about getting upstairs? Monumental elevators often dominate the lobby while stairways are clandestine affairs, hidden behind ominous cinder block walls. Attractive, airy, well lit staircases can seduce people into walking upstairs instead of riding—again, building physical activity into daily routines. We spend most of our time in buildings. They are our habitat. Fortunately, we know plenty of design strategies to make buildings safe, healthy habitats. **Architects are health professionals.**

So, from land use and transportation decisions, to nature contact, to building design, we have countless opportunities to design and build healthy places. If we do it right, we help win the battles against heart disease, cancer, stroke, diabetes, depression, injuries—some of the most stubborn and costly causes of premature death and avoidable suffering.

Habitat matters for us humans as much as it does for frogs. From the small scale of buildings, up through neighborhoods, to entire metropolitan areas, we can and should design places that are healthy and wholesome for all people.

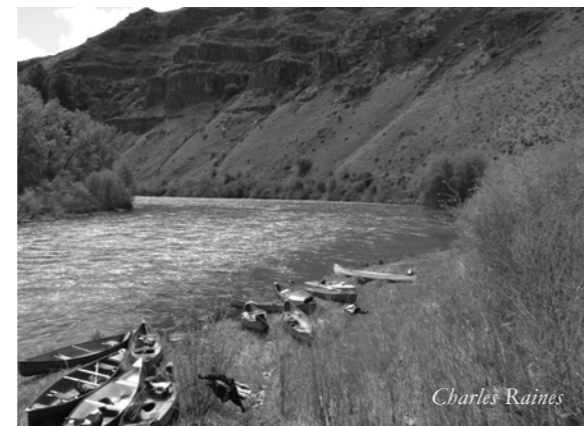
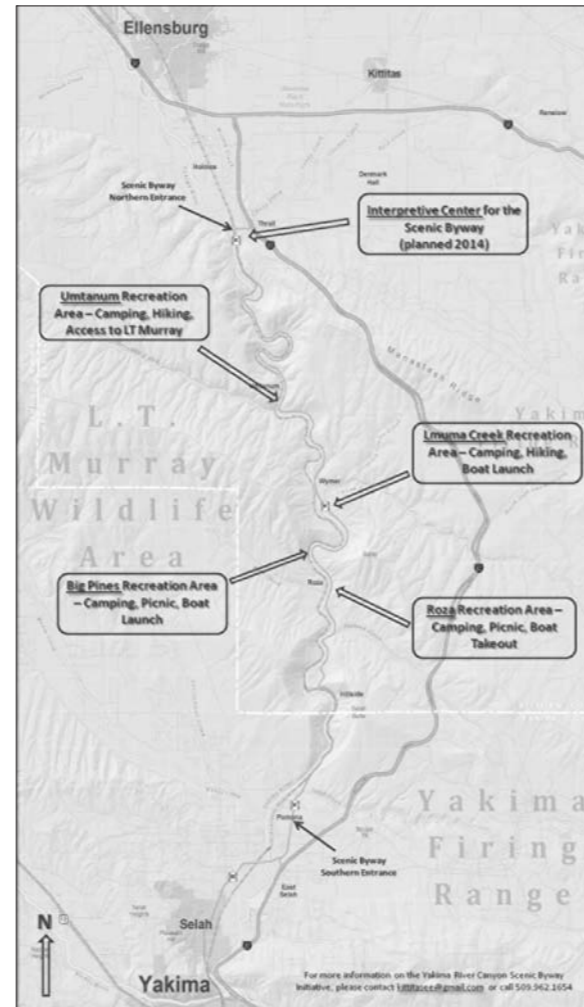
The Collaborative Conservation of Washington's Historic Byway

By Diedra Petrina, Project Associate - Kittitas County

In Central Washington you can drive for miles hugging the bank of a winding river etched into the beautiful landscape. This breath-taking drive is the realization of life-long community collaboration. The Yakima River Canyon Scenic Byway begins its southerly route in Ellensburg and finds its end near Yakima, in Selah. It travels through scenic shrub-steppe vistas and rich riparian lands and gives the driver an up-close look at important geological and cultural heritage sites.

The Byway is not just a scenic drive, but an oasis rich in Washington history. It became Washington State's first designated byway in 1968 and is a world-class drive for visitors and residents alike. In addition to vista viewing, the Yakima Canyon offers great opportunities for recreation including fly fishing, biking and river rafting. The Byway is the ultimate outdoor enthusiasts' playground. Despite its stunning scenery, historical significance and recreational offerings, the Byway still needs vast improvement to realize its full potential.

In 2009, Cascade Land Conservancy began leading an effort to highlight and prioritize the importance of the Byway for the economy and environment. The original plan for the Byway was never realized and now, more than 30 years later, a core group of 26 partners, landowners, non-profits and government agencies have formed to update and prioritize the original 1968 blueprint for the Byway. Doing so will allow us to forward that blueprint and enhance the communities and places of interest along the corridor.



