



Great Peninsula Conservancy

2010 Annual Report

Protecting our lands and waters for generations to come

Preparing for the Future



Photo Credit: Mary Zabinski

Bird walk on Clear Creek Trail.

Whether Great Peninsula Conservancy's goal is to purchase shoreline along Hood Canal, conserve Petersen Farm in Silverdale, or protect 6,000 forested acres in North Kitsap County, our conservation work falls into two areas. First comes visioning the possibilities around an urgent conservation need – for instance, salmon habitat, family farms, open space, and rural landscapes. In this stage it is important to think big, seek out partners, and determine priorities. Then comes the critical work of communicating with many audiences, nurturing partnerships, obtaining funding, making adjustments when plans go awry, and, finally, completing the myriad details involved in complex land transactions. Often, projects extend over several years. And when the land is finally saved and the job seems to be done, the real work of caring for the land in

perpetuity begins. How do we know if we are prepared for whatever the future brings?

To succeed over the long term requires a compelling vision, creative leadership, skilled staff, committed members, effective organization, and solid finances. That last piece has been the hardest for Great Peninsula Conservancy to achieve. But I am now confident that Great Peninsula Conservancy can excel in all areas – including financial. Over several years, GPC has steadily built our financial base through memberships, major gifts, legacy donations, foundation support, and public grants. But something was missing. To remedy that, on May 5, 2011, we ventured into the arena of special-event fundraising with our 1st Spring Dinner. Nearly 200 people gathered to celebrate Great Peninsula Conservancy and raise funds for our important conservation work. By the end of an evening of lively conversation and shared appreciation for our native lands, over \$39,000 had been raised and 50 new members welcomed! Success of this magnitude was possible only because of a strong conservation program, active board, growing membership, and extensive community relationships. In combination with existing sources of income, this new event makes a huge difference to GPC's financial stability. Thank you to all who helped to make the event a success.

Preparing for the future also means ensuring that Great Peninsula

Conservancy conducts all of its activities according to the highest standards. For land trusts this means following national guidelines for land transactions, land stewardship, financial management, fundraising, board accountability, and legal mandates. Great Peninsula Conservancy's board and staff have spent the last year assessing how we stand up against these detailed standards. The results are very encouraging. Now we are undertaking steps to fill in some gaps with the goal of seeking to become an accredited land trust in 2012. Achieving this coveted status will provide you – our members – and the public with greater assurance that Great Peninsula Conservancy is truly worthy of your support.

In the meantime, we haven't lost sight of the fact that preparing for the future is *all* about ensuring that natural habitats, rural landscapes, and open spaces of the Great Peninsula are protected for the enjoyment of our children and grandchildren – they *are* the future.

Sandra Staples-Bortner
Executive Director

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2010 Finances in Review¹

Assets

Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 349,337
Pledges Receivable	375
Prepaid Expenses	4,833
Investments	1,029,421
Property & Equipment	4,765,059

Total Assets\$6,149,059

Liabilities & Net Assets

Current Liabilities	
Accrued Expenses	\$ 6,772
Current Notes Payable	62,000
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 68,772
Notes Payable	\$ 186,000

Total Liabilities\$ 254,772

Net Assets

Unrestricted	\$5,006,800
Temporarily Restricted	834,532
Permanently Restricted	52,955

Total Net Assets\$5,894,287

Total Liabilities & Net Assets . \$6,149,059

Revenue

Contributions	\$ 394,025
In Kind Contributions	96,343
Other Income	6,328
Interest	18,192
Net Gains/Losses on Investments	74,488

Total Revenue\$ 589,376

Expenses

Program Expenses	\$ 268,679
Administrative Expenses	80,286
Fundraising Expenses	28,887

