



ANNUAL REPORT 2007

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Greenways Land Trust (GLT) works to enhance the community through the creation, protection, and management of greenways. The society is run by a volunteer board of 7 dedicated members; we had 4 part time and 1 seasonal staff in 2007. The GLT attended 1 workshop and was involved with 9 funded projects in 2007, including stewardship and mapping projects, children's education programs, and stream restoration activities. The GLT is involved in community planning, and provided comments on 2 major, 9 minor, 5 subdivision/strata, 1 official community plan and 2 referral development applications. The GLT takes an active role in the community; throughout the year, directors and staff attended regular meetings of 10 local groups and organizations. In 2007, the GLT promoted the society and other groups' endeavors at 3 public events, 3 fund-raising events, 3 property maintenance events, 1 sponsorship and 6 guided hikes. The GLT gratefully recognizes the support of our numerous sponsors.

INTRODUCTION

The Greenways Land Trust is a charitable organization that was established in 1996, in order to address the community's expressed desire to preserve greenspace and develop a pedestrian trail network. The Land Trust's founding members included staff from the District of Campbell River, the Ministry of Forests, and Fisheries and Oceans Canada, as well as volunteers from local businesses, stream stewardship groups, academics, and community-minded individuals.

The mission of the Greenways Land Trust is to enhance the community through the creation and management of greenways networks, based on principles of stream and land stewardship and development, within public and private property partnerships.

The goals of the organization are:

- To work with the City of Campbell River, community stewardship groups, and landowners to plan and develop a Greenways Habitat Corridor System.
- To act as a community resource centre on issues of land and stream stewardship.
- To act as an agency to accept and manage environmentally sensitive land.

The area of interest covered by the Greenways Land Trust is from the Oyster River to Chatham Point and from the height of land on Vancouver Island to the mainland coast.

The information contained in this annual report covers the twelve-month period from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007.

This report describes the profile of the organization during this time, and summarizes the projects and activities completed. Further information is always available from our office.

ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE

The Greenways Land Trust is a non-profit society (S36048) with charitable status (888992534 RR0001). A volunteer board of directors is elected by the membership at the Annual General Meeting for a term of one year. The Board of Directors in January 2007 consisted of the following members:

President: Jerry Fletcher, Aquaculture Technician - Semi-Retired
 Past president: Ron Burrell, Registered Professional Forester
 Vice President: Barbara Phipps, Campbell River Garden Centre
 Secretary/ Treasurer: Bob Dice, Engineering Program Supervisor – Ministry of Forests
 Director: Chuck DeSorcy, Electronics Specialist - NavCanada
 Director: Richard Hamilton, retired school teacher
 Director: Sue McDonald, Biologist/ GIS Technician, Western Forest Products
 Director: Barry Ross, First Mate and Ship’s Technician

At the AGM held on June 13th, 2007, the following Board of Directors was elected:

President: Ron Burrell, Registered Professional Forester
 Past president: Jerry Fletcher, Aquaculture Technician - Semi-Retired
 Vice President: Richard Hamilton, retired school teacher
 Treasurer: Bob Dice, Engineering Program Supervisor – Ministry of Forests
 Secretary: Lesley Fell
 Director: Chuck DeSorcy, Electronics Specialist - NavCanada
 Director: Barry Ross, First Mate and Ship’s Technician

The Greenways Land Trust employed the following part-time staff during 2007:

Luisa Richardson, Operations Manager (January – May 2007)
 Lesley Fell, Operations Assistant (April – June, 2007)
 Erin Pierce, Operations Manager (July – Dec 2007)
 Cathy Skalk, Bookkeeper (Jan – Dec 2007)
 Drew MacLennan, summer student (full-time June – August, 2007)

The Greenways Land Trust was grateful for the support of 47 individual members in 2007.

