



# ANNUAL REPORT 2005

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## ***EXECUTIVE SUMMARY***

The Greenways Land Trust works to enhance the community through the creation, protection, and management of greenways. The society is run by a volunteer board of directors and had one full time position and six part time or seasonal staff members in 2005. The GLT completed 11 funded projects in 2005, including stewardship and restoration projects, public education programs, and water/ land conservation activities. The GLT is involved in community planning, and provided comments on major and minor planning applications. The GLT takes an active role in the community; throughout the year, directors and staff attended regular meetings of 17 local groups and organizations. In 2005, the GLT promoted the society and other groups' endeavors at 17 public events. The Greenways Land Trust gratefully recognizes the support of our 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 District 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, 2005 to December 31, 2005.

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 2005 consisted of the following members:

President: Ron Burrell, Registered Professional Forester  
Vice President: Jerry Fletcher, Aquaculture Technician - Semi-Retired  
Secretary/ Treasurer: Bob Dice, Engineering Program Supervisor – Ministry of Forests  
Director: Irv Penner, Forestry Consultant  
Director: Chuck DeSorcy, Electronics Specialist - NavCanada  
Director: Barry Ross, First Mate and Ship's Technician  
Director: John Ebert, Retired  
Director: Brian Giles,  
Director: Barbara Phipps

At the Annual General Meeting, held April 13, 2005, Sue McDonald and Gordon McLaughlin were elected as directors. John Ebert, Brian Giles and Irv Penner declined continued Director positions. The remainder of the Board was re-elected to their former positions.

The Greenways Land Trust employed the following staff during 2005:

Andy Telfer, Executive Director (full time, January- February, 2005)  
Danielle Cryderman, Operations Manager (full time, April- December 2005)  
Cathy Skalk, Office Assistant (part time, January - December, 2005)  
Magdalena Hryniewicz -Moczulski, Project Assistant (full time, June – September, 2005)  
Derek Anderson, Quinsam Hatchery Grounds Maintenance Labourer (part time, July- September, 2004)  
Ben Peters, Quinsam Hatchery Grounds Maintenance Labourer (part time, August –September, 2004)  
Dave Cuning, Labourer (part time, August 2004)  
Sam Wiedeman, Invasive Plant Coordinator (January-April 2005)

The Greenways Land Trust was grateful for the support of 60 individual members in 2005.

## ***PROJECTS***

### ***New Projects***

The GLT worked on a number of new projects in 2005. Project names listed are the same as those on the application for funding, with the working name in brackets. Brief descriptions follow, in alphabetical order:

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**Project Name:** *Baikie Area Buffer Planting (Baikie 2003-4)*

**Description:** A vegetative buffer will be created between protected green spaces in the Campbell River estuary and adjacent privately owned lands.

**Products:** Buffer completion.

**Funding approved:** \$70,000

**Funding agency:** City of Campbell River, Nature Conservancy of Canada, Forest 20/20, BC Hydro Regreening

**Duration / Status:** Ongoing.

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**Project Name:** *Baikie Backchannel Creation on Baikie Island – Phase 1 - Planning*

**Description:** The planning and testing on Baikie Island were completed; plans for a marsh bench were reviewed further due to sediments found. The marsh bench and backchannel will be excavated and constructed being aware of the 2005 fisheries window and using due diligence on excavated soils.

**Products:** Plans forwarded for commencement in 2005.

**Funding approved:** \$315,000

**Funding agency:** City of Campbell River, Nature Conservancy of Canada, Pacific Salmon Foundation, BC Hydro Bridge Coastal Restoration Program

**Duration / Status:** Start date set for March 2005.

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**Project Name:** *Return to the River Baikie Island Backchannels – Phase 2: Construction/Implementation*

**Description:** Construction of a marsh bench and backchannel to create salmon and wildlife habitat in the Campbell River estuary.

**Products:** Excavation produced 17,807 square metres of new habitat, temporary signage

**Funding approved:** \$ 327,108.04

**Funding agency:** City of Campbell River, Nature Conservancy of Canada, Pacific Salmon Foundation, BC Hydro Bridge Coastal Restoration Program

**Duration / Status:** Construction Phase complete.

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**Project Name:** *Beaver Lodge Forest Lands Management (BLFL)*

**Description:** The GLT is working with the Ministry of Forests, Beaver Lodge Trust Committee, City of Campbell River, and North Island College to manage the Beaver Lodge Forest Lands. GLT performed trail maintenance, graffiti removal, trail assessment, financial management, signage, equipment investment, local school relations, education for volunteer work, negotiate a community-based management structure for the Beaver Lodge Forest Lands, and methods to achieve that goal.

**Products:** Ongoing.

**Funding approved:** \$27,182

**Funding agency:** Salvage harvest (\$25,000 invested), Friends of Beaver Lodge

**Duration / Status:** Ongoing.

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**Project Name:** *Earth Day 2005*

**Description:** The “Pitch in for the Estuary” event was coordinated and implemented for April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23rd, 2005.

