LOWER NEHALEM COMMUNITY TRUST Beading the Necklace of People and Place



Allan Olson

Thank you for allowing the time to read our annual report. It is a reflection of valued relationships and shared accomplishments at LNCT. We offer this glimpse of our recent work while recognizing our good fortune to have your interest, your support, and your friendship.

Over and over, we are re-

minded how fragile this planet is and that it is time to act. In my earlier years, I was naïve enough to hope that "someone" would take care of all of the natural world problems that concerned me. I thought it was sufficient to respect and appreciate the forests and waterways, and do no harm. Today, I know that is not enough.

We have learned that a salt marsh is one of the planet's most effective carbon sinks. The LNCT community can take great pride in saving Botts Marsh, one of few Oregon Coast salt marshes, providing off-channel habitat for young fish and other aquatic creatures and plants.

The III-acre Headwaters property is another example of how our combined efforts can reverse man-made impact on our land. Our volunteers have started the reforestation. We can take comfort knowing that these trees will grow to provide climate resilience through carbon storage for hundreds of years to come

I have learned the power of people working together when they have shared values and vision. LNCT is the embodiment of this. Along with many others, I take great pride in being part of the Trust and welcome those who want to join us. Together we can do a great deal to protect and preserve this beautiful place where we live, play, and enjoy nature.

Allan Olson, President LNCT Board of Directors

COMMUNITY-CONSERVATION-EDUCATION 2018-2019 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

COMMUNITY

- September 16th Annual Harvest Festival for the community.
- March 170 volunteers and 27 local sponsors shared in the 11th biennial Nehalem Estuary cleanup.
- April Community Garden Plant Sale with vegetable seedlings and other plants.
- Spring Wilson River School Oregon Youth Conservation Corps, St. Mary's School in Medford, and Neahkahnie Middle School Day of Service volunteers worked on projects in the Community Garden & the Alder Creek Farm conservation area.
- Summer, Fall & Spring Community gardeners provided the North County Food Bank and Senior Meal Program with fresh vegetables and fruits.
- Weekly LNCT volunteers cared for our conservation properties, made improvements at Manzanita's Elk Meadows Park, and joined Trailkeepers of Oregon in building a trail on the new Headwaters Property.

CONSERVATION

- October We received a donation of 111 acres of coastal spruce forest on the south slope of Neahkahnie Mountain, now known as Headwaters. A portion of the Oregon Coast Trail is being rerouted off Highway 101 through the Headwaters property, providing a safe and scenic passage for hikers.
- November With our encouragement, the City of Manzanita extended the no cut stream buffers to 100 feet along Alder Creek as they harvest timber in the Alder Creek watershed.
- June We completed acquisition of Botts Marsh in the Nehalem Estuary with the help of many partners. LNCT now protects 290 acres for our larger community.

EDUCATION

- November Nehalem Elementary School classes visited the farm and garden to learn about plants.
- March Diversity, Equity, Inclusion training for LNCT Board and four other local non-profit boards.
- July, August, May, June Ten Explore Nature Walks & Talks about sustainable gardening, pollinators, dragonflies, moths, wetlands and the diverse habitats of our properties.
- 2018-2019 We designed and installed a number of habitat area and plant identification signs along the Nehalem Teaching Trail.

Our mission is to preserve land and nurture conservation values in partnership with an engaged community in the Nehalem region of the Oregon Coast.



Cherished volunteers, Barbara Rippey and Barry Marshall, receive the Ferdun Conservation Award



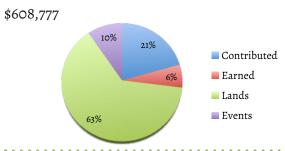
1050 lbs of fresh produce harvested at ACF benefit the North Coast Food Pantry and Nehalem Senior Meals Program



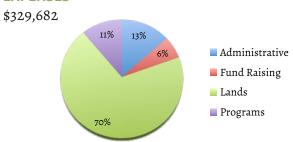
Education is an important component of LNCT's work, including this visit from the NW Youth Corps

FINANCIAL REPORT 2018-2019





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Total Assets \$4,426,231 Total Property Value \$3,981,646 (17 properties)

LNCT is a 501(c)(3) organization

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