PROJECTS

New Projects

The GLT worked on a number of new projects in 2007. Project names listed are the same as those on the application for funding, with the working name in brackets. Details listed below:

Project Name: *Caddisfly Creek Mapping Project*

Description: Mapping and surveying the upper portion of Caddisfly creek and an un-named stream located between Caddisfly Creek and Woods Creek. Mapping and incorporating these salmon bearing streams into the OCP and sensitive stream atlas will ensure these streams receive protection under Riparian Act Regulations.

Products: Map and inventory completion.

Funding approved: \$2,905

Funding agency: Pacific Salmon Foundation

Duration / Status: Complete Spring 2008.

Project Name: *Haig-Brown Kids Camp*

Description: Haig-Brown Kids Camp runs for eight weeks (July-Aug) and takes place on the Haig-Brown property. This camp provides unique opportunities for children to focus on salmon habitat and the larger picture: the interactions between humans, nature and the conservation of salmon habitat.

Products: Children develop an appreciation of local ecology

Funding approved: \$1,500

Funding agency: Pacific Salmon Foundation

Duration / Status: Complete Summer 2007.

Project Name: *Kingfisher Creek Habitat Restoration – Phase 1*

Description: Remove invasive plants species and re-naturalize with native species in the Kingfisher Creek Riparian area.

Products: 535 plant and shrubs planted in riparian area, browse guards on Western Red Cedar, and Alder species thinned to allow conifers species to establish.

Funding approved: \$5000

Funding agency: Pacific Salmon Foundation

Duration / Status: Completed Spring 2008.

Project Name: *Shell Stewardship Project*

Description: Information kiosks to be constructed and erected in three of our local watersheds: Simms, Willow and Nunn's Creek. The purpose of this project is to increase the public's interest in our local watershed activities.

Products: Three information kiosks to be constructed.

Funding approved: \$5,000

Funding agency: Shell Canada

Duration / Status: Completed 2008.

Project Name: *Earth Day 2007***Description:** The “Broom Bash” event was coordinated and implemented for the Myrt Thompson Trail on April 21, 2007.**Products:** Over 60 volunteers (140 volunteer hrs) removed Scotch Broom, Himalayan Blackberry, and garbage from the Myrt Thompson trail along the Campbell River Estuary.**Funding approved:** \$1000**Funding agency:** Starbucks “Make your Mark” Program**Duration / Status:** Complete Spring 2007.

Project Name: *Public Involvement Program 2007-08***Description:** Funds were distributed to local stewardship groups for a variety of projects, including stream restoration, fish fences, watershed assessment, administration, and technical support for watershed enhancement.**Products:** Various. Inquire at GLT office for details.**Funding approved:** \$22,000 – 90% received in 2007**Funding agency:** Fisheries and Oceans Canada**Duration / Status:** Ongoing. Completion date: end March 2008

Project Name: *Summer Career Placements Program (HRDC SCP 2007)***Description:** Drew McLennan was hired as a summer student to fill the Conservation Project Assistant position; main responsibility was to support the Operations Manager in daily activities.**Products:** Various.**Funding approved:** base wage HRSDC, wage top-up and MERC’s from PIP**Funding agency:** Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada Public Involvement Program**Duration / Status:** Complete Summer 2007

Project Name: *Campbell River Signage***Description:** Construct, prefabricate and install 2 kiosks on Raven Trail**Funding approved:** \$5124.98**Funding agency:** Vancouver Foundation**Duration / Status:** Letter of Intent, invitation for a full application granted – GLT declined to pursue

Project Name: *Stewardship Works***Description:** Core Funding Grant**Funding approved:** \$2500 – \$5000 per year, up to two years**Funding agency:** Stewardship Council of BC**Duration / Status:** Application declined

Additional Projects

During 2007, Discovery Coast Greenways Land Trust continued to administer the following projects on behalf of other groups:

Project Name: *Oyster Bay Wetlands*

Description: In 2001, the Oyster Bay Group requested that the GLT administer the funds collected by the group, originally for the purposes of the acquisition of 640 acres of land owned by Weyerhaeuser. As of December 2003, a private investment company is purchasing the land for housing development. The funds raised by the community will be used to protect areas of the property that will not be developed, either by conservation covenant or acquisition.

