

Annual Report 2005 April 1, 2004 - March 31, 2005

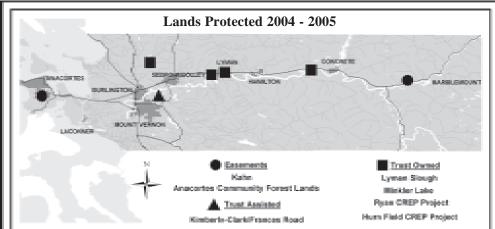
Gene Kahn protected an additional 29 acres of forest at Cascadian Farm.





Anacortes Community Forest Lands were almost halfway to being protected by March 2005.

Stewardship Committee members Ralph Heft and Kari Odden discussing a forest management plan.









Newly protected Lyman Slough Conservation Area.

Minkler Lake Conservation Area purchased in 2005

People of all ages helped steward our land in 2005.

Financial Statements 2004 - 2005

Comparative Financial Statements FOR THE YEARS ENDING MARCH 31, 2005 AND MARCH 31, 2004

ABBREVIATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION As of March 31

Assets	2005	2004
Cash	\$279,183	681,625
Pledges and other receivables	42,388	61,211
Investments (land & stewardship funds)	638,725	26,987
Money on deposit	0	230,831
Conservation land	1,749,048	1,600,277
Other	11,817	14,898
Total Assets	\$2,721,161	\$2,615,829
Liabilities	\$8,698	\$204,740
Net Assets	\$2,712,463	\$2,411,089
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$2,721,161	\$2,615,829

ABBREVIATED SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

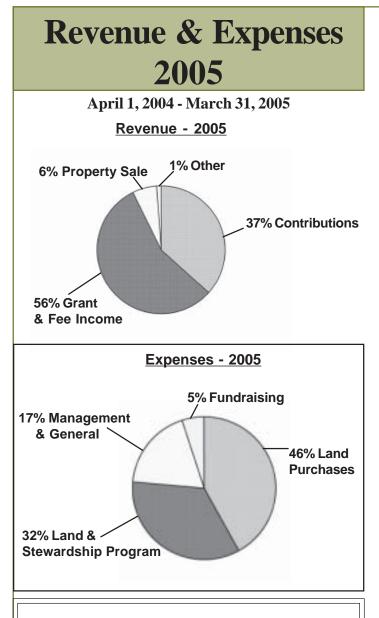
For the Years Ending March 31		1
-	2005	2004
Support and Revenue		
Contributions (cash and in-kind)	\$103,665	93,513
Grant and fee income	331,259	364,413
Rental income	5,320	4,533
Investment income	1,287	10,154
Net gain on land sales	36,128	330,857
Restricted contributions for land		
acquisition and stewardship	112,500	104,000
Total Support and Revenue	\$590,159	\$907,470
Total Support and Revenue Expenses and Acquisitions	\$590,159	\$907,470
	\$590,159 187,418	\$907,470 213,999
Expenses and Acquisitions		
Expenses and Acquisitions Land and stewardship programs	187,418	213,999
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Expenses and Acquisitions Land and stewardship programs Administration and fundraising Subtotal	187,418 101,367 \$288,785	213,999 74,194 \$288,193
Expenses and Acquisitions Land and stewardship programs Administration and fundraising Subtotal Land acquisitions	187,418 101,367 \$288,785 268,000	213,999 74,194 \$288,193 341,000

To accurately maintain and report the financial statements of Skagit Land Trust, the board of directors contracts for an outside annual financial review or audit of the Trust's financial records. For FY 2004 the board of directors selected an audit. For FY 2005 the board of directors selected to use a financial review and will return to an audit in 2006.

This abbreviated financial statement is a summary of the Review Report submitted to your Board of Directors by Larson Gross, Certified Public Accountants, who, based on their review, were not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the USA, as of March 31, 2005. The March 31, 2005 financial statement and independent review are on file in the offices of Skagit Land Trust. Also available for review is the IRS 990 tax return for this year.

At year-end March 2005 the Trust held 40 Conservation Easements and owned 20 parcels in fee. Total area under Trust stewardship was 3,708 acres throughout Skagit County. Trust membership totaled 534 households and businesses.





FINANCIAL NOTES

Skagit Land Trust completed the following land purchases:

- The Trust purchased 107 acres at Minkler Lake for \$228,000 in April 2004. The Salmon Recovery Funding Board contributed grant funding of \$193,800.
- The Trust purchased 19 acres at Lyman Slough for \$40,000. The Salmon Recovery Funding Board contributed grant funding of \$34,000.

Land sales and donations

- Skagit Land Trust donated a conservation easement on 88 acres of farmland on Francis Road to Skagit County's Farmland Legacy Program. The conservation easement extinguished all development rights and ensured the land was permanently protected. The Trust then sold the property to a farmer at farmland prices.
- Skagit Land Trust donated \$5,000 to San Juan Preservation Trust's Sares Bluff Campaign.

FY 2005 Highlights

April 1, 2004 - March 31, 2005

CONSERVATION

107 acres of important lake shoreline, wetlands and salmon habitat were added to the Trust's ownership at Minkler Lake with help from our members, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board and the Skagit Watershed Council.

We added conservation easements on 75 acres of the Anacortes Community Forest Lands in partnership with Friends of the Forest and the City of Anacortes.

We received a generous conservation easement donation from Gene Kahn who protected 29 acres of native forest outside of Marblemount.

The Trust protected 19 acres of shoreline near the city of Lyman. This land is comprised of large gravel bars and shady backwaters and connects to Skagit River Wild and Scenic River lands.

With Whatcom Land Trust we completed an assessment of the most important lands to protect in the Chuckanut-to-Cascade corridor.

The Trust assisted Seattle City Light to purchase, for protection, two miles of Skagit River shoreline at Iron Mountain Ranch (along the South Skagit Highway).

LAND MANAGEMENT AND STEWARDSHIP

Over 11,500 person-hours of time was given by Trust volunteers to steward and maintain Trust-protected properties. Thank you!

The Trust continued its successful reforestation of river shoreline and sloughs on our Tope Ryan and Hurn Field properties, with assistance from the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and the Skagit County Conservation District.

MANAGING THE TRUST

The Trust's Strategic Plan was up-dated through 2007 and we developed a Strategic Funding Plan. The vast majority of our expenses go directly to land protection or property management. However, the funding of dayto-day operations is also critical. Funding our operations makes the difference between having the capacity to take on the necessary work to protect threatened land or not. The Strategic Funding Plan addresses our urgent need to raise more general operating funds so we can protect Skagit County's special places before it is too late.

As the Trust has grown, the Board of Directors has acknowledged the need to place Trust investments under professional management. In December 2004 the board selected UBS Financial Services as its financial investment manager.

Skagit Land Trust Members and Partners

April 1, 2004 - March 31, 2005

We are grateful to the Individuals, Businesses, Organizations and Foundations, listed below whose donations were received between A pril 1, 2004 and March 31, 2005.

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Sometimes visiting our protected properties requires rowing.



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