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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 five staff members in 2002. The GLT completed twenty-four funded projects in 2002, including stewardship and mapping projects, children's education programs, and land conservation activities. In order to upgrade skills and information, volunteers and staff attended or coordinated seven training events and workshops. The GLT is involved in community planning, and provided comments to seven major planning processes. The GLT takes an active role in the community. Throughout the year, directors and staff attended regular meetings of seventeen local groups and organizations. In 2002, the GLT promoted the society and other groups' endeavors at eleven public events. The GLT previewed six possible cases this year of covenants and land management. The Greenways Land Trust gratefully recognizes the support of 80 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, 2002 to December 31, 2002.

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 offices.

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 2002 consisted of the following members:

President:	Ron Burrell, Registered Professional Forester
Vice President:	Jerry Fletcher, Aquaculture Technician - Semi-Retired
Secretary:	Bob Dice, Engineering Program Supervisor – Ministry of Forests
Treasurer:	Kent Moeller, Chartered Accountant, Principal– Moeller and Company
Director:	Irv Penner, Forestry Consultant
Director:	Chuck DeSorcy, Electronics Specialist - NavCanada
Director:	Barry Ross, First Mate and Ship's Technician

The entire Board was re-elected at the Annual General Meeting, held April 10, 2002.

The Greenways Land Trust employed five full time staff during 2002:

Lucy Reiss, Executive Director
Kathy Campbell, Stewardship Coordinator
Christine Kuta, Mapping Technician
Barry Hall, Watershed Technician
Julie Sigurdson, Community Environmental Steward

The GLT was a work sponsor for the Campbell River Katimavik program. Young people from across Canada volunteer with a variety of non-profit organisations throughout the course of their program. Katimavik participants in 2002 were:

Angie Caverley
Michelle Kania
Miranda Stobbe

Each community can host a Katimavik program for up to three years, and 2002 was the final year for the Campbell River program. The GLT found the Katimavik experience to be highly beneficial to both our organization and the participants.

PROJECTS

New Projects

The GLT initiated a number of new projects in 2002. 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: *Community Mapping for Environmental Planning (REF 2002-3)*

Description: A series of large planning maps were produced showing features considered by the community to be ecologically, recreationally, and culturally important for consideration in the updating of Campbell River's official community plan. A series of self-guided watershed walk brochures, with corresponding maps, were also produced, highlighting the natural and recreational features of five local watersheds.

Products: Nine poster-sized planning maps, and 200 copies of watershed walk brochures for each of five local watersheds.

Funding approved: \$12,000 – 50% received in 2002

Funding agency: Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia

Duration / Status: In progress. Duration: July 15, 2002 - February 28, 2003.

Project Name: *Development of Water Augmentation Opportunities in the Simms Creek Watershed (PSF Simms 2002-3)*

Description: Possible locations for refuge and water augmentation ponds were identified and mapped, and design plans for the pond creation were formulated.

Products: Eriksen, G. 2002. Simms Creek - McPhedran Wetlands: Proposed water augmentation survey and restoration plan.

Funding approved: \$4,350 – 100% received in 2002.

Funding agency: Pacific Salmon Foundation

Duration / Status: In progress. Duration: September 1, 2002 – August 1, 2003.

Project Name: *Discovery Coast Greenways Land Trust Stewardship Coordinator Project (SC 2002-3)*

Description: The following project goals were achieved: increased community stewardship capacity, increased awareness of fish habitat requirements, improve fish habitat mapping and inventory data, provide technical information, advice and support regarding fish and fish habitat provided to stewardship groups and communities, watershed management plan developed, and community responsibility for watershed management increased.

Products: For details on project and products, see final project report (due March 2003).

Funding approved: \$73,618 – 90% received in 2002.

Funding agency: Fisheries and Oceans Canada – Habitat Conservation and Stewardship Program

Duration / Status: In progress. Duration: March 1, 2002 - March 31, 2003.

New Projects (continued)

Project Name: *GIS Support for Stewardship and Coastal Resource Planning (HCSP GIS 2002-3)***Description:** GIS and mapping support was provided to community stewardship groups and DFO planning staff in the Central Coast planning region.**Products:** Stewardship maps for Bella Coola, Campbell River, Port Hardy, and Sayward.

Kuta, C. and Campbell, K. 2002. A guide to mapping resources available for British Columbia's Central Coast.