Funding GLT continues to administer for OBW: \$2095

Funding agency: Private donors

Duration / Status: In progress, on-going

Project Name: *Discovery Coast Stewards*

Description: An association of local stewardship groups, collectively known as the Discovery Coast Stewards, requested that the GLT administer funds raised by the groups for the purposes of stream stewardship activities.

Products: Project reports, in-stream and near-stream habitat improvements and fish enhancement

Funding GLT continues to administer for DCS: \$ 4771.00

Funding agency: Private and corporate donors, fundraising activities.

Duration / Status: On-going

PRODUCTS AND SERVICES –

In 2007, the Greenways Land Trust continued to explore a number of organizational development strategies in an endeavor to move towards self-sustainability. GPS, GIS, and ecological inventory services were contracted out for projects being completed by stewardship groups, government agencies, businesses, and individuals. Products such as maps, watershed trail brochures have been marketed on a small scale at community events and on an individual basis.

TRAINING/WORKSHOPS –

Coastal Invasive Plant Committee

Spring 2007 – Attendees (Luisa Richardson, Roy Myers and Barb Phipps)

Interpretative Training,

Spring 2007 – Attendee (Rod Burns)

First Aid Certification, St. Johns Ambulance

Summer 2007 – Attendees (Ron Burrell, Richard Hamilton, Jerry Fletcher)

COMMUNITY PLANNING

The Greenways Land Trust commented on a variety of planning processes, including 2 major development proposals. Greenways Land Trust staff or Board members were members of or regular attendees at meetings of the following groups or organizations: Beaver Lodge Forest Lands Committee, Environmental Advisory Committee, Development Advisory Committee, Concerned Citizens of Coal Bed Methane, Haig-Brown Centennial Event, Stewardship Council, Elk Falls Community Advisory Committee, Community in Bloom Committee and Campbell River Salmon Foundation.

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND FUND-RAISING

The Greenways Land Trust promoted the work of our organization and others at a variety of public or invited events, which are listed below in chronological order.

Event: Beer and Burger Night

Date: February 23, 2007

Details: GLT and volunteers hosted the beer and Burger night and Silent Auction at the Royal Coachman.

Event: North Island Science fair

Date: February 24, 2007

Details: GLT and Simms Creek stewards demonstrated interactive watershed model at the fair, promoting awareness of watersheds and ways to protect them.

Event: MARS Open House

Date: March 6, 2007

Details: GLT and Simms Creek stewards demonstrated interactive watershed model at the MARS open house.

Event: Pacific Salmon Foundation Dinner

Date: March 24, 2007

Details: GLT organized a total of 33 volunteers over three days to help host the Pacific Salmon fund-raising dinner.

Event: Earth Day Broom Bash

Date: April 21 2007

Details: GLT hosted a day to pull invasive plant species from the Myrt Thompson Trail. This event was very successful with over 140hrs of volunteer time logged.

Event: Guided Hike: "Over the hedge: When Garden Plants go Wild"

Date: April 28, 2007

Details: The GLT led a walk on the King Fisher Creek watershed and through Haig Brown property providing examples of garden plants invading natural areas and suggestions of how to prevent the spread of new invasive plants. Sixteen people attended this walk.

Event: Greenways Gallop

Date: May 12, 2007

Details: Over 60 runners and walkers signed up for this 5km Fun Run.

Event: Guided Hike: “Creek Matters: The Nunns Creek Watershed”

Date: May 27, 2007

Details: Nunns Creek Stewards led a walk through the Nunns Creek watershed to illustrate how urbanization can affect a stream. Six people attended this walk.