Cascade Land Conservancy is in the process of raising funds to complete that effort and we're well underway with the plan update. We've been conducting community outreach in Kittitas and Yakima Counties and with recreation groups from across the state who enjoy the Canyon and all it has to offer. Responses from the outreach efforts will go directly into the update of the Corridor Management Plan.

This is true community collaboration. Voices from residents and stakeholders closest to the project, as well as those from around the region will be heard to craft a plan that is as unique as Central Washington itself. Working together, we'll ensure that generations to come will be able to enjoy this environmental, economic and recreational treasure.



ON THE GROUND IN THE YAKIMA RIVER CANYON SCENIC BYWAY

Cascade Land Conservancy is actively pursuing the purchase of 700 acres of land in the Canyon for permanent conservation. The property provides abundant recreational opportunities both along the Yakima River and on the upland hillsides. Currently two boat launches on the property serve thousands of local fly fishermen and river recreationalists annually. Additionally, there are several popular local hiking trails that either cross the property or are accessed nearby the property. The proposed acquisition will allow continued public access to these critical habitat lands.

To learn more visit www.cascadeland.org or call our office in Ellensburg at 509-962-1654

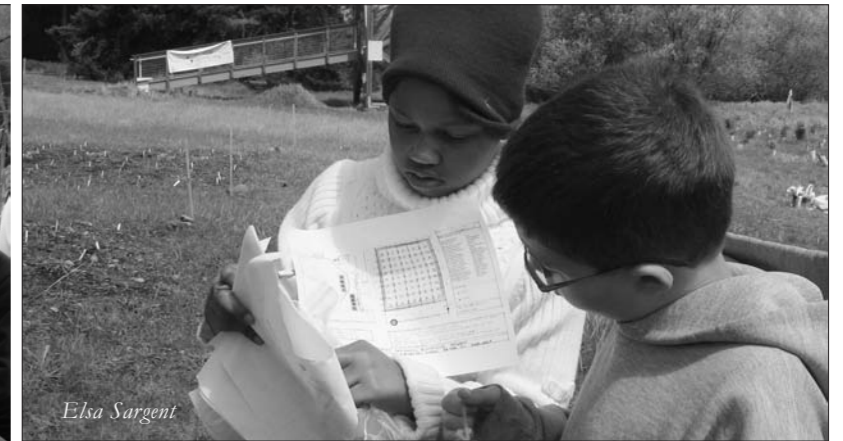
IN OUR BACKYARD

COMMUNITY BUILDING: THE MORSE WILDLIFE PRESERVE BOARDWALK PROJECT

BY HAYES SWINNEY, LAND STEWARDSHIP DIRECTOR

The 98-acre Morse Wildlife Preserve is one of Cascade Land Conservancy's premier environmental education sites and is supported by an amazing community of volunteers. Trails take visitors through the dry Douglas fir forest, into the mixed conifer forest and then out onto the prairie where there is an observation tower from which visitors can view from afar the Muck Creek wetlands complex. The varied landscape of the Preserve gives ample opportunity for education, especially in the forest and prairie where visitors can experience the habitat up close. With this in mind, the community of volunteers decided it was time to take the next step to provide visitors a chance to more intimately explore the wetlands of the Preserve.

A group of dedicated volunteers, known as the Morse Force, who assist in managing the Preserve envisioned a boardwalk that would allow visitors to experience the wetlands at close range. Building a boardwalk with minimal impact to the wetlands and with relatively little funds is no small feat. It takes a community who is willing to put everything it has into a project. The first phase of boardwalk construction is now complete and it was designed, funded, managed and constructed entirely by volunteers. When the boardwalk is complete, it will not only allow access to the wetlands, but to the forest on the other side which was previously inaccessible. Tahoma Audubon Society, our partner in education at the Preserve, is developing curriculum centered around the newly constructed boardwalk. And, the hard-working community of volunteers is beginning to raise money to finish the project. What can a small community accomplish? They can make a vision become a reality.



BY KRISTEN KOSIDOWSKI, OUTREACH PROGRAM MANAGER

The phrase "children are our future" is often overused. It is heard in speeches, on the radio, by politicians and organizations. But it is also true. Today's kids are our future city planners, architects, farmers, fishers and land stewards. Cascade Land Conservancy is working actively to engage youth with the lands in their communities, getting them excited now for the work they'll lead later.

Cascade Land Conservancy's youth engagement program provides hands-on environmental education opportunities for youth. We are sustaining and actively forging new partnerships with teachers, school districts and local organizations to achieve long-term, meaningful student participation. All over the region, students are building a deeper connection to their community and their environment through our educational partnerships.

