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TLC MISSION

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Protecting Our Natural and Cultural Heritage



From the lush coastal rain forests to the deserts and grasslands of the interior, British Columbia contains some of the most beautiful and biologically diverse lands in North America. These areas are home to many threatened or endangered species that are dependent upon critical habitat for their survival. But many of these rare natural areas are in danger of disappearing forever. The Land Conservancy is working to protect those special places...forever.

TLC is committed to the protection of plants, animals, natural communities and landscape features that represent the diversity of life on earth. We do this by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive. *TLC* has protected over 100 properties, comprising about 90,000 acres, ranging from relatively small urban oases to vast tracts of threatened grasslands or wilderness areas.

Many of these lands are facing increased threats from population growth or development pressure. The Land Conservancy is determined to do whatever we can to ensure that British Columbia's magnificent natural legacy will not be lost. The time to act is now – working together with our many partners, we *can* save these special places for future generations to enjoy.

British Columbia's rich natural heritage complements an equally vibrant cultural heritage. Our historic buildings, gardens and artifacts, archaeological sites and landmarks tell a compelling story of the human settlement of these lands. It's *our* story, and one that can enrich *all* of our lives. But many of these special places have already been lost, and many more are at risk. The Land Conservancy is working to protect these priceless heritage resources, to make sure that our story can continue to be told and experienced...forever.

Working to conserve the original property where we can, or to restore the site if we need to, The Land Conservancy has built a strong foundation for its work. Well respected and publicly recognized for our diligence and integrity in conserving our heritage, *TLC* has also built a reputation for getting the job done. Many individuals and communities are turning to *TLC* to help conserve our fragile heritage resources.

The Land Conservancy achieves its conservation objectives by working in a non-confrontational, businesslike manner. We work with many partners, all levels of government, other agencies, businesses, community groups and individuals to ensure the broadest support for our activities. We are here for the long term. When we take properties under our care, we intend that it is in perpetuity.



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President's Report

Bill Turner, President & Executive Director



It is, once again, my pleasure to be able to report that The Land Conservancy has had a successful year. The past twelve months have been an exciting and rewarding time for *TLC* and have seen us be able to protect several very important properties that may otherwise have been lost. It has not been easy, and we can all be extremely proud of the work we have accomplished.

While this has been a particularly difficult year for fundraising, we have nevertheless been able to secure a significant section of parkland in the Capital Region, begin work on the restoration of the shoreline along the Gorge waterway in Victoria, and help secure both a donation and purchase of property on Hornby Island. We have also finalized the donations of a wetland area in Surrey, a property on Nimpo Lake in the Cariboo, and a property near Osoyoos containing a tremendous stand of western larches. We have established conservation covenants on several new properties and have protected others with long-term lease arrangements.

One of the most intensive areas of work this past year has been the expansion and development of our cultural heritage activities. We have taken on management responsibility for three extremely significant heritage properties – Craigflower Manor and Schoolhouse, both National Historic Sites in the Victoria area, and Eagles Estate, a historic house and garden in Burnaby. We are also continuing with the restoration of Ross Bay Villa and have undertaken considerable safety upgrades at Abkhazi Garden. In addition to our properties, we have agreed to help establish a Heritage Legacy Trust Fund, in partnership with the Heritage Society of BC and the Province.

As our legacy in protecting our natural and cultural heritage continues to grow, so does our responsibility to ensure that those properties entrusted to us are properly cared for. We have spent a lot of time and energy this past year working to build our organizational capacity to make sure that *TLC* will remain strong, healthy and viable for many years to come.

A substantial part of this work lies in continuing to build strong relationships with our partners in government, business and the non-profit sector. I am proud to say that we have earned considerable respect among our partners, and it certainly goes a long way to helping us achieve our objectives. The support we receive from our partners – whether it's financial support, in-kind support or just moral support – is tremendous and much appreciated. Collectively we can accomplish so much more than working in isolation.

As mentioned earlier, this has been an extremely challenging year for fundraising. Governments continue to cut back. The ongoing weakness in the stock markets has had a severe negative impact on foundations and corporate giving and has curbed the ability of many of our major donors to be as generous as they have in the past. Just as with many other charities across North America, we have been struggling to make ends meet.



But in the face of this, and with some careful managing, we have been able to meet our commitments – and we have achieved some success along the way.

Although our major financial support has been down, *TLC* continues to benefit from the generosity of thousands of individual donors. We have received donations from over 9000 different donors in our first six years of operation, almost 4000 of them this past year alone. This depth of support certainly has helped to sustain us during these difficult times.

But *TLC*'s greatest asset remains the dedication and support we receive from our members and volunteers. Without this support we simply could not exist. Our membership is now about 2000, and we continue to work with about 500 active volunteers.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all of our members, our volunteers and donors for helping to make *TLC* the successful organization it is. It is a wonderful and dynamic group of people who have come together in a common cause to make our world a better place.

