

CONSERVATION STRATEGY

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

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ELEMENTS >

PRIORITIES >

SPECIES

plant species.

Habitat that supports

important wildlife and

LANDSCAPE

Lands that provide linkages between protected areas, including working farms and forestlands.

Saltwater

Land

SHORELINES

habitat complexity.

NATIVE FOREST

Low elevation forest, with a

preference for large blocks

of mature forest with high

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

Nature for People

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.

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.

PROJECTS

100+ PROJECTS COMPLETED

PROTECTING MORE THAN 8,200 ACRES & 40 MILES OF SHORELINE

IT'S ALL CONNECTED

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Rocky bluffs, beaches and forest are conserved forever in partnership with private landowners through conservation easements held by Skagit Land Trust. These protect the only remaining stand of Garry Oak in the county, a large heron nesting site and marine nearshore habitat.

> This Skagit River park provides habitat for salmon, fishing access and wildlife viewing. Elk, deer, songbirds and beaver enjoy the peaceful forest next to the river. Skagit Land Trust worked with numerous partners to protect this special place as a county park.

NICHOL'S BAR

Access Rivers १ Floodplains

The permanent protection of the largest urban forest in Washington is the result of strong community partnership. Skagit Land Trust holds the conservation easement on this property.

SAMISH ISLAND

Conservation Easements

Shorelines

Species

BARNEY LAKE Conservation Area Wetlands & Lakes Close to Home

These expansive wetlands and farmlands are important for ducks, Trumpeter Swans and other waterfowl along the Pacific Flyway. Skagit Land Trust manages this property for wildlife and future public access along the Centennial Trail.

PROTECTING & STEWARDING RESILIENT ECOSYSTEMS for WILDLIFE, PLANTS & PEOPLE

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ANACORTES Community Forest Lands

PROJECT EXAMPLES

Native Forest

Beloved Places



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.

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