Funding approved: \$30,000 – 90% received in 2002.**Funding agency:** Fisheries and Oceans Canada – Habitat Conservation and Stewardship Program**Duration / Status:** In progress. Duration: June 1, 2002 – March 31, 2003.

Project Name: *Job Creation Partnership (JCP 2002-3)***Description:** Barry Hall, Watershed Technician and Julie Sigurdson, Community Environmental Steward, completed funding research, managed stewardship equipment, collected water quality and flow data, developed watershed walk brochures, organized stewardship events, undertook trail maintenance, managed youth work projects, presented the River Kids program, and a wide variety of other activities.**Products:** For details on project and products, see final project report (pending).**Funding approved:** \$63,260 - 89% received in 2002.**Funding agency:** Human Resources Development Canada**Duration / Status:** In progress. Duration: March 4, 2002 - February 28, 2003.

Project Name: *National Environmental Youth Corp. Internship (CCHREI 2002-3)***Description:** Christine Kuta was hired as a Mapping Technician, and carried out a variety of GPS and GIS-related activities. The Greenways Land Trust provided on on-the-job training and mentoring for the duration of the internship.**Products:** As per HCSP GIS 2002-3 and REF 2002-3.**Funding approved:** \$8,000 – 33% received in 2002**Funding agency:** Canadian Council for Human Resources in the Environment Industry**Duration / Status:** In progress. Duration: July 15, 2002 - February 15, 2003

Project Name: *Public Involvement Program 2002-2003 (PIP 2002-3)***Description:** Funds were distributed to local stewardship groups for a variety of projects, including stream restoration, fish fences, watershed planning, Young Naturalists Program, water flow studies, administration, community hatchery support, and GIS support for stewardship.**Products:** Pending.**Funding approved:** \$20,000 – 90% received in 2002.**Funding agency:** Fisheries and Oceans Canada**Duration / Status:** In progress. Duration: June 21, 2002 – March 31, 2003.

Project Name: *River City Repair***Description:** River City, a large-scale watershed model, was rebuilt and remodeled for use in the River Kids educational summer program, and as a resource for stewardship groups and agencies.**Products:** Watershed model**Funding approved:** \$1,000**Funding agency:** Campbell River Fish and Wildlife Association**Duration / Status:** Complete. Duration: May - July 2002.

New Projects (continued)

Project Name: *River Kids 2002***Description:** Sixty children participated in one-day educational camps in four Campbell River watersheds and one Sayward watershed. Teenage Leaders in Training, Katimavik participants, and other volunteers were active contributors.**Products:** Educational displays, curriculum, arts and crafts.**Funding approved:** \$700**Funding agency:** TD Friends of the Environment Foundation**Duration / Status:** Complete. Duration: July 10, 2002 – August 26, 2002.

Project Name: *Simms Creek Water Monitoring Project (PSF Simms H2O 2002-3)***Description:** Water flow and quality was monitored around a proposed water augmentation site. A fisheries technician, North Island College students, and volunteers were trained in data collection and reporting.**Products:** Pending**Funding approved:** \$2,100 – 100% received in 2002.**Funding agency:** Pacific Salmon Foundation**Duration / Status:** In progress. Duration: November 15, 2002 – March 14, 2003.

Project Name: *Simms Creek Fence Site Repair (Simms Fence)***Description:** Erosion at the site of the Simms Creek fish counting fence was mitigated.**Products:** Project report.**Funding approved:** \$3,000– 100% received in 2002.**Funding agency:** Campbell River Fish and Wildlife Association**Duration / Status:** Complete. Duration: February 1, 2002 – February 31, 2002.

Project Name: *Stock Assessment of Adult Salmonids (PSF Fences 2002-3)***Description:** In partnership with the Discovery Coast Stewards and the Greenways Land Trust, the Storie Creek Streamkeepers operated adult counting fences on Simms and Woods Creeks.**Products:** Fence data is available digitally and in hard copy.**Funding approved:** \$6,552– 100% received in 2002.**Funding agency:** Pacific Salmon Foundation**Duration / Status:** In progress. Duration: September 2, 2002 – January 31, 2003.***Continuing Projects***

A number of projects were initiated in 2001, and carried over to 2002. Brief descriptions follow, in alphabetical order:

Project Name: *Discovery Coast Greenways Land Trust Stewardship Coordinator Project (SC2001)***Description:** Activities were carried out in the following areas: planning, partnership building and cooperation, coordination, developing a land / stewardship ethic, promotion and awareness of HCSP, creating and increasing community capacity, inventory, habitat restoration and protection, funding partnerships and funding strategy development, and training.**Products:** For details on projects and products, see Campbell, K. 2002. Discovery Coast Stewardship Coordination 2001 / 2002 Final Report**Funding approved:** \$68,500 – 90% received in 2001, 10% received in 2002.**Funding agency:** Fisheries and Oceans Canada – Habitat Conservation and Stewardship Program**Duration / Status:** Complete.