**Products:** Over 250 volunteer hours were spent removing Scotch Broom, Himalayan Blackberry, and garbage from the Maple Street trail along the Campbell River Estuary and Baikie Island. Debris was burnt in early May

**Funding approved:** \$2053.27

**Funding agency:** Nature Conservancy of Canada, Starbucks “Make your Mark” Program

**Duration / Status:** Complete

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**Project Name:** *Oceans Day 2005*

**Description:** The GLT and Discovery Coast Stewards participated in the coordination, promotion, and implementation of this public awareness and education event. GLT staff and volunteers participated in this event, which was held at the Maritime Heritage Centre and Government docks. Stewardship displays, children’s activities, seafood sampling, boat tours, and ocean life were features of the event.

**Products:** 1000 people participated in a community-wide event promoting ocean stewardship.

**Funding approved:** \$3500; \$700 earned via raffle and dunk tank

**Funding agency:** Fisheries and Oceans Canada (\$1000), Coastal Community Credit Union (\$2500)

**Duration / Status:** Complete.

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**Project Name:** *Bear Smart*

**Description:** Educational and mapping project exploring human-bear conflicts and interaction areas. Information includes how to minimize bear attractants in residential areas.

**Products:** Educational brochures, citywide information included with garbage schedule, maps of bear-human interaction within City limits.

**Funding approved:** \$5000

**Funding agency:** Ministry of Forests

**Duration / Status:** Ongoing. Completion date: end March 2006

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**Project Name:** *Public Involvement Program (PIP) 2004-5*

**Description:** Funds were distributed to local stewardship groups for a variety of projects, including stream restoration, fish fences, watershed assessment, fundraising for Baikie Island Project through applications, administration, and GIS support for stewardship.

**Products:** Various project reports. Inquire at GLT office for details.

**Funding approved:** \$22,000 – 90% received in 2004

**Funding agency:** Fisheries and Oceans Canada

**Duration / Status:** Completed end March 2005

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**Project Name:** *Public Involvement Program (PIP) 2005-6*

**Description:** Funds were distributed to local stewardship groups for a variety of projects, including stream restoration, fish fences, watershed assessment, and fundraising for Baikie Island Project through applications, administration, and GIS support for stewardship.

**Products:** Various project reports. Inquire at GLT office for details.

**Funding approved:** \$22,000 – 90% received in 2005

**Funding agency:** Fisheries and Oceans Canada

**Duration / Status:** Ongoing. Completion date: end March 2006

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**Project Name:** *Summer Career Placements Program (HRDC SCP 2005)*

**Description:** Magdalena Hryniewicz-Moczulski was hired as a summer student filling the Project Assistant position to complete work on volunteer programs such as trail maintenance, Youth Stewards, outreach and communications.

**Products:** Volunteer work day events, inaugural year of Youth Stewards, newsletter, poster

**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.

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**Project Name:** *Youth Stewards*

**Description:** Local youth aged 14-18 were trained and participated in watershed enhancement volunteer projects.

**Products:** Volunteer work projects, trained youth volunteers

**Funding approved:** GLT staff for organization, planning, and implementation

**Funding agency:** Fisheries and Oceans Canada Public Involvement Program

**Duration / Status:** To be completed in March 2006

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### ***Additional Projects***

During 2005, Discovery Coast Greenways Land Trust continued to administer the following projects on behalf of other groups:

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**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

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**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:** \$  
**Funding agency:** Private and corporate donors, fundraising activities.  
**Duration / Status:** In progress, on-going

### ***PRODUCTS AND SERVICES***

In 2005, Greenways Land Trust continued to explore a number of organizational development strategies in an endeavour 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, magnets, and books, have been marketed on a small scale at community events and on an individual basis.

### ***COMMUNITY PLANNING***

The Greenways Land Trust commented or made presentations on a variety of planning processes, including the Integrated Stormwater Management Plans, Development Permit Guidelines for Streamside areas, Development Permit Guidelines for the Campbell River Estuary area, and ongoing revision of the environment chapter for Campbell River's Official Community Plan. The GLT is part of the referral process for development applications to the City of Campbell River, and as such, provides comment on a number of private development applications.

Greenways Land Trust staff or Board members were members of or regular attendees at meetings of the following groups or organizations: Campbell River Daybreak Rotary, Campbell River Noon Rotary Club, Campbell River Environmental Council, Campbell River Estuary Management Commission, CCR's Advisory Planning Commission, CCR's Development Liaison Group, City of Campbell River Stewardship Awards Committee, Land Trust Alliance of BC, Nunns Creek Stewards Society, Oyster Bay Group, Pacific Streamkeepers Federation, Seagrass Conservation Group, Simms Creek Stewardship Group, Sportsfishing Advisory Group, Storie Creek Streamkeepers, Upper Island Land Trusts Group, and Willow Creek Watershed Society.

### ***PUBLIC OUTREACH***

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:** *Pacific Salmon Foundation Gala Dinner, Auction, and Dance*

**Date:** March 19, 2005

**Details:** GLT volunteers assisted in the coordination of this fundraising dinner, which raised over \$40,000 in support of local stream restoration projects.