Event: Oceans Day

Date: June 9, 2007

Details: GLT staff and volunteers participated in a celebration of Oceans Day. The Stewardship display included the interactive watershed model, which again proved to be a big hit with the crowd.

Event: Guided Hike: “The Last Rain”

Date: June 23, 2007

Details: Simms Creek Stewards led a walk through the Simms Creek watershed illustrating how water can be retained in a forest throughout the dry summer. Nine people attended this walk.

Event: Guided Hike: “A Date with History”

Date: July 13, 2007

Details: Barb Phipps led a walk through to Ripple Rock to identify many of the same plants that early explorers saw. One person attended this walk.

Event: Guided Hike: “An Experience in Stream-Keeping”

Date: July 15, 2007

Details: Woods Creek Stewards led a walk through the Woods Creek watershed illustrating restoration projects completed by local stewards. No people attended this walk.

Event: Guided Hike: “I Came, I Saw, I Wondered – Then I Got Involved”

Date: Aug 27th, 2007

Details: Chuck DeSorcy led a walk through Willow Creek highlighting the struggles facing this protected area. Twelve people attended this walk.

Event: Haig – Brown Festival and Rivers Day

Date: September 30, 2007

Details: GLT set up a display at the festival on the Haig-Brown Property. The events were well attended, with much interest from the public in the displays.

Event: Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup

Date: September 22, 2007

Details: The GLT promoted the cleanup amongst the stewardship community, and one group of volunteers collected multiple loads of trash Nunns Creek Park.

LAND PROTECTION

The Greenways Land Trust follows the Land Trust Alliance of BC's "Land Trust Standards and Practices," which can be viewed at <http://landtrustalliance.bc.ca/public/product.htm#Standards>.

The Board of Directors remains active in the consideration of potential conservation covenants or land acquisitions around the community. The GLT currently participates in the management of the Beaver Lodge Forest Trust Lands, Haig-Brown Property and the Campbell River Estuary.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Greenways Land Trust wishes to thank our sponsors in 2007, as listed under their respective projects. In addition, we wish to acknowledge the substantial support of the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General. Gaming funds provide support for all of our programs.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS - continued

GLT has the privilege to continue our work into 2008 only due to our dedicated members, supporters and volunteers. We want to thank each and every generous individual, organization, and company who has chosen to contribute to GLT in the past year. We are very grateful for your continued support!

GLT Supporters in 2007:

A.J. Larson	Ministry of Forests
AFTEC Services	MEC
Action Sports	Moeller and Company
Arts Council	Museum at Campbell River
Beaver Lodge Trust Committee	Nature Conservancy of Canada
Browns Bay Marina	Noon Hour Rotary Club
Bruce Saunders	Nunns Creek Stewards
Campbell River Community Network	Oyster Bay Streamkeepers
CR Gaming Association	Outward Bound Canada
CR Garden Center	Pacific Salmon Foundation
Campbell River Mirror	Comox-Strathcona Regional District
Campbell River TV	Quinsam Hatchery
Campbell River Volunteer Centre	Redden Net
Coastal Community Credit Union	RiverCorp
Courier Islander	River Runners
Chances Campbell River	River Sportsman
Carihi Secondary	Royal Trust
Christine Scott	Shell Canada
City of Campbell River	Silky's Restaurant
Crydermann Running Clinics and Coaching	Simms Creek Stewards
Daybreak Rotary Club	Starbucks
Dogwood Pet Mart	Storie Creek Streamkeepers
Ducks Unlimited	Shorerunners
Fisheries and Oceans Canada	Spinners Sport
GLT Members and Volunteers	Spokes
Haig-Brown Festival Committee	The Framing Post
Haig-Brown Institute	Tyee Marine
Healthyway	Thrifty Foods
Human Resources Development Canada	Quality Foods
Jerry Fletcher	Willow Creek Watershed Society
Land Trust Alliance of BC	97.3 The Eagle