**CONSERVATION STRATEGY**
**USING SCIENCE & LOCAL KNOWLEDGE to IDENTIFY & SAVE the MOST IMPORTANT PLACES in SKAGIT COUNTY**

**SKAGIT LAND TRUST**

**SALTING LAND for Tomorrow**

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**ELEMENTS**

- **Land**
  - **Native Forest**
    - Low elevation forest, with a preference for large blocks of mature forest with high habitat complexity.
  - **Species**
    - Habitat that supports important wildlife and plant species.
  - **Landscape**
    - Lands that provide linkages between protected areas, including working farms and forestlands.

- **Saltwater**
  - **Shorelines**
    - Estuaries, tidelands, and natural bluffs and beaches that support habitats and increase coastal resiliency.
  - **Marine Life**
    - Nearshore habitat, eelgrass meadows and salt marshes for priority species, including forage fish, juvenile salmon, shellfish and waterfowl.

- **Freshwater**
  - **Watersheds**
    - Headwater basins and streams that protect water quality and areas that provide for groundwater recharge.
  - **Wetlands & Lakes**
    - High quality and rare wetlands and unmodified lake shoreline.
  - **Rivers, Streams & Floodplains**
    - Lands important to river processes. These areas provide quality streamside and instream habitat for fish and wildlife, and also reduce the impact of flooding on our community.

- **Nature for People**
  - **Beloved Places**
    - Lands that provide a sense of place in Skagit County and preserve our scenic views and natural heritage.
  - **Access**
    - Linkages to connect people with the natural environment including parks, trails and wildlife viewing areas.
  - **Close to Home**
    - Lands within and near Skagit towns and cities that provide greenspace for our community.

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**PROJECTS**

- **100+ Projects Completed**
- **Protecting More Than**
  - 8,200 Acres & 40 Miles of Shoreline
- **It's All Connected**

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Skagit Land Trust protects land by purchasing and accepting donation of land and conservation easements, and by assisting partners and agencies with land conservation projects. Our expertise and reputation for partnership building, creative solutions and efficient, nimble land protection uniquely positions Skagit Land Trust at a critical time in Skagit County’s history.