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2021-2022  
REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

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**LOWER NEHALEM COMMUNITY TRUST**  
*Beading The Necklace Of People And Place*



Dear Community,

This 20<sup>th</sup> year has been one of growth for LNCT. We expanded our collaborations with schools, finished several land management plans, completed important safety and maintenance projects, intensified our perpetual battle with invasive species, watched the public embrace the new stretch of the Oregon Coast Trail through our Headwaters property, and expanded our staffing.

LNCT’s work is grounded in the forests that grace our hills, the streams that feed the river, the birds and wildlife that live on the lands we steward, the tidal cycles that wash the estuarine wetlands, and the fish that so amazingly weave these facets of our watershed into one intricate whole. I am particularly excited about our stewardship efforts that advance our support of this web.

We are working toward reestablishing tidal flow to our McCoy property, to restore healthy habitat for native fish, birds, and wildlife. As a tidal marsh it will rapidly sequester carbon, mitigate flood events, and provide an ideal setting for wetland education and collaboration for gathering first foods. Higher in the watershed, our Headwaters plantings are emerging as the foundation of a diverse and complex forest system that will protect waters and wildlife, help make the land resilient in the face of global warming, and enhance the hiking experience.

The Community Garden is now graced with beautiful bilingual signs and we continue our legacy of food donations. Next year we will have a new first foods demonstration area, and we plan to propagate these plants on other restored Trust properties as well.

It is the LNCT community’s generosity of ideas, labor, time, funds, and moral support that makes it possible for the Trust to pursue our goals to protect and restore our watershed. Our work is made possible by you, our dedicated supporters and volunteers. Your continued support will keep the Trust in excellent shape to continue to protect the natural systems of the Lower Nehalem Watershed.

With love of the land and sincere gratitude,

  
Ben Pittenger, Executive Director

**COMMUNITY**

- Commemorated 20-Year Anniversary at Living Locally event which raised over \$60k for conservation and programs
- Installed commemorative bench on Headwaters trail
- Welcomed Janice Soots as Community Garden Coordinator and Phil Blanton as a Board Director
- Held 12<sup>th</sup> Biennial Nehalem Estuary Cleanup co-sponsored with Lower Nehalem Watershed Council and support from eleven partners
- Celebrated Earth Day with volunteer events stewarding our adopted highway section and removing invasives at Elk Meadows
- Presented Nancy Webster of North Coast Communities for Watershed Protection with 2022 Ferdun Conservation Award

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

- Our Community Gardeners provided 1,243 pounds of fresh produce and 900+ plant starts to the North County Food Bank, Food Pantry, Nehalem Bay United Methodist Church Senior Lunch Program, and others
- Stewardship and Community Garden volunteers donated over 6,650 hours during the fiscal year
- Completed annual monitoring as well as major progress toward completion of management plans for all LNCT properties
- Secured grant funding to bring a forest ecologist in to inform the development of a Forest Management Plan for our Headwaters property
- Volunteers began exterior renovations of the house at Alder Creek Farm

**CONSERVATION**

- Stewardship volunteers spent more than 1,300 hours removing invasive species from our Alder Creek Farm, Zimmerman Marsh, Botts Marsh and Headwaters properties and restoring native species along the Alder Creek Farm fenceline
- Finished Phase I of our Alder Creek Farm energy project with installation of solar fans in the greenhouse and hoop house and LED lighting and solar hot water in the the greenhouse

**EDUCATION**

- Installed interpretive signage along the Headwaters trail and throughout the community garden
- Hosted community webinars on the Private Forest Accord and Climate Change
- Hosted ivy basket weaving workshop
- Hosted youth and school groups at Alder Creek Farm and Elk Meadows

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



*Native Seed Collection*

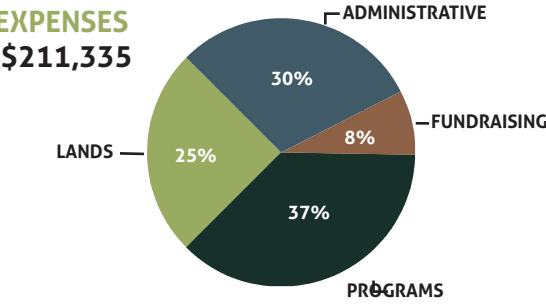
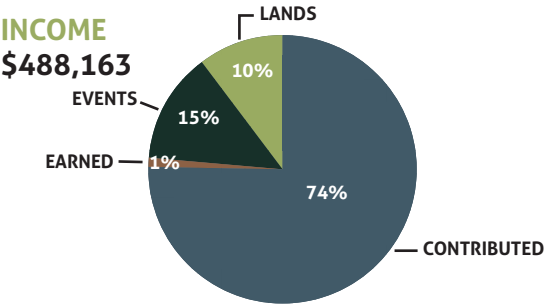


*Showing off the garden harvest*



*Annual Living Locally Celebration*

**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**2021 - 2022**



**Total Assets \$5,268,453**  
**Total Property Value \$4,103,689**  
**(20 properties)**

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*Cover: Surveying native plants at McCoy Marsh*