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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 one part time or seasonal staff members in 2006. The GLT completed and funded 12 projects in 2006, including stream restoration and public outreach. We attended 5 public events and led 4 public outreach walks. In order to upgrade their skills and information base, volunteers and staff attended 5 workshops. The GLT is involved in community planning, and provided comments on more than 35 planning applications. The GLT takes an active role in the community; throughout the year. The Greenways Land Trust gratefully recognizes the support of 60 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, 2006 to December 31, 2006.

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 was elected at the Annual General Meeting held on May 17, 2006 and consisted of the following members:

President:	Jerry Fletcher, Aquaculture Technician - Semi-Retired
Vice President:	Barbara Phipps, Campbell River Garden Centre
Secretary/ Treasurer:	Bob Dice, Engineering Program Supervisor – Ministry of Forests
Past President	Ron Burrell, Registered Professional Forester
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

The Greenways Land Trust employed the following staff during 2006:

Danielle Cryderman, Operations Manager (full time, April- 2005 to March 2006)
Luisa Richardson, Operations Manager (part-time starting March 2006)
Cathy Skalk, Book-keeper, (Part Time starting December 2004)
Magdalena Moczulski, Summer Student (June – August, 2006)

The Greenways Land Trust was grateful for the support of 58 members in 2006.

PROJECTS

New Projects

The GLT worked on a number of new projects in 2006. 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:

Project Name: *Baikie Backchannel Restoration Naturalizing CPS 06S 015*

Description: The newly excavated marsh and backchannel will be planted with marsh grasses, wetland species and riparian vegetation.

Products: Plans forwarded for commencement in 2006.

Funding approved: \$9000

Funding agency: Pacific Salmon Foundation, and support for labour from the City of Campbell River.

Duration / Status: Complete

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

Description: The GLT is working with the Ministry of Forests, Beaver Lodge Trust Committee, District 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 and 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.

Project Name: *Earth Day 2006*

Description: The “Earth Day Broom Bash” event was coordinated and implemented for April 22nd, 2006.

Products: Over 47 volunteers removed Scotch Broom and Himalayan Blackberry, along the Myrt Thompson trail.

Funding approved: \$1000

Funding agency: Starbucks “Make your Mark” Program

Duration / Status: Complete

Project Name: *Oceans Day 2006*

Description: The GLT and Discovery Coast Stewards participated in the planning, coordination and implementation of this public awareness and education event.

Products: 1500 people participated in a community-wide event promoting ocean stewardship.

Funding approved: \$1000.

Duration / Status: Complete

Project Name: *Public Involvement Program 2006-7*

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. Inquire at GLT office for details.

Funding approved: \$22,000 – 90% received in 2006

Funding agency: Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Duration / Status: Complete.

Project Name: *Summer Career Placements Program (HRDC SCP 2006)*

Description: Maggie Moczulski was hired as a summer student filling the Volunteer Coordinator position to complete work on Invasive Plant Species Removal in the Campbell River Estuary.

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.

Project Name: *Focus On Streams*

Description: Invasive removal, water augmentation and flow measurement projects were initiated and completed in the Simms, Nunns, Willow and Woods Creek watersheds..

Products: Public outreach brochures,. Stewardship sign, news releases, weirs, flow meter.

Funding approved: \$8000

Funding agency: Vancouver Foundation

Duration / Status: Complete.

Project Name: *Building of Educational Watershed Model*

Description: An interactive, portable watershed model was envisioned for public education events.

Products: Watershed model.

Funding approved: \$1000.

Funding agency: Starbuck Make Your Mark Program

Duration / Status: Complete.

Project Name: *Caddisfly Creek Mapping Project*

Description: Mapping of the remaining unmapped third portion of Caddisfly creek and tributaries is essential so that it can be incorporated into the sensitive stream atlas before development proceeds.

Products: Incorporation of the streams into the sensitive stream atlas and OCP by November, 2007.

Funding approved: \$2,905.

Funding agency: Pacific Salmon Foundation

Duration / Status: Ongoing

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.

Funding received in 2006: \$7020

Funding agency: Private and corporate donors, fundraising activities. Major donors include: Browns Bay Resort (\$2900), and Coastal Credit Community Union (\$530), Greenways Gallop (500.00), PIP (\$2200)

Duration / Status: In progress

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PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

In 2006, the Greenways Land Trust continued to rent equipment to members of the community.

TRAINING/ WORKSHOPS

The GLT organized or attended a number of workshops throughout 2006. They are listed below in chronological order.

Event: *Greenways Land Trust Visioning Workshop*

Date: February 4, 2006

Details: Greenways members and Directors convened to discuss past success and future direction for Greenways Land Trust.

Event: *Vancouver Foundation Workshop*

Date: September, 2006

Details: One GLT staff member attended a half day workshop in Courtenay..

Event: *Stream Keepers*

Date: September, 2006

Details: One GLT staff member attended a three-day training workshop in Courtenay..

Event: *Water in the City*

Date: September 16, 2006

Details: One GLT staff member attended a one -day training workshop focusing on community marketing in Victoria. A second member attended the entire 3 day Water in the City conference.

Event: *Wetland Keepers Workshop*

Date: October, 2006

Details: One GLT staff members attended a three-day training workshop in Courtenay.