At the Morse Wildlife Preserve in Graham, fourth and fifth graders from Rocky Ridge Elementary School visit in spring and fall to participate in a unique citizen science program. Started in 2008, the program joins students, teachers and CLC program advisors in designing and studying prairie restoration. The results of the students' efforts will inform future restoration work. In addition, this year's fifth grade class has begun mentoring the newest 2nd grade class, establishing legacy and connection to this project and the Morse Wildlife Preserve.

Tukwila's Duwamish Hill Preserve features an on-site outdoor classroom. Students from Thorndyke Elementary and Showalter Middle Schools have joined

teachers, CLC staff and neighborhood group Friends of the Hill to participate in environmental restoration and outdoor lessons highlighting the unique geology, archeology and ecology of the Hill. Teachers also now receive training and write curriculum to further their connection to this nearby outdoor classroom and its ecological and cultural heritage.

The strong partnership with Pierce Conservation District Stream Team and our volunteer Land Stewards brings more than 100 students from Elk Plain Elementary and Nelson Elementary Schools to Clover Creek Reserve in Parkland each year. Over the last 12 years, students have planted the stream banks with native trees and shrubs. Throughout each school year, students return to weed and water their plantings, survey the macro invertebrates in the stream, create leaf rubbings, nature haikus and sketches of native plants. Trees planted by previous students are an inspiration for the incoming classes as they continue stewarding the creek where so many have gone before.

Connecting students and youth groups with CLC lands and community parks allows young people to relate to – and return to – these special places. We help bring expertise in restoration while partner organizations strengthen the citizen science, observation and art elements of our shared youth programming. Through our educational programs, Cascade Land Conservancy is building a movement of individuals and groups to be stewards and advocates for the natural environment.

The People Behind the Land

On May 12th, Cascade Land Conservancy celebrated The People Behind the Land at our 16th annual Conservation Awards Breakfast. Over 1,800 people attended to honor the people on the ground who make the difference in our region.

Maryanne Tagney Jones, who recieved the lifetime achievement award, reflected on what makes our region special. "There's a deep bond between people and their land. Something in our souls makes us lift our gaze and see our hills and mountains." She thanked the audience for taking part in conserving the areas that we love and value, and also praised the other honorees for the work they do.

In addition to honoring community members who make a difference, Cascade Land Conservancy celebrated the passage of legislation that links the future of our communities with the conservation of our farms and forests. Governor Gregoire, on stage with the astonishing number of people who were involved in the bill, proudly signed it into law. These unique relationships are a testament to the power of community and what can be accomplished when we come together inspired by a single vision.



Laura Marchbanks



Laura Marchbanks

AWARDEES AT THE CONSERVATION AWARDS BREAKFAST:

FRANK PRITCHARD LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Maryanne Tagney Jones was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award for her extensive leadership in the conservation and environmental community. Her steadfast commitment to creating real change for the future of our community has been clearly demonstrated for over two decades through her involvement with a majority of the region's leading organizations and initiatives.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD
Veterans Conservation Corps were honored for their environmental restoration work with nearly 1,000 veterans. Consisting predominantly of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans, VCC is, in the words of member Jonathan Philips, "horticulture therapy." As the veterans volunteer to tend to a neglected property, pulling invasive weeds and planting native species, they're doing something both healthy and useful for themselves and the environment.

JOHN STANFORD EDUCATIONAL PROJECT AWARD

Friends of the Cedar River Watershed were honored for the Watershed Report and their work with local students to inspire the next generation of watershed stewards. These students are creating short videos about watershed trends learning how they can empower themselves and have a positive on impact their own future.

INNOVATIVE CONSERVATION PROJECT AWARD

WA State Department of Transportation was honored for the 1-90 Wildlife Bridges Project. The bridges will provide critical habitat and connectivity for wildlife migration, while improving safety for the traveling public and wild animals alike. The project was a collaborative effort from a diverse contingency of stakeholders including I-90 Wildlife Bridges Coalition, Conservation Northwest, Alpine Lakes Protection Society, Biodiversity Northwest, Kittitas Audubon Society, Mountains to Sound Greenway, Seattle Audubon Society, Sierra Club and The Cascades Conservation Partnership.

NEW DIRECTIONS FOR LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

McCarver Elementary School was honored for the Zina Linnik project. The McCarver community came together in the face of a tragedy with an important, self-directed vision to turn something heartbreaking into something beautiful. In the wake of Zina's abduction and murder, the community rebuilt McCarver park into something truly special. The beautifully restored park is a space for fun and learning.



Cascade Land Conservancy's members make up the community that supports the breadth of all of our programming. From restoring urban green-space to protecting our precious lands, it is our member community that makes the difference.