**Event:** *Baikie Island Educational Tour*

**Date:** May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005

**Details:** GLT volunteers led an interpretive walk through the restored and restoration-in-progress areas of Baikie Island in the Campbell River Estuary to a school group of 30 students.

**Event:** *Campbell River Christian School Service Day*

**Date:** May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005

**Details:** GLT staff and volunteers planned, organized and supervised 30 students in a community service capacity. Invasive plant species were removed.

**Event:** *Beaver Lodge Forest Lands Trail Brushing Volunteer Events*

**Date:** July 9, 23, August 6, & 13, 2005

**Details:** GLT staff planned, organized, and implemented 4 volunteer days in our urban forest in order to keep trails maintained. Power and manual brushing equipment was used and bridges and signs were cleaned. Public service video was aired on local cable and displays were set up to inform the public of the importance of our urban forest, and how GLT protects and maintains natural areas for people and wildlife.

**Event:** *The Power and Beauty of Native Plants Presentation*

**Date:** August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005

**Details:** GLT volunteers researched and, with staff support, prepared a PowerPoint presentation on Native Plants including their importance, gardening with them, and historical and cultural uses. The presentation was held at the Campbell River Museum. Public service video of the presentation was aired on local cable TV.

**Event:** *Watershed Walks*

**Date:** summer 2005

**Details:** GLT staff planned and organized watershed walks led by volunteers. The various walks featured Simms Creek, Nunns Creek, Willow Creek, and Mayfly Creek on different days. The tours, about 2 hours long, were educational and well attended by the public. Topics such as invasive species, fish habitat and health, and native plants were covered.

**Event:** *Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup*

**Date:** September 10-17, 2005

**Details:** The GLT promoted the cleanup amongst the stewardship community and to the public. GLT staff planned and organized two volunteer cleanup events (Baikie Island/ Raven Channel and Nunns Creek). Over 90 hours of volunteer clean-up time was completed on behalf of GLT.

**Event:** *Haig – Brown Festival and Rivers Day*

**Date:** September 24, 2005

**Details:** The GLT and Discovery Coast Stewards set up displays at the Haig-Brown property. The event was well attended, with much interest from the public in the displays. GLT volunteers led guided river walks detailing the life cycle and facts about salmon and the Campbell River.

**Event:** *Katimavik 2005-06*

**Date:** October 2005- June 2006

**Details:** This national youth volunteer organization came to Campbell River to service the community with full-time volunteer work in trimesters. Greenways Land Trust was a sponsor and supervisor. GLT trained, interviewed, supervised, organized, and oversaw their activities for the duration of their time. The GLT crew of 5 participants removed invasive plant species, planted

native plants, updated the website, and received training in plant propagation, plant identification, and office management.

### ***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 is currently in negotiations with the Ministry of Forests for the management of the Beaver Lodge Forest Lands.

### ***ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS***

The Greenways Land Trust wishes to thank our sponsors in 2005, 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 our Community Outreach and Support and our Stewardship/ Volunteer Resource Centre.

*ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS - continued*

We are extremely grateful to the organizations and individuals who have made our work possible by providing volunteers, technical assistance, donations, grant funds, or in-kind support:

A-Tlegay Fisheries Society	Museum at Campbell River
BC Hydro Bridge Coastal Restoration Program	Nature Conservancy of Canada
Beaver Lodge Trust Committee	Noonhour Rotary Club
Browns Bay Marina	Northwood Supplies
Campbell River Community Network	North Island College
Campbell River Kayaks	North Island Employment Foundations Society
Campbell River Mirror	Nunns Creek Stewards
Campbell River Recycling Society	Oyster Bay Park Association
Campbell River TV (CRTV)	Oyster Bay Streamkeepers
Campbell River Volunteer Centre	Pacific Salmon Foundation
Campbell River Christian School	Pier Street Business Association
Carihi Secondary	Pier Street Computers
City of Campbell River	PRT Nurseries
Coastal Community Credit Union	Quality Foods
Community Mapping Network	Regional District of Comox-Strathcona
Comox Valley Land Trust	Re-Max Check Realty
Courier Islander	RH Printing
Daybreak Rotary Club	River Runners
Designer Drywall Association	School District No. 72
Destiny River Adventures	SeaChange Marine Conservation Society
Environment Canada	Simms Creek Stewards
Fisheries and Oceans Canada	Starbucks Coffee Company
Grant Signs	Storie Creek Streamkeepers
Green Legacies Project	Sure Copy
Haig-Brown Festival Committee	Thrifty Foods
Haig-Brown Institute	Tide Guide Association
Haig-Brown Kingfisher Creek Society	Timberline Secondary
Heritage Aquaculture	Tourism NCI
Human Resources Development Canada	Tyee Marine
Katimavik	Upper Island Diabetes Prevention Project
Land Trust Alliance of BC	Van Tine and Associates
Ministry of Forests	Weyerhaeuser
Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management	Willow Creek Watershed Society
Ministry of Water, Land, and Air Protection	
Moeller and Company	

Mountaineer Avian Rescue Society	
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