In particular, I'd like to thank our Board of Directors. They dedicate huge amounts of their time and energy to building *TLC*, and their sound advice and clear vision help to keep us on track and moving forward. They deserve a huge round of thanks.

And finally, I would like to recognize the tremendous work and dedication of our staff team. They all put in far more hours and energy than they are compensated for. They are creative, skilled and dedicated, and they all have a passion for the work they do. We are truly fortunate to have such a wonderful team to help us make *TLC* the effective organization it is.

TLC is modeled on the National Trust in Great Britain. They have demonstrated that with perseverance, integrity and adherence to the highest of standards, a tremendous legacy can be built and sustained. I am confident that *TLC* is on its way to building such a legacy.

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Treasurer's Report

Kate Stewart, Treasurer



Serving as Treasurer for The Land Conservancy is certainly an interesting challenge. The pace of growth, the ups and downs of fundraising, the dynamic and (necessarily) opportunistic nature of our work all conspire to demand considerable flexibility and, therefore, considerable diligence in our financial management.

We have been fortunate, over the years, to have capable and dedicated staff who have done an excellent job in maintaining our financial records and ensuring that our accounts are in good shape. This has been a tough year for our finances, and I would like to thank our staff – in particular our bookkeeper, Beth Cabbage – for their tremendous efforts in managing so well in difficult circumstances.

Included with this annual report are our Financial Statements for the 2002/2003 fiscal year, compiled by our auditors Michael Flanagan and David Pickstone. The financial statements provide a summary of our financial health, as of April 30, 2003. Caution should be exercised in reading these statements. Due to the nature of our work, a single grant or a single donation of property can skew the figures dramatically from year to year.

As can be seen from the financial statements, our total income this year was about \$3.5 million, a drop of \$1.4 million from the previous year. Slightly more than half of this reduction was due to fewer donations of property (“donations in kind”) this year. The remainder, however, was due to a downturn in financial donations (primarily in major gifts). This loss of revenue, of course, has a major impact on our available cash resources that have been extremely tight all year.

On a positive note, however, our membership revenues continue to increase, as they have every year since we started. They were up by 13% over last year.

While we worked hard to control our expenditures over the year, cutting back in areas where we have discretionary control, our total expenditures were up slightly from the previous year. Most of the increase was due to increased transfer of properties to two Regional Districts for dedication as parks. Also, our cost controls were offset by a need to spend considerably more in fundraising during the year, due to a change in tactics (we instituted a more vigorous direct mail plan than we had previously used).

Our total assets are now approximately \$14.5 million, of which \$13.7 million is the value of our properties and covenants. While this is down marginally from last year, our equity has grown by over \$800,000

to almost \$8.9 million. At the same time, our total liabilities have been reduced by almost \$1.3 million, to just over \$5.5 million.

Most of these liabilities are in the form of mortgages relating to the acquisition of important properties (several of which are secured through arrangements with Regional Districts). Even though it was a difficult year financially, we were able to meet every commitment with respect to our mortgages and were able to pay them down by more than \$1.2 million. The following table lists the mortgages that were paid this year.

Table 1

| Property | Mtg. Amount | Paid in 02/03 | Remaining |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| Abkhazi Garden 1 | \$1,000,000 | \$117,500 | \$682,500 |
| Abkhazi Garden 2 | \$80,000 | \$3,200 | \$72,800 |
| Abkhazi Garden 3 | \$75,000 | \$1,079 | \$67,999 |
| Ayum Creek | \$182,250 | \$2,035 | \$101,206 |
| Cowichan River | \$33,332 | \$16,666 | \$0 |
| Nanaimo River 1 ⁽¹⁾ | \$125,000 | \$41,666 | \$41,667 |
| Nanaimo River 2 ⁽¹⁾ | \$10,000 | \$3,334 | \$3,333 |
| Qualicum Bat House | \$45,000 | \$698 | \$37,218 |
| Ross Bay Villa | \$225,000 | \$4,202 | \$177,969 |
| Salt Spring Island ⁽³⁾ | \$1,000,000 | \$200,000 | \$600,000 |
| Similkameen R. Pines | \$200,000 | \$100,000 | \$0 |
| Sooke Hills ⁽²⁾ | \$2,400,000 | \$600,000 | \$1,200,000 |
| South Winchelsea Island | \$445,000 | \$95,000 | \$0 |
| Wildwood 1 | \$600,000 | \$42,000 | \$337,000 |
| Wildwood 2 | \$90,000 | \$10,000 | \$70,000 |

⁽¹⁾ Secured by \$50,000 annual contribution from the Regional District of Nanaimo

⁽²⁾ Secured by \$600,000 annual contribution from the Capital Regional District

⁽³⁾ Secured by \$200,000 annual contribution from the Capital Regional District

It's important to remember that mortgage costs do not necessarily reflect the cost of acquisition of the property, nor does the balance of the mortgage necessarily reflect the status of fundraising for that property. It is always significantly more difficult to raise funds after a property has been "saved" (e.g., mortgaged), and the pace of fundraising often does not keep up with the mortgage payment schedule, requiring us to transfer general funds, temporarily, into that account.