COMMUNITY PLANNING

The Greenways Land Trust commented on a variety of planning processes, including development and the Quinsam Integrated Stormwater Management Report. The GLT is part of the referral process for development applications to the District of Campbell River, and as such, provides comment on a number of smaller private development applications.

Greenways Land Trust staff or Board members were members of or regular attendees at meetings of the following groups or organizations: City of Campbell River Development Advisory Commission, City of Campbell River Environmental Advisory Commission, City of Campbell River Stewardship Awards Committee, Land Trust Alliance of BC, Nunns Creek Stewards Society, Oyster Bay Group, Pacific Streamkeepers Federation, Simms Creek Stewardship Group, Storie Creek Streamkeepers, Willow Creek Watershed Society and Beaver Lodge Trust Committee.

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: *2nd Annual Chef's Competition*

Date: *February 18, 2006*

Details: GLT and the Riptide Pub and Restaurant hosted this event as a fundraiser. We raised \$3950 between tickets and auction sales.

Event: Bald Eagle Festival

Date: March 4, 2006

Details: The GLT hosted an information booth throughout the event, assisted by the Youth Stewards.

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

Date: March 25, 2006

Details: GLT staff and volunteers assisted in organizing the volunteers for this fundraising dinner, which raised over \$50,000 in support of local stream restoration projects.

Event: Public Outreach – A Walk along the Raven and NCC Channel with Barb Phipps.

Date: April 19, 2006

Details: Barb Phipps led about 6 people on this walk that focused on native plants. The weather was cold and miserable, so numbers were low.

Event: Earth Day Broom bash

Date: April 22, 2006.

There were 47 volunteer who spent 104.0 hours at the 2006 Earth Day Broom Bash.

Event: Public Outreach – A Walk On the Myrt Thompson Trail with Christine Scott

Date: May 6, 2006

Details: Christine Scott led a walk attracting about 30 participants. Most contributed a donation to the walk, raising \$130 for Greenways.

Event: *Greenways Gallop*

Date: May 12, 2006

Details: In the first ever Greenways Gallop “run for mother nature” 50 participants ran a 5 km fun circuit through trails in Beaver Lodge Forest Lands. The \$500 raised was donated to help run the Greenways Trust office and administration.

Event: *Oceans Day*

Date: June 3, 2006

Details: GLT staff and volunteers participated in a celebration of Oceans Day, which was held outdoors at the Maritime Heritage centre and attracted 1500 visitors. Stewardship displays, a watershed model and a game attracted and entertained many people to think and learn about watersheds.

Event: *Hike the Ripple Rock Trail*

Date: August 30, 2006

Details: Barb Phipps led 30 people (and 3 Greenways volunteers) up to the summit of the Ripple Rock hike, focusing on history, native plants and berries.

Event: *Haig – Brown Festival and Rivers Day*

Date: September 24, 2006.

Details: The GLT and Discovery Coast Stewards set up displays at the Haig Brown House. Richard Hamilton and Mike Preston led a walk along the Canyon View Trail. The events were well attended, with much interest from the public in the displays.

Event: *Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup*

Date: September 17 – 23, 2006.

Details: The GLT promoted the cleanup amongst the stewardship community, and many groups of volunteers collected multiple loads of trash from the foreshore and Nunns Creek Park throughout the week.

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. In November 2006, an agreement was signed with the Ministry of Forests and range for Greenways to be the stewards of the BLFL.

An agreement was signed in December to take over the Stewardship of the Haig Brown King Fisher Creek , a 6.835 hectare area bordering the creek and the heritage property and described as " Those parts of Lot 3, District 66, Sayward District, Plan 2596, Except Plan 2031R, Plan 1430OS, Plan 20175 and Plan 33835.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Greenways Land Trust wishes to thank our sponsors in 2006, 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

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, both in 2006 and in past years:

A-Tlegay Fisheries Society	Moeller and Company
Beaver Lodge Trust Committee	Mountaineer Avian Rescue Society
Browns Bay Marina	Museum at Campbell River
Campbell River Community Network	Nature Conservancy of Canada
Campbell River Mirror	Noonhour Rotary Club
Campbell River TV (CRTV)	North Island College
Campbell River Volunteer Centre	North Island Employment Foundations Society
Canadian Council for Human Resources in the Environment Industry	North Vancouver Island GIS Users Group
Carihi Secondary	Nunns Creek Stewards
Community Mapping Network	Oyster Bay Park Association
Comox Valley Land Trust	Oyster Bay Streamkeepers
Cortez Island Conservancy	Pacific Salmon Foundation
Courier Islander	Pier Street Business Association
Daybreak Rotary Club	Real Estate Foundation of BC
Designer Drywall Association	Regional District of Comox-Strathcona
Destiny River Adventures	Re-Max Check Realty
District of Campbell River	Sayward Futures
Environment Canada	School District # 72
Fisheries and Oceans Canada	SeaChange Marine Conservation Society
Green Legacies Project	Simms Creek Stewards
Haig-Brown Festival Committee	Starbucks
Haig-Brown Institute	Storie Creek Streamkeepers
Haig-Brown Kingfisher Creek Society	Tide Guide Association
Heritage Aquaculture	Timberline Secondary
Human Resources Development Canada	Tourism NCI
Land Trust Alliance of BC	Tyee Marine
Leslie's Gazette	Upper Island Diabetes Prevention Project
Ministry of Forests	Weyerhaeuser
Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management	Willow Creek Watershed Society
Ministry of Water, Land, and Air Protection	

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