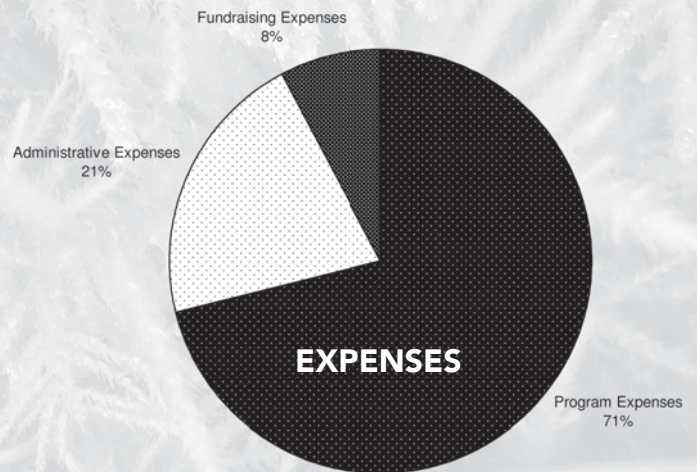
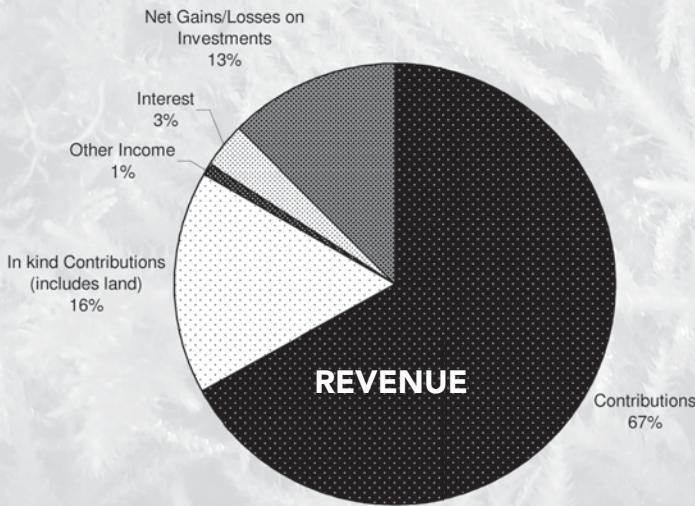
Total Expenses\$ 377,852

Change in net assets

Net assets at beginning of year

Net assets at end of year

¹These abbreviated financial statements are derived from fully annotated financial statements audited by Sanders & Sanders CPAs PS in whose opinion they "present fairly", in all material respects, the financial position of Great Peninsula Conservancy for the year ended December 31, 2010.



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GPC Conservation Initiatives

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Tekiu Point, Hood Canal.

Forests

With the spread of urbanization from the metropolitan centers of Seattle and Tacoma, the forests of the Great Peninsula are at risk of conversion to residential development. Great Peninsula Conservancy's Forests Initiative strives to protect large, continuous blocks of forest and conduct outreach to forest owners on environmentally-sound forestry practices. In 2010, working with partner Northwest Natural Resource Group, GPC was instrumental in obtaining Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification for 1450 acres of Ueland Tree Farm in central Kitsap County. Certification ensures the land, which is a critical component of the Chico Creek watershed, is managed to enhance habitat values, forest diversity, and community sustainability. Currently, Great Peninsula Conservancy is engaged in a public/private partnership to conserve 6,200 acres of commercial forest land owned by Pope Resources in North Kitsap County. The North Kitsap Bay & Forest Initiative aims to acquire extensive shoreline and forest surrounding Port Gamble Bay as a community-owned forest. The land will be managed to provide trails, open space, wildlife habitat, forest products, cultural resources, and ecosystem services far into the future.

Streams and Estuaries

The Great Peninsula has many streams and small "pocket estuaries" that dot coastal stretches of Hood Canal and Puget Sound. While the importance of streams to salmon and other aquatic life has long been known, the critical value of West Sound's nutrient-rich and protected pocket estuaries as rearing habitat for young salmon – even for those spawned in East Puget Sound – has only recently been recognized. Great Peninsula Conservancy has a number of projects underway or in development to protect streams, pocket estuaries, and shoreline identified as high priorities for salmon, shellfish, and waterbird conservation. Examples include work now underway to purchase 10 acres straddling Big Beef Creek on Hood Canal and to acquire 60 acres along Martha John Creek on Port Gamble Bay. Another area of focus is the Hood Canal shoreline near Holly. This region is largely unaltered with intact coastal forest, pocket estuaries and extensive offshore eelgrass beds. In 2010, GPC finalized a conservation easement on Bernadette and Ron Olson's property, a 7 acre site near Tekiu Point with 400 feet of shoreline and 3 acres of productive tidelands. GPC currently is initiating conservation of two additional properties near Holly, a cumulative 8 acres with 700 feet of shoreline.