We are proud to partner with several businesses and non-profits, growing our community and inviting you to join us. The Membership Benefits Program lets members make their gift go one step further and opens up new opportunities to support local businesses and organizations.

Become a member today for \$35 and you join the greater community of CLC connecting yourself to other businesses and organizations committed to making our region the best it can be.

Benefits of becoming a member include discounts at:

- EverGreen Escapes
- Full Circle
- Keeney's Office Supply
- Nube Green
- Olympic Park Institute
- Tacoma Art Museum
- Zipcar

You also receive our quarterly newsletter, updates about events and opportunities and monthly newsletters. Find out more by visiting www.cascadeland.org/support-us/become-a-member



Scott Kirby

In May, 17 volunteers from the Seattle Sounders volunteerism program United We Serve joined with Cascade Land Conservancy staff to continue sheet mulching on the lower back side of the Duwamish Hill Preserve in Tukwila. Three Sounders players joined us—2 of whom had played a full game against Kansas City the day before!

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THE PEOPLE of OUR COMMUNITY: Mike Melancon

By Emiko Blalock, *Membership and Marketing Coordinator*



Laughter comes easy for Mike Melancon. His personality invites you in and during conversation you feel at once the most important person in the room and that there will be many insights provided to you. He has led a long career as a consultant, assisting the work of organizations by increasing their interpersonal effectiveness.

His involvement with CLC includes this type of architectural change management, and in talking with Mike, he spoke of his partnership with us, his own passions and what inspires him in his work and life.

Mike is not only a colleague of Cascade Land Conservancy, but also an ardent supporter of the work we do. Since his semi-retirement several years ago, he has learned to be more intentional about the work that he takes on and more deliberate about which causes he supports professionally. We are lucky to have his generosity of time and spirit in investing in our work, and being an advocate for our vision.

"I semi-retired in order to pursue Zen practice and was ordained as a Zen chaplain in March of this year," Mike said when asked about how he decides to spend his time now.

He's become "more spacious" over the last several years and thus become more conscientious about what he's involved in. He has more space to really get to the heart of what motivates us as a community.

"Why do we all come together?" he asked. He explained that it is this type of question that assists in his own self-reflection and inspires him to be involved.

When asked further about how to really harness the strength of community, Mike began to describe the idea of taking small bites out of one vision. The most essential part of community and collaboration is having a shared vision.

"Then it is breaking that vision down into bite size pieces, and sharing that vision with others so that they can act, and take a bite." Each person can have a piece and act on making that part of the vision come to life.

Like visionary nourishment, I suggested? "Yes, but everyone needs to take a bite," he answered.

CHAIR'S PERSPECTIVE

Community is one of the most important parts of Cascade Land Conservancy, and in essence, what has built our organization and made it so innovative and visionary. The Cascade and Olympic Agenda's 100 year visions are a call to action from these communities, not for these communities. Our collaborations and entrepreneurial partnerships build a creative community committed to making a difference. As Chair of the Board, I see first-hand the change that members of a community can make. They pull together to build boardwalks, plant community gardens and envision a once forgotten dream reborn in the Yakima River Canyon Scenic Byway. At first glance, some may assume that our efforts are only focused on the land. In large part they are, but it is the community of people that appreciate this land that makes our work relevant and possible. I am confident that our broad coalition of supporters (yet another form of community) can achieve the fundamental changes that will retain our region's natural wonder and reputation as a great place to live.



Peter Orser

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Harvest Tour in Tacoma	Tacoma and Pierce County	Sat 9/10/2011
Birding Tour in Grays Harbor	Gray's Harbor, Olympic Peninsula	Sat 9/24/2011
Guided Mushroom Walk	Maxine G. Morse Nature Conservancy, Pierce County	Sat 10/8/2011
Duwamish Alive! restoration event (volunteers needed)	Duwamish Hill Preserve, King County	Sat 10/15/2011
Duwamish Hill Preserve restoration event (volunteers needed)	Duwamish Hill Preserve, King County	Sat 11/19/11

GREEN CITY PARTNERSHIP EVENTS

Green Seattle Day restoration event (volunteers needed)	Multiple parks throughout the city	Sat 11/5/2011
Green Tacoma Day and National Public Lands Day (volunteers needed)	Tacoma Nature Center with 15 other locations throughout Tacoma	Sat 9/24/2011 10am to 2pm
Green Redmond Partnership volunteer event	Watershed Preserve Redmond	Sat 8/6/2011
Green Redmond Partnership volunteer event	Farrel-McWhirter Park Redmond	Sat 8/27/2011
Green Redmond Partnership volunteer event	Farrel-McWhirter Park Redmond	Sat 9/24/2011
Green Redmond Partnership volunteer event	Watershed Preserve Redmond	Sat 10/1/2011