TLC has always been careful to try and diversify our fundraising activities, so that we are not dependent upon one or two sources. Chart 1 provides a breakdown of our revenue sources. The downturn in donations this year and a couple of additional grants have combined to show that grants make up almost half of our revenue base and donations a little more than a quarter. This is not our usual situation, as our donation base traditionally amounts to about half of our revenue.

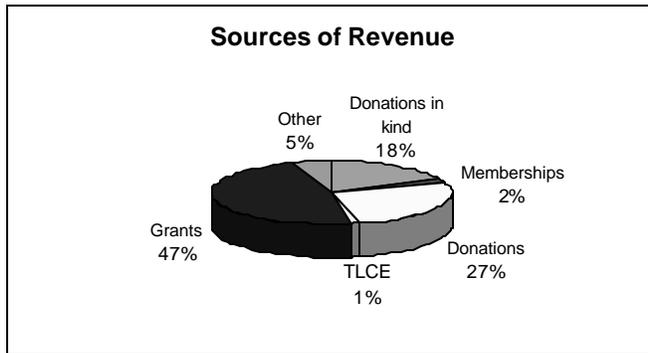


Chart 1

Chart 2 indicates how we spend our money. We work very hard to keep our operating expenses as low as possible, to concentrate our efforts on property acquisition and program delivery. Our staffing costs are one of our major expenditures, almost \$1 million per year. In this chart they are allocated functionally according to the proportion of work that each staff person does on property acquisition, program delivery or administration.

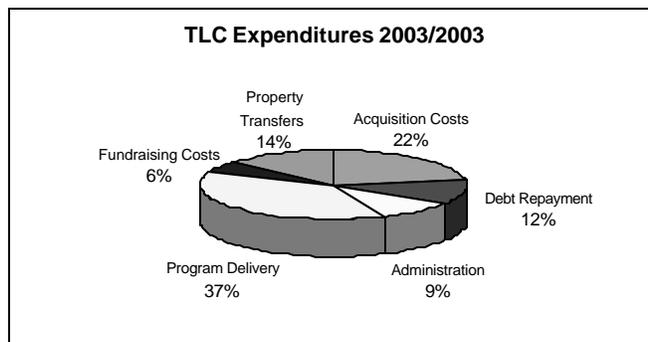
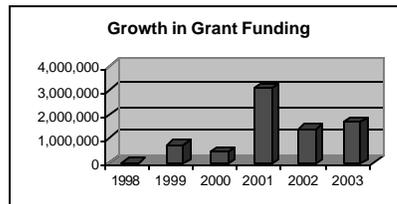
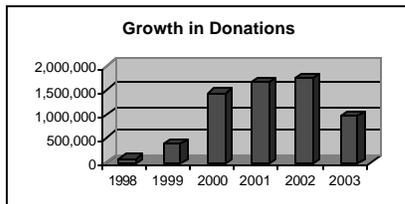
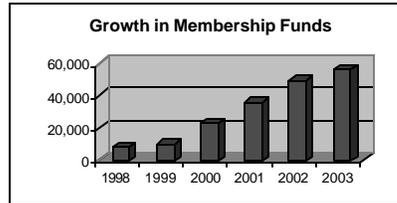
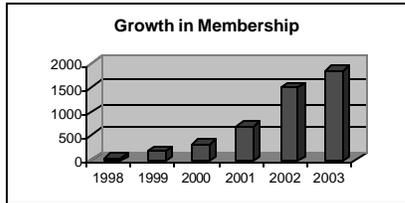
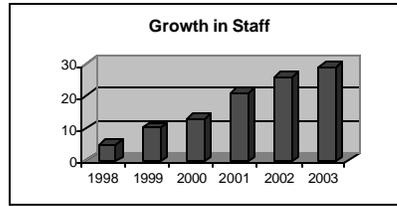
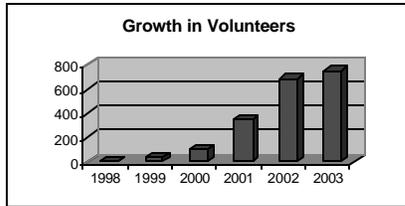


Chart 2

As has been mentioned often, The Land Conservancy has been on a tremendous growth curve since our inception six years ago. The following series of charts show graphically how various aspects of our organization have grown rapidly. While we have all been challenged by this growth, we all know that it has been necessary. The threats to sensitive and critical habitat and to our remaining wilderness areas continue to mount. The threats to our historic and cultural landmarks are greater every day. If we are to have an impact, we have to act now.

And that means we have to work as quickly as possible to build the infrastructure in our organization, the capacity in our staff and volunteers and the understanding in our members and supporters to enable us to respond to the pressing challenges.

Such a rapid growth strategy is not without its risks. We are often pressed for cash resources, as the demands of the “next project” come



faster than we can raise the funds to cover them. We often have to go right down to the last minute to raise the funds for an acquisition project (and sometimes we even have to ask for extensions). The rapid pace of growth makes it hard to plan, and we have to rely on the skills of our managers to keep everything on track. And, as we continue to grow, this task gets increasingly difficult.