Photo Credit: Michael Yadrick



Crops on Petersen Farm.

Community GreenSpaces

Community greenspaces include parks, trails, small woodlands, and family farms. Great Peninsula Conservancy recognizes that these special places are more than an amenity, they are a necessity for a growing region. Along with partner Clear Creek Task Force, Great Peninsula Conservancy completed the Birkenfeld Bridge and Boardwalk additions to the Clear Creek Trail in Silverdale in 2010. On land adjacent to the trail, Great Peninsula Conservancy is working with many partners to purchase a conservation easement on 120 acres of historic Petersen Farm. The easement will keep the land in agriculture, preserve native forest and stream, provide educational experiences for families, and protect expansive views of the Clear Creek Valley.



Great Peninsula Conservancy Conservation Legacy

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Conservation Legacy Map Key

ID	Property Name	County	Date	Acreage	Ownership	Conservation Value							
						Forest	Historic	OpenSpace	Recreation	Shoreline	Stream	Wetland	Working Land
K1	Appletree Cove – Kingston Trails – PUD #1	Kitsap	1991	21.60	L	•		•	•				
K2	Sinclair Inlet – Black Jack Creek – Ruby Marsh	Kitsap	1991	19.66	C	•		•			•	•	
K3	Hood Canal – Lofall A	Kitsap	1991	18.09	C			•				•	
K4	Port Madison Bay – Indianola Greenway	Kitsap	1992	31.41 82.30	F C	•		•	•	•		•	
K5	Port Orchard Bay – Gilberton Creek	Kitsap	1992	4.12	F	•		•			•		
K6	Miller Bay – Cowling Creek Forest Preserve	Kitsap	1994	28.17	F	•		•	•		•		
K7	Dyes Inlet – Clear Creek Trail & Bucklin Hill Forest	Kitsap	1994 2009	14.82 1.22 4.05	F L C	•		•	•		•		
K8	Dyes Inlet – Woods Creek	Kitsap	1995	1.80	F	•		•			•		
K9	Hood Canal – Lofall B	Kitsap	1995	1.10	F			•				•	
K10	Admiralty Inlet – Hansville Greenway	Kitsap	1995	6.70	C	•		•	•		•	•	
K11	Port Orchard Bay – Steel Creek	Kitsap	1995	0.82	F			•				•	
K12	Dyes Inlet – Barker Creek A	Kitsap	1996	9.91 10.00	F C			•			•		
K13	Colvos Passage – Olalla Creek	Kitsap	1996	10.00	F	•		•					
K14	Dyes Inlet – Chico – Eldorado Water District	Kitsap	1997	40.00	C	•							
K15	Rich Passage – Watauga Beach	Kitsap	1999	28.15	C	•					•		
K16	Yukon Harbor – Curley Creek	Kitsap	1999	7.38	C	•						•	
K17	Henderson Bay – Burley Creek	Kitsap	1999	22.04	F	•						•	
K18	Liberty Bay – Daniels Creek	Kitsap	2000	6.34	F			•			•		
K19	Yukon Harbor – Curley Creek – Banner Forest	Kitsap	2001	139.00	C	•			•			•	
K20	Hood Canal - Bangor	Kitsap	2001	8.86	C	•				•			
K21	Port Gamble Bay – Martha John Creek	Kitsap	2001	7.00	C			•				•	
K22	Hood Canal – Big Beef Creek – Smalser Refuge	Kitsap	2001	21.31	C			•			•	•	
K23	Hood Canal – Guillemot Cove Park	Kitsap	2002	24.55	T	•		•			•		
K24	Rolling Bay – Silver Creek - Eglon	Kitsap	2002	20.00	F	•		•			•		
K25	Dyes Inlet – Chico Creek & Ueland Tree Farm (FSC)	Kitsap	2004	2073.00	A	•		•	•		•		•
K26	Yukon Harbor – Curley Creek – Curley Creek Estuary	Kitsap	2004	17.62	F					•	•		
K27	Yukon Harbor – Salmonberry Creek	Kitsap	2004	21.60	C			•			•	•	
K28	Hood Canal – Little Anderson Creek	Kitsap	2004	10.00	F	•					•		
K29	Hood Canal – Stavis Bay	Kitsap	2005	24.72	A	•		•		•			
K30	Appletree Cove - Kingston	Kitsap	2005	2.70	F	•				•	•		
K31	Sinclair Inlet – Black Jack Creek	Kitsap	2006	9.67	F	•					•	•	
K32	Hood Canal – Harding Creek Tidelands & Tekiu Point	Kitsap	2006 2010	4.95 7.00	F C	•		•		•			•
K33	Dyes Inlet – Barker Creek B	Kitsap	2008	7.80	C	•		•			•		
K34	Liberty Bay – Dogfish Creek - Fish Park	Kitsap	2008	7.43	T			•	•		•	•	
M1	Hood Canal – Lynch Cove – Klingel/Bryan/Beard Refuge	Mason	1985 1988	86.03 3.90	F C			•		•		•	
M2	Hood Canal – Union River – Davis Farm	Mason	1994	146.93	C	•					•		•
M3	Oakland Bay – Chapman Cove – Brewer Preserve	Mason	1999	1.00	F	•				•			•
M4	Hood Canal – Union River - Bear Creek Preserve & Tahuya Legacy Forest Initiative	Mason	2008 2009	9.07 2100	F A	•			•		•		•
P1	Nisqually Reach – Johnson South Sound Refuge Devil's Head & Taylor Bay	Pierce	1986 1986 2008	25.81 42.55 133.00	F C A			•		•	•	•	
P2	Wollochet Bay – Rosedale – Ellis/Reed Forest	Pierce	1990 2008	202.93	C	•		•				•	•
P3	Henderson Bay – Home	Pierce	1995 1993	2.50 79.15	F C	•	•	•					•
P4	Henderson Bay – Rosedale – Lay Wildrose Preserve	Pierce	1996	3.82	F			•		•			
P5	Wollochet Bay – Gig Harbor – Wollochet Estuary	Pierce	2002 1998	1.50 31.73	F C			•		•			
P6	Tacoma Narrows – Gig Harbor	Pierce	2000	16.00	C	•		•		•			•
P7	Henderson Bay – Rosedale – Sehmel Homestead Park	Pierce	2002	75.00	C	•	•	•	•			•	
P8	Henderson Bay – Rosedale	Pierce	2005	26.70	C	•		•		•			