Continuing Projects (continued)

Project Name: *GIS Support for Community Stewardship 2001 (GIS 2001)***Description:** A community watershed atlas was created. Information on sensitive habitat, completed restoration projects, and other data is shown. The information is available to stream stewardship volunteers, government agencies, and others involved in stream project or land use planning. Mapping networks were established between other centres, and cooperative agreements were formed.**Products:** Kuta, C. 2002. Discovery Coast Stewardship Atlas - updates**Total funding approved:** \$39,228 – 90% received in 2001, 10% received in 2002.**Funding agency:** Fisheries Renewal BC.**Duration / Status:** Complete.

Project Name: *Guide to Nature Walks of Strathcona Park, including Paradise Meadows***Description:** A trails guide for the twelve “light hikes” of Strathcona Park will be produced.**Products:** Pending**Funding approved:** \$2000 – received December 2001.**Funding agency:** Public Conservation Assistance Fund**Duration / Status:** In progress by author Christine Scott.

Project Name: *Habitat Restoration, Enhancement, and Stewardship along a Greenway Loop (EcoAction 2001)***Description:** Activities in 2002 included extensive invasive plant removal both on a volunteer basis in the Campbell River Estuary and the Beaver Lodge Lands, and from Campbell River’s foreshore, in partnership with the Campbell River Mental Health Work Crew program and the District of Campbell River. Artificial wildlife tree placement, replanting of foreshore and inland habitats, garbage removal, guided nature walks, and monitoring of bat boxes were also completed.**Products:** as per 2001.**Funding approved:** \$23,390 – 90% received in 2001, 10% received in 2002.**Funding agency:** Environment Canada – EcoAction**Duration / Status:** Complete.

Project Name: *Landowner Contact and Recreational Trails Assessment (USHP 2001)***Description:** 2002 activities focused on the development of the Simms Creek stewardship group, and featured a series of watershed walks with a regular attendance of 20-30 people. Input in the form of field testing and editing was also made to a monitoring manual for restoration structures.**Products:** Michalski, T.A. et al. 2002. Urban Salmon Habitat Program Monitoring Procedures for Vancouver Island (Draft).**Funding approved:** \$13,610 – 90% received in 2001, 10% received in 2002.**Funding agency:** Urban Salmon Habitat Program**Duration / Status:** Complete.

Project Name: *Public Participation Project (Streamkeepers 2000)***Description:** Two Pacific Streamkeepers Federation courses were offered to local stewardship groups at a discounted rate.**Products:** Twenty-four volunteers received Streamkeepers certification.**Funding approved:** \$2,277 – received in 2001**Funding agency:** Fisheries and Oceans Canada - Public Involvement Program**Duration / Status:** Complete.

Continuing Projects (continued)

Project Name: *Public Participation Project (PIP Streamkeepers 2001)*

Description: Supplies such as water quality testing equipment and fish fence materials were purchased and made available to stewardship groups as a community resource.

Products: Increased inventory of streamkeepers supplies.

Funding approved: \$2750 – 90% received in 2001, 10% received in 2002.

Funding agency: Fisheries and Oceans Canada - Public Involvement Program

Duration / Status: Complete.

Project Name: *Schools on Streams*

Description: The maps created in 2001 were presented to the schools along with an informational presentation to staff and students.

Products: 21 poster sized maps

Funding approved: \$1100 – received December 2001

Funding agency: Campbell River Community Foundation

Duration / Status: Complete.

Additional Projects

During 2002, the Greenways Land Trust administered the following projects on behalf of other groups:

Project Name: *Oyster Bay Wetlands*

Description: The Oyster Bay Group requested that the GLT administer the funds collected by the group for the purposes of the acquisition of 640 acres of land currently owned by Weyerhaeuser.

Products: Wetland display materials, wetland photo series.

Funding received in 2002: \$2,678

Funding agency: Private donors

Duration / Status: In progress

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 2002: \$2301

Funding agency: Private and corporate donors, fundraising activities

Duration / Status: In progress

TRAINING/ WORKSHOPS

The GLT coordinated, hosted, and attended a number of workshops throughout 2001. They are listed below in chronological order.