Over the next year, we will be concentrating more effort on our organizational infrastructure. *TLC* has never been “well financed” in terms of working capital funds. We started with \$500 donated by our five founding members, and we have spent virtually everything we have raised since then on our projects and programs. It’s now time to invest in *TLC*’s future as well. We will be seeking some working capital to invest in our fundraising, marketing and operational infrastructure to enable us to manage and sustain considerably higher levels of activity. This investment will ensure *TLC*’s continued ability to “get the job done” with the same level of integrity and the same level of success as we have achieved until now.

The following pages contain an excerpt from our 2002/2003 Consolidated Financial Statements. A full copy of the financial statements is available on request from any of our offices, or may be downloaded from our Web site at www.conservancy.bc.ca.

3.1 Financial Statements

April 30, 2003

NON-CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT APRIL 30, 2003

| | General Fund | Restricted Fund | 2003 Total | 2002 Total |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| ASSETS | | | | |
| Current | | | | |
| Cash and short-term deposits | \$ 43,029 | \$ - | \$ 43,029 | \$ 53,414 |
| Accounts receivable | 14,408 | 55,220 | 69,628 | 83,163 |
| Prepaid expenses | 16,693 | 991 | 17,684 | 11,999 |
| Inventory | 29,000 | - | 29,000 | 29,000 |
| Deposits on land | - | 280,000 | 280,000 | 10,000 |
| | <u>103,130</u> | <u>336,211</u> | <u>439,341</u> | <u>187,576</u> |
| Investments | 10 | 20,000 | 20,010 | 20,010 |
| Due from related entity | 175,764 | - | 175,764 | 97,327 |
| Capital assets | 39,915 | 13,779,853 | 13,819,768 | 14,606,256 |
| | <u>318,819</u> | <u>\$ 14,136,064</u> | <u>\$ 14,454,883</u> | <u>\$ 14,911,169</u> |
| LIABILITIES | | | | |
| Current | | | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | \$ 329,464 | \$ - | \$ 329,464 | \$ 258,578 |
| Due to (from) other Fund | (722,381) | 722,381 | - | - |
| Current portion of long-term debt | - | 1,605,000 | 1,605,000 | 1,430,000 |
| | <u>(392,917)</u> | <u>2,327,381</u> | <u>1,934,464</u> | <u>1,688,578</u> |
| Deposits held in trust | - | - | - | 200,000 |
| Long-term debt | 216,225 | 3,449,107 | 3,665,332 | 4,986,947 |
| | <u>(176,692)</u> | <u>5,776,488</u> | <u>5,599,796</u> | <u>6,875,525</u> |
| FUND BALANCES | | | | |
| Invested in capital assets | 39,915 | 9,005,746 | 9,045,661 | 8,329,309 |
| Externally restricted | - | (646,170) | (646,170) | (481,295) |
| Unrestricted | 455,596 | - | 455,596 | 187,630 |
| | <u>495,511</u> | <u>8,359,576</u> | <u>8,855,087</u> | <u>8,035,644</u> |
| | <u>\$ 318,819</u> | <u>\$ 14,136,064</u> | <u>\$ 14,454,883</u> | <u>\$ 14,911,169</u> |

**NON-CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 2003**

| | General Fund | Restricted Fund | 2003 Total | 2002 Total |
|---|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Revenue | | | | |
| Memberships | \$ 55,896 | \$ - | \$ 55,896 | \$ 49,615 |
| Donations in kind | 65,209 | 575,291 | 640,500 | 1,621,763 |
| Donations | 436,373 | 519,304 | 955,677 | 1,753,115 |
| Grants | 93,498 | 1,605,137 | 1,698,635 | 1,406,851 |
| Rental income | 4,681 | 60,454 | 65,135 | 63,410 |
| Other income | 33,888 | 88,783 | 122,671 | 39,690 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 689,545 | 2,848,969 | 3,538,514 | 4,934,444 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Expenses | | | | |
| Advertising and promotion | 51,594 | 22,844 | 74,438 | 66,667 |
| Amortization | 14,851 | 23,306 | 38,157 | 38,552 |
| Donations | 7,800 | 488,459 | 496,259 | 314,812 |
| Conferences and seminars | 8,112 | 3,177 | 11,289 | 16,873 |
| Consulting | 24,282 | 138,775 | 163,057 | 117,008 |
| Fund raising | 76,309 | 49,178 | 125,487 | 27,292 |
| Interest and bank charges | 7,497 | 1,019 | 8,516 | 8,044 |
| Interest on long-term debt | 15,560 | 375,662 | 391,222 | 388,157 |
| Insurance | 17,238 | 17,957 | 35,195 | 22,463 |
| Licences, dues and fees | 368 | 927 | 1,295 | 1,432 |
| Memberships | 1,013 | 100 | 1,113 | 2,179 |
| Office | 38,558 | 12,391 | 50,949 | 75,414 |
| Professional fees | 16,850 | 22,550 | 39,400 | 54,463 |
| Property appraisals and commissions | - | 37,119 | 37,119 | 57,333 |
| Property taxes | - | 48,805 | 48,805 | 47,892 |
| Rent and utilities | 13,475 | 50,861 | 64,336 | 43,559 |
| Repairs and maintenance | 19,127 | 37,495 | 56,622 | 99,507 |
| Salaries, wages and benefits | 49,591 | 915,093 | 964,684 | 1,007,335 |
| Telephone | 19,230 | 10,544 | 29,774 | 30,450 |
| Travel | 48,375 | 32,979 | 81,354 | 86,904 |
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| | 429,830 | 2,289,241 | 2,719,071 | 2,506,336 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Excess of revenue over expenses for the year | 259,715 | 559,728 | 819,443 | 2,428,108 |
| Fund balances, beginning of year | 235,796 | 7,799,848 | 8,035,644 | 5,607,536 |
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| Fund balances, end of year | \$ 495,511 | \$ 8,359,576 | \$ 8,855,087 | \$ 8,035,644 |
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**NON-CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 2003**

| | General Fund | Restricted Fund | 2003 Total | 2002 Total |
|---|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Cash flows from (used in) operating activities | | | | |
| Excess of revenue over expenses for the year | \$ 259,715 | \$ 559,728 | \$ 819,443 | \$ 2,428,108 |
| Adjustments for: | | | | |
| Amortization | 14,851 | 23,306 | 38,157 | 38,552 |
| Non-cash donations, net | - | (133,026) | (133,026) | 73,100 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 274,566 | 450,008 | 724,574 | 2,539,760 |
| Changes in non-cash operating working capital | 99,625 | (20,889) | 78,736 | 118,349 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 374,191 | 429,119 | 803,310 | 2,658,109 |
| Cash flows from (used in) financing activities | | | | |
| Loan proceeds | 136,225 | 197,775 | 334,000 | 1,956,165 |
| Loan principal repayments | - | (1,480,615) | (1,480,615) | (1,433,989) |
| Due to (from) other Fund | (435,764) | 435,764 | - | - |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | (299,539) | (847,076) | (1,146,615) | 522,176 |
| Cash flows from (used in) investing activities | | | | |
| Purchase of land and capital assets | (6,600) | (112,043) | (118,643) | (4,170,768) |
| Proceeds on sale of capital assets | - | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 600,000 |
| Deposits on land | - | (270,000) | (270,000) | 60,000 |
| Net repayment to related entity | (78,437) | - | (78,437) | (42,804) |
| Deposits received (applied) | - | (200,000) | (200,000) | 200,000 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | (85,037) | 417,957 | 332,920 | (3,353,572) |
| Change in cash during the year | (10,385) | - | (10,385) | (173,287) |
| Cash, beginning of year | 53,414 | - | 53,414 | 226,701 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Cash, end of year | \$ 43,029 | \$ - | \$ 43,029 | \$ 53,414 |
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Organizational Development Report

Ian Fawcett, Deputy Executive Director

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As *TLC* continues to grow and mature as an organization, our staff complement, volunteer needs, space requirements, communications, policies and many other aspects of our day-to-day operations grow right along with it. It's important that our infrastructure keeps pace with our growth, if we are to continue to be as effective and efficient as we need to be. Over the past year we have worked hard to improve, streamline and update many of our operations and have taken some significant steps to provide a solid foundation for our long-term development.

Head Office Operations

4.1

The most obvious change has been the relocation of our head office. We have recently moved to new and expanded premises at 2709 Shoreline Drive in Victoria, immediately adjacent to the Craigflower site. This move was necessitated as we had simply outgrown the borrowed space in Bill and Gerie Turner's basement where we had operated for our first six years. The new office provides a much more functional space for both staff and volunteers and will certainly improve our overall productivity and efficiency.

The greater accessibility has already enabled a significant increase in volunteer participation at head office. This enhanced level of support is enabling our Head Office Manager, Sheila Braun, to implement a number of new procedures and strategies for streamlining our administrative functions to serve our members better and improve our ability to meet our many goals.

Staff Development

4.2

One of the (many) beneficial aspects of *TLC's* relationship with the British National Trust is our ability to draw from their many years of experience in dealing with the issues and challenges of running a dynamic, energetic land trust. We have often looked to the National Trust when developing policies and programs, or for help with organizational challenges. Our latest adventure, however, promises to

provide more direct benefits – a staff exchange between the two organizations.

Last winter, our Vancouver Island Warden, Paula Hesje, visited England to work with the National Trust for three months, and this fall a National Trust warden will be here working with *TLC*. Also in the fall, Eileen Palmer, our Vancouver Island Regional Manager will be working with the National Trust in Cornwall and Devon, and then the area manager from South Cornwall will travel to BC in the spring to work with us. We can learn a great deal from these exchanges, and the practical support we can gain from experienced National Trust staff will benefit *TLC* for many years.



TLC believes very strongly in building the best staff team that we can. Our staff are highly motivated and highly dedicated to their work. We need to ensure that they have the opportunity and support to continue to develop their skills and knowledge, to build the expertise necessary to help take *TLC* forward effectively and efficiently. A strong staff team is a major investment in our future and one of the best investments we can make.

4.3

Building Partnerships and Networks

The calibre of *TLC*'s staff is recognized by many of our partners. We are often called upon to help with local projects, provide technical assistance and advice or serve as part of coalitions. *TLC* makes a point of trying to help wherever we can (although we do have to be careful about overloading ourselves with too many projects).

We recognize the value of strong partnerships (both formal and informal), and, over the past year, we have had the opportunity to work with many groups, organizations, agencies, corporations, governments and individuals – often in a leadership capacity – to achieve our mutual goals. A list of our current partnerships can be found in Appendix 5.

During the past year, we were also very proud to be able to help organize, host and participate in a major national conference on stewardship: *The Leading Edge – Stewardship and Conservation in Canada 2003*. Held in Victoria, this conference brought together hundreds of conservationists, land trusts, stewards, academics, scientists, politicians and many others, from right across Canada, who have taken on the responsibility of caring for the integrity of Canada's important natural and cultural heritage.

Bill Turner was the co-chair of this conference and is now helping to take forward recommendations to the Prime Minister and the Federal Government to establish a strong and vigorous "stewardship agenda" for Canada. This activity on the national stage is an important step for Canada's stewardship and conservation movements. It's also an

important step for The Land Conservancy, as we continue to build our profile and expertise.

Membership Development

4.4

TLC prides itself on being a *true* membership-based organization. Our members control what we do and elect our Board of Directors. We draw our strength from our membership. Our broad base of support allows us to speak with authority and assurance when dealing with issues of importance to the protection of our natural and cultural heritage. The greater our membership base, the more effective our voice can be, and the more successful we can be in achieving our goals and objectives.

TLC currently has about 2,000 members. We would like that to be 20,000! To build our membership we are asking everyone – our current members and our supporters – to help with this recruitment. First of all, if they're not yet members themselves, we ask them to consider joining. Also, we are asking everyone to speak with their family, their friends, neighbours and co-workers to encourage them to join *TLC* as well. There is nothing more persuasive than direct personal contact and the good recommendations of our members and supporters. If our friends understand how strongly we feel about supporting *TLC*'s work and about the satisfaction we receive in knowing that our help is allowing *TLC* to protect so many special places around our province, we're sure they will want to help as well.

Our campaign is unified with the slogan:

Are you a TLC member yet?

This slogan is being incorporated, as much as possible, into all of our materials and messages, as a reminder to everyone to get on board and participate with the growing number of people who are standing up to make a difference.

Volunteer Programs

4.5

Volunteers are the lifeblood of *TLC*. Without our many talented and enthusiastic volunteers, we simply could not function. Volunteers are integrated into all aspects of our operations, from our Board of Directors to our office workers, from our tea room and gift shop staff to our gardeners, from our legal and real estate advisors to our field crews.

As much as it is a membership-based organization, *TLC* is also a volunteer-based organization. The fundamental principle underlying our volunteer program is that we want to provide the means for our

supporters to be able to participate directly in the success of *their* organization. We work very hard to match our volunteers' needs and interests to the work they do – to make sure that they can get the greatest satisfaction from their contribution.

This past year has brought many new volunteers to *TLC*. Abkhazi Garden, Ross Bay Villa and Head Office continue to be the areas that draw the most volunteer support, but all regions and all of our programs involve volunteers to some degree. The move of our Head Office to a more accessible location has made a big difference. The work at Eagles Estate garden is also bringing many new volunteers, and as Craigflower gets going more people are becoming involved there as well.

One of our ongoing volunteer programs is to work with agencies – primarily in the Victoria area – that provide opportunities for developmentally challenged adults. Working either singly or in supported groups, volunteers from this program make a huge difference at *TLC*, helping to get our office work, gardening work and special projects completed with ease.

Our volunteer requirements are constantly growing and changing. An expanded volunteer section of our new Web site will help to keep these needs up to date and provide increased opportunities for people to get directly involved. In the past year, more than 500 people have been involved with *TLC* in voluntary work. We can always use more help, and we welcome new enquiries every day.

4.6 **Marketing & Communications**

Among the greatest challenges for any non-profit organization is to find the ways to effectively market itself and its programs. In part, this is a matter of cost (advertising and materials production is expensive). But it is also a matter of creatively and strategically developing the most appropriate ways and means to let people know what we are all about. By engaging our supporters and the public, with appropriate information delivered in an appropriate way, we can build *TLC*'s recognition and profile, and, in so doing, enhance all of our activities and our ability to succeed in our mission.

Over the past year, *TLC* has put a lot of thought and effort into developing a marketing and communications strategy. It is multi-faceted and involves all aspects of our work. Its primary objective is to coordinate all of our communications activities so that they are consistent in both appearance and messaging, as well as being carefully managed to ensure the greatest cost-effectiveness – every message should, to the extent possible, reinforce and support every other message.

Our communications, collectively, create an image of us in the public's mind. It *must* be the image that *we* want. Every publication, every message, every word we utter either adds to, or detracts from, that image. It is critical that we get it right.

We have begun to implement this strategy with a number of ongoing initiatives. They include:

- **Web site** – we have completely rebuilt and reorganized our Web site to make it more focused and more user-friendly;
- **LandMark** – we have redesigned our newsletter, the *LandMark*, and are now producing it three times per year, in February, June and October.
- **Promotional Materials** – we have developed new design criteria for all of our printed materials, and, over time (as new materials need to be produced), we will be converting all of our materials to the new (consistent) design.
- **Coordination** – we have set out specific standards and criteria that all of our communications activities must meet and have also established a communications team (headed by Ian Fawcett, with Alison Spriggs responsible for the Vancouver Island area and Tracy Keeling responsible for the Lower Mainland and other areas), to oversee and coordinate all of our activities.
- **Product marketing** – we are developing specific marketing strategies for all of our products and programs (such as our boat cruises, cottage rentals, working holidays, Abkhazi Garden, Wildwood and Craigflower) to ensure that we can get the “biggest bang for the buck” out of our scarce advertising budget, and jointly market our activities where feasible.

We hope that these measures will help to enhance *TLC's* profile and recognition and will improve and streamline our ability to provide our members and supporters with the information they need.



Fundraising & Development

4.7

While the past year has been extremely difficult for fundraising in British Columbia (in fact, it's been difficult all over North America), we have still seen a lot of activity in *TLC's* fundraising programs. And, in spite of the challenges, we have also had some successes.

The Land Conservancy's method of preserving our natural and cultural heritage – mostly protecting land through acquisition – can be very expensive. But it's the best and *only permanent* method there is. This practice sets us apart from most other conservation groups – we do not lobby, we act!

Government can eliminate environmental legislation and change its policies as it sees fit. Private landowners can decide to develop their properties or may have to sell them. No matter how much the current situation seems secure, it can change overnight. But once a property has been acquired and paid for, The Land Conservancy can guarantee it will be protected forever. Yes, it may be expensive...but it's worth it.



And that means for *TLC* to be successful our fundraising must be successful.

As *TLC* continues to grow, so do our fundraising requirements. To keep up with our changing circumstances, we have made a few significant organizational changes recently, and this past year has added some new opportunities, which will help to boost our capacity to raise the resources we need to keep moving forward.

To help with coordination, we have brought all of our fundraising staff and volunteers together under one team, headed by Bill Turner. We have added fundraising staff in the Lower Mainland (Dagmar Hungerford) and the Okanagan (Doreen Olsen) and have reorganized the Ours Forever Campaign staff in Victoria (now led by Alison Spriggs). Other activities are supported by Carla Funk (Special Projects) and Lynne Milnes (Grants & Corporate Fundraising).

This year has seen several significant accomplishments in our fundraising programs. In particular, we had two successful campaigns, which are described in full below. The success of these campaigns was not just in raising money, but also in how they demonstrate the ways in which strong partnerships, effective communications and creativity, along with public engagement, can come together to enhance our ability to deliver on our objectives.

Houdini Story Writing Contest

TLC has taken on the challenge of raising the funds to purchase the Eagle Bluff property in the Okanagan. This property is the location of the South Okanagan Rehabilitation Centre for Owls (SORCO), which would have to close if the property is sold.

SORCO has a mascot, Houdini, a great-horned owl that was permanently injured shortly after birth and now lives at SORCO. An opportunity was presented to us when Raincoast Books (the Canadian publisher of the Harry Potter books) provided us with tickets for the launch of the latest Harry Potter book at Albert Hall in London. We quickly took advantage of the opportunity and put together a contest for children to write a short story about Houdini the Owl – with the prize being a trip to London to attend the launch of the Harry Potter book. Through our partnership with the National Trust, we were also able to arrange a side trip to Lacock Abbey, a NT property where the Harry Potter movies were filmed.

With the further help of CBC Radio, we were able to gain tremendous publicity for the contest and for our fundraising efforts. Several hundred entries came forward in less than two weeks, and a group of volunteer editors from the Professional Editors Association of Vancouver Island and the Editors' Association of Canada, along with staff from Raincoast Books, helped us choose the winner (and nine runners-up who won book prizes donated by Raincoast).

Congratulations to Max Edwards, a nine-year-old from Nanoose Bay who, along with his mother and thirteen-year-old sister Lauren, were able to enjoy the trip of their lives.

Funds donated along with entries have helped toward saving SORCO, but more importantly the project (as well as *TLC's* work in general) received a huge boost from the publicity and will enable us to build on this success with further fundraising activities. *TLC* still needs to raise considerable funds for the Eagle Bluff/SORCO project.

Thetis Lake to Mount Work Trail Connector

As part of the Ours Forever Campaign, and working with our partners in the Capital Regional District, *TLC* committed to purchase a strategically significant property in the Victoria area, which would enable the completion of a trail network linking two regional parks, part of the Sea to Sea Greenbelt project.

When the opportunity to purchase this property came up, there were a couple of other major fundraising campaigns underway in the Capital Region. *TLC* decided not to compete with those campaigns but, rather, to attempt to raise the necessary funds (\$350,000) through quiet, behind-the-scenes fundraising with a number of potential major donors. Unfortunately, this approach was not successful.

With less than three weeks to go before the fundraising deadline, we decided to launch a public appeal. Our media partners in the Capital Region, particularly the *TimesColonist*, contributed significant publicity, and the campaign started to gain momentum. Spurred along by a couple of extremely generous donations, we raised approximately half of the necessary funds, with still a little more than a week to go.

Then a couple of Victoria running groups and businesses – the Harriers and Frontrunners – got involved. They developed a “fitness challenge” and a silent auction to help support our fundraising efforts and helped create a tremendous amount of momentum for the campaign.

On the last day before the deadline, our partners at CFX Radio offered to host a “telethon fundraiser” for an hour of their afternoon show. We still needed to raise \$90,000. As the telethon got underway, the response from the public was so tremendous, that CFX abandoned the rest of their programming and dedicated the entire three-hour show to the telethon. The last donation was received one minute prior to the show ending and allowed *TLC* to successfully complete this important acquisition.



4.7.1

New Fundraising Opportunities

In addition to our ongoing campaigns, *TLC* developed a number of new fundraising initiatives and opportunities this year, broadening our reach and providing more flexibility for our donors to be able to support our work.



- **TLC Endowment Funds** – To help secure the long-term future of *TLC*, we have established several endowment funds with the Vancouver Foundation and the Victoria Foundation. Donations to these endowment funds will provide a guaranteed rate of return each year to fund *TLC*'s operations.
- **Planned Giving Activities** – While general fundraising has been slow, our planned giving program has continued to do well. We now have over 40 individuals or families who have notified us that they have arranged a gift to *TLC* as part of their estate. This generosity will help secure *TLC*'s future for many years to come.
- **Business Sponsorship Program** – This innovative program brings together a number of professionals, other business services and commercial ventures who want to support *TLC* in a program that is mutually supporting and sustainable over the long term. Under this program, the businesses involved agree to make a contribution to *TLC* every time a *TLC* member uses their services or purchases their product. In return, *TLC* will encourage its members to use these businesses when they need such services or products. See Appendix 4 for a list of those who have joined so far.
- **Investment Opportunities** – *TLC* from time to time offers investment opportunities in which we seek funds in the form of loans or mortgages to help finance our project operations and acquisitions. During the past year we offered:
 - **Thwaytes Landing Green Mortgage**, to raise a total of \$500,000 to enable us to proceed with the acquisition of this important waterfront property near North Vancouver; and
 - **TLC for TLC**, to raise \$400,000 in working capital for *TLC*'s operations.

4.7.2

BC Heritage Legacy Fund

The Land Conservancy has entered into a partnership with the Heritage Society of BC to create and manage a new endowment fund for heritage conservation. The new fund will be known as the BC Heritage Legacy Fund and has been established with a \$5 million initial contribution from the Province of BC.

The initiative for this fund came from the heritage community itself. *TLC*, HSBC and others have made the case that an endowment fund to support heritage conservation activities would be an important step in achieving success. *TLC* and HSBC are currently working to create a management structure and determine the details of the fund by October 2003.

We will also be working to encourage corporate, institutional and private donations in order to build the fund to support a wide variety of community conservation efforts that are focused on place heritage. The initial target is to match the Province's contribution of \$5 million. Once that has been achieved the Province has agreed to contribute a further \$5 million on a matching basis.

Ours Forever Campaign

4.7.3

Ours Forever is a ten-year, \$30 million capital campaign with a vision to purchase, protect and enhance properties essential to maintaining the magnificent character of the Capital Region for all time as the very special place it is today.

The campaign goal targets the following fundraising priorities:

- Urban Parks and Greenways \$8 million
- Wilderness \$8 million
- Shorelines, Wetlands and Waterways \$4 million
- Cultural and Heritage Landmarks \$3 million
- Ours Forever Endowment \$5 million
- Opportunity Fund \$2 million

The campaign is now in its second year and is continuing to build momentum. While the overall campaign has suffered somewhat from the general downturn in major gifts over the past year, some of the campaign elements have continued to grow and prosper. The success of the Thetis Lake to Mount Work Trail Connector project, for example, has been a tremendous boost to the campaign and has shown us that, even in difficult times, there is a tremendous groundswell of public support for what we are trying to achieve.

The Ours Forever committee – a wonderful group of dedicated volunteers who lend their support, their expertise, their community profile and their contacts to help make the campaign a success – has continued