Ownership Key

GPC conserves lands using a variety of conservation tools.

Assist (A): GPC assists other agencies/organizations with land protection. Protection options for owners of working forest lands include Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Certification. **Total Acres: 4330.72**

Conservation Easement (C): Permanent restrictions placed on the land to protect conservation values. GPC monitors these lands but does not have ownership. **Total Acres: 1053.79**

Fee Ownership (F): These lands are owned and monitored by GPC. **Total Acres: 325.20**

Trail License (L): Allows GPC to install and maintain a public trail across private or public lands. **Total Acres: 22.82**

Transfer (T): Lands protected by GPC and transferred to another organization/agency for conservation. **Total Acres: 31.98**

Total All Acres: 5,764.51

Conservation Value Key

GPC protects lands that possess conservation values including:

Forest: Helps maintain water quality, limits erosion, processes carbon dioxide, and protects animal habitats.

Historic: Protects the character of our communities and helps people maintain connections with the past.

Open Space: Helps prevent soil erosion and filters rainwater, also provides wildlife habitat and undeveloped vistas.

Recreation: Provides opportunity for relaxation and enjoyment of natural environments.

Shoreline: Serves as natural buffer, safeguards water quality, and provides wildlife habitat.

Stream: Provides habitat for fish and other wildlife, and safeguards water quality.

Wetland: Protects and improves water quality, helps control flooding and erosion, and provides habitat for terrestrial and aquatic wildlife.

Working Land: Working land (e.g. farmland, shellfish bed, forestry land) allows responsible management of lands to sustain local economies.

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