Event: *ESRI GIS Training*

Date: February 21-22, 2002

Details: One GLT staff member attended an introductory training session for the ArcView GIS software program.

Event: *EcoGifts Appraisal Course*

Date: February 22-23, 2002

Details: One GLT staff member attended a seminar outlining the Ecological Gifts program, guidelines for appraisers to follow when evaluating EcoGifts, and case studies. The seminar was co-sponsored by Environment Canada and the Appraisal Institute of Canada.

Event: *Watershed Analysis Workshop*

Date: March 26 – 27, 2002

Details: Malaspina Community College's Forestry Extension Program presented recent research results in the context of watershed planning under a results-based Forest Practices Code. Three GLT staff attended.

Event: *Land Trust Alliance of BC Seminar Series*

Date: April 5 - 7, 2002

Details: Three GLT staff members and two board members attended three days of training workshops at the Lake Cowichan Outdoor Education Centre. Workshops included: conservation covenants, fundraising, acquisitions, estate planning, baseline monitoring, strategic planning, media and communications, and agricultural stewardship. GLT staff presented a presentation entitled "GPS, GIS, and other options for baseline monitoring".

Event: *Fish Crossing Workshop*

Date: May 14, 2002

Details: This one-day seminar highlighted techniques and regulations used in designing and building structures crossing fish bearing streams.

Event: *LTABC Covenant Monitoring Workshop*

Date: November 4, 2002

Details: The GLT coordinated the presentation of a workshop to train volunteers how to monitor conservation covenants. Baikie Island and the associated covenant and management plan were used as the example. Representatives from land trusts, government agencies, and small business all over central Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands attended. A public presentation by area land trusts and the Land Trust Alliance of BC was given the following evening.

Event: *Conservation Marketing Workshop*

Date: November 21, 2002

Details: Ideas on how to effectively market conservation products, ideas, and organizations were presented by the Living by Water Project, and a GLT staff member attended.

COMMUNITY PLANNING

The Greenways Land Trust commented or made presentations on a variety of planning processes, including the Baikie Island Management Plan, the Campbell River Estuary Management Plan, the Comprehensive Development Plan for Jubilee Heights, Phase One of the Campbell River Official Community Plan Review, the Sayward Forest Development Plan, the Sayward Forest Landscape Unit Plan, the Tyee Spit Plan, and the Willow Creek Watershed Society's Management Strategies for Land and Water Use. 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.

The GLT actively participated in the community-led strategy meetings following the provincial government's announcement that management of heritage properties in BC would be devolved. The Haig-Brown Heritage Property was included in this process, which is still ongoing.

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 Rotary Club, Campbell River Environmental Council, Campbell River Estuary Management Commission, Campbell River Maritime Heritage Society, Development Liaison Group, Haig-Brown Kingfisher Creek Society, Land Trust Alliance of BC, Local Katimavik Committee, Nunns Creek Stewards Society, Oyster Bay Group, Seagrass Conservation Group, Simms Creek Stewardship Group, Sportsfishing Advisory Group, Storie Creek Streamkeepers, Upper Island Land Trusts Group, and Willow Creek Watershed Society.

PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

In 2002, the Greenways Land Trust explored a number of organizational development strategies in an endeavour to move towards self-sustainability. We have successfully completed contracts to produce GIS-based maps for the Campbell River Estuary Management Plan, and for the Willow Creek Watershed Society's watershed management plan. We are in the process of completing historical mapping of the Campbell River Estuary for DFO planning purposes. Products such as maps, nature cards, books, calendars, and crafts have been marketed on a small scale at community events and on an individual basis.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

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

Event: *World Wetlands Day*

Date: February 2, 2002

Details: The GLT assisted in the coordination of a public event at the Oyster Bay Shoreline Park, at which information on the Oyster Bay Wetlands was presented, and funds were raised for the protection of the property.

PUBLIC OUTREACH (continued)

Event: *District of Campbell River Stewardship Awards*

Date: February 20, 2002

Details: The Greenways Land Trust was honoured by the presentation of an award to recognize our “significant contribution to stewardship initiatives within the District of Campbell River.”

Event: *Pacific Salmon Foundation Gala Fundraising Dinner*

Date: March 23, 2002

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

Event: *Birds, Butterflies, and Frogs Nature Event*

Date: April 9, 2002

Details: North Island College hosted an informational evening for local nature enthusiasts. GLT staff and volunteers answered questions from the public and presented information.

Event: *Haig – Brown Festival*

Date: April 11 – 14, 2002

Details: A GLT staff member sat on the organizing committee for the first annual Haig-Brown Festival, and coordinated a watershed walk as a festival activity. The GLT sponsored the Literary Competition, in which high school students were invited to write an essay describing their thoughts on conservation.

Event: *Oceans Day*

Date: June 8, 2002

Details: GLT staff collaborated on the organizing committee to develop a ten-station passport program highlighting various maritime activities and information. Donations from local businesses for raffle and draw prizes were also solicited. Staff and volunteers were active throughout the day-long event, hosting an information kiosk and children’s games.

Event: *Grand Opening – Interpretive Kiosk at Ken Forde Park*

Date: June 30, 2002

Details: The GLT attended the event, along with the Willow Creek Watershed Society, Rotarians, and local dignitaries, and has semi-permanent signage within the kiosk.

Event: *Daybreak Rotary Luncheon*

Date: July 17, 2002

Details: GLT staff presented an informative PowerPoint slide show about the work of the Greenways Land Trust to the Rotary audience.

Event: *Ann Elmore Transition House Beaver Lodge Lands Fun Run*

Date: August 11, 2002

Details: The GLT sat on the organizing committee for this fundraising event for the Transition House, and volunteers and participants were present on the race day. Informational signage and brochures were also presented at the event.

PUBLIC OUTREACH (continued)

Event: *Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup*

Date: September 14 - 22, 2002

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

Event: *Rivers Day*

Date: September 28, 2002

Details: The Greenways Land Trust and Discovery Coast Stewards presented the River City Watershed Model, a series of watershed maps, general information, and “Enviro-tainment”, “Wild Salmon” painting and magnets for the children, at this well-attended event at Quinsam Hatchery.

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 have given extensive consideration to potential conservation covenants or land acquisitions around Oyster Bay, Read Island, the Campbell River, and Sayward. The GLT is currently pursuing the possibility of participating in the management of the Beaver Lodge Forest Trust Lands and the Campbell River Estuary.

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The Greenways Land Trust wishes to thank our sponsors in 2002, 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.

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A-Tlegay Fisheries Society	McElhanney Consulting
Beaver Lodge Trust Committee	Ministry of Forests
Bella Coola Watershed Conservation Society	Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management
Campbell River and District Public Art Gallery	Ministry of Water, Land, and Air Protection
Campbell River Community Network	Moeller and Company
Campbell River Environmental Council	Mountaineer Avian Rescue Society
Campbell River Fish and Wildlife Club	Museum at Campbell River
Campbell River Harbour Authority	‘Namgis First Nation
Campbell River Indian Band	Nanaimo Area Land Trust
Campbell River Mirror	Nature Conservancy of Canada
Campbell River Tourism	Noonhour Rotary Club
Campbell River TV	North Island College
Canadian Wildlife Federation	North Island Employment Foundations Society
Carihi Secondary	North Vancouver Island GIS Users Group
CBC Radio	Northern Vancouver Island Salmonid Enhancement Association
Central Elementary	Nunns Creek Stewards
Chamber of Commerce	Ocean Pacific
Community Mapping Network	Oyster Bay Park Association
Comox Valley Land Trust	Oyster Bay Streamkeepers
Comox Valley Project Watershed Society	Pier St Computers
Cortez Island Conservancy	Project Pl@net - NIEFS
Courier Islander	Quadra Island Salmon Enhancement Society
Cowichan Community Land Trust	River Sportsman
Cansel	Regional District of Comox-Strathcona
Daybreak Rotary Club	Re-Max Check Realty
Denman Island Conservancy	Sayward Futures
District of Campbell River	School District # 72
Eagle 97.3 FM	Storie Creek Streamkeepers
Environment Canada	TerraPro GPS Surveys Ltd
Finning	The Land Conservancy of BC
Fisheries and Oceans Canada	Timberline Secondary
Haig-Brown Kingfisher Creek Society	Tim Hortons
Heritage Aquaculture	Tourism NCI
Inner Coast Natural Resource Centre	Tyee Marine
Jerry Strelieff (artist)	Upper Island Youth Services
John Howard Society	Volunteer Campbell River
Land Trust Alliance of BC	West Coast Integrated Resources
Leslie's Gazette	Wildlife Tree Stewardship Initiative
Living Oceans Society	Willow Creek Watershed Society
Magic 98.9 FM	
Marine Harvest	

