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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 ten part time or seasonal staff members in 2004. The GLT completed 11 funded projects in 2004, including stewardship and mapping projects, and land conservation activities. The GLT is involved in community planning, and as such provided comments on four major planning processes as well as ongoing comments to a number of minor development processes. The GLT takes an active role in the community; throughout the year, directors and staff attended meetings of 17 local groups and organizations. In 2004, the GLT promoted the society and other groups' endeavors at six public events. The Greenways Land Trust gratefully recognizes the support of 59 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, 2004 to December 31, 2004.

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 2004 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

At the Annual General Meeting, held May 11, 2004, Brian Giles and Barbara Phipps were elected as directors. The remainder of the Board was re-elected to their former positions.

The Greenways Land Trust employed the following staff during 2004:

Lucy Reiss, Executive Director, Training, Bio-assessment and mapping (full time, January-July 2004)
Andy Telfer, Executive Director (full time, June-December, 2004)
Christine Kuta, Mapping Technician, (part time, January- April 2004)
Barry Hall, Labourer (part time, July - August 2004)
Derek Anderson, Quinsam Hatchery Grounds Maintenance Labourer (part time, July- September, 2004)
Carlo Pavan, Volunteer Coordinator (full time, June- August 2004)
Ben Peters, Quinsam Hatchery Grounds Maintenance Labourer (part time, August –September, 2004)
Cameron Carlyle, Watershed Technician (part time, June – August 2004)
Dave Cuning, Labourer (part time, August 2004)
Sherry Higgins, Labourer (part time, July – October, 2004)
Allan Picco, Labourer (part time, August 2004)
Sam Wiedeman, Invasive Plant Coordinator (November-December 2004)

The Greenways Land Trust was grateful for the support of 42 individual members in 2004.

PROJECTS

New Projects

The GLT worked on a number of new projects in 2004. 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 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: District of Campbell River, Nature Conservancy of Canada, Forest 20/20, BC Hydro Regreening

Duration / Status: Ongoing.

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

Description: The project 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: District of Campbell River, Nature Conservancy of Canada, Pacific Salmon Foundation, BC Hydro Bridge Coastal Restoration Program

Duration / Status: Start date set for March 2005.

Project Name: *BC Coastal Eelgrass Stewardship Project (Eelgrass Mapping 2003-4)*

Description: The GLT, along with 20 other coastal groups, is participating in an eelgrass inventory and education program. Greenways Land Trust volunteers and staff mapped eelgrass beds on coastal sites near the Campbell River and in the Campbell River estuary.

Products: Ongoing. Map products from the groups can be viewed at www.shim.bc.ca

Funding approved: \$5142- 30% received in 2003, 70% received in 2004.

Funding agency: SeaChange Marine Conservation Society is administering the funds from Environment Canada (EcoAction), Bullitt Foundation, Real Estate Foundation, VanCity Savings Credit Union, Project AWARE Foundation, Public Conservation Assistance Fund, Sophie Danforth Conservation Biology Fund, and Pacific Salmon Foundation.

Duration / Status: Completed November 2004.

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, negotiations for 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 2004*

Description: The “Pitch in for the Estuary” event was coordinated and implemented for April 22, 2004.

Products: Over 90 volunteers removed Scotch Broom, Himalayan Blackberry, and garbage from the Maple Street trail along the Campbell River Estuary and Baikie Island. These were burnt in early May.

Funding approved: \$2053.27

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

Duration / Status: Complete

Project Name: *Oceans Day 2004*

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

Products: 300 people participated in a community-wide event promoting ocean stewardship.

Funding approved: \$2200; \$533 earned via raffle and dunk tank

Funding agency: Fisheries and Oceans Canada (\$1000), Pier St Business Association (\$200), and Brown’s Bay (\$1000).

Duration / Status: Complete

Project Name: *Public Involvement Program 2003-4 & 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. Inquire at GLT office for details.

Funding approved: 2003-4 \$22,000 - 10% received in 2004; 2004-5 \$22,000 – 90% received in 2004

Funding agency: Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Duration / Status: 2003-4 complete; 2004-5 ongoing, completion date March 2005

Project Name: *Summer Career Placements Program (HRDC SCP 2004)*

Description: Carlo Pavan 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: *Temperature Data Entry and Analysis (DFO Temp Data)*

Description: Temperature information has been collected on a number of small local streams using electronic data loggers since 1998. The existing temperature loggers were checked, downloaded, and replaced if required. The geographic location of each data logger was determined with a Trimble GPS unit, and mapped using ArcView GIS software. The data information was compiled,

formatted, and submitted to Fisheries and Oceans Canada and stream stewards for review and analysis. Remainder of data collection and equipment replacement occurred using the budget balance.

Products: 5 years of temperature data transferred into a useable format.

Funding approved: \$4000 received in 2003

Funding agency: Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Duration / Status: Complete

Project Name: *Weyerhaeuser Jobs for Youth (Jobs 4Youth 2004)*

Description: Cameron Carlyle was hired as a Watershed Technician for the summer of 2004 to complete water testing and monitoring, construct stream restoration structures, trail maintenance, removal of invasive species, maintenance of native plants, stream and trail mapping, maintain and manage equipment, and public education.

Products: field work as described

Funding Approved: base wage

Funding Agency: Weyerhaeuser

Duration / Status: Complete

Additional Projects

During 2004, the 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 Greenways Land Trust continues to administer for OBW: \$2095

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 Greenways Land Trust continues to administer for DCS: \$6846

Funding agency: Private and corporate donors, fundraising activities.

Duration / Status: In progress

PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

In 2004, the 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, nature cards, books, calendars, and crafts 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 for three watersheds and the development of the revised environment chapter for Campbell River's Official Community Plan, which is due to be released for public review in 2004. 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 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, DCR's Advisory Planning Commission, DCR's Development Liaison Group, District 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: *2nd Annual Chef's Competition*

Date: February 11, 2004

Details: GLT and the Riptide Pub and Restaurant hosted this event as a fundraiser. We raised \$4300 between tickets and auction sales.

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

Date: March 20, 2004

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

Event: *Quinsam Hatchery Grounds Maintenance*

Date: Summer 2004

Details: Contract arrangement with Quinsam Hatchery to foster relationship with Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

Event: *Oceans Day*

Date: June 5, 2004

Details: GLT staff and volunteers participated in a celebration of Oceans Day, which was held at the Robert Ostler Park and Discovery Pier and attracted over 300 people. Stewardship displays, children's activities, and a "passport" to various information or activity stations were features of the event. Money raised, noted under "Projects", in support of ocean stewardship activities.

Event: *Haig – Brown Festival and Rivers Day*

Date: September 25-26, 2004

Details: The GLT and Discovery Coast Stewards set up displays at the Robert Ostler Park and Haig-Brown Book Fair at Campbellton School. The events were well attended, with much interest from the public in the displays.

Event: *Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup*

Date: September 2004

Details: The GLT provides volunteer support to a major national initiative to reduce shoreline pollution. GLT promoted the cleanup amongst the stewardship community; volunteers collected multiple loads of trash from the foreshore and creeks throughout the week.

Event: *Eelgrass workshop*

Date: December 2004

Details: GLT staff attended workshop to summarize mapping project and plans for future work.

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 exploring options for participating in the management of the Beaver Lodge Forest Trust Lands and the Campbell River Estuary.

GLT Executive Director worked towards exploring a Sharpe Covenant to protect a heron rookery and wetlands from development on Quadra Island. This is ongoing with an Open House held June 9th with the developer and GLT staff.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Greenways Land Trust wishes to thank our sponsors in 2004, 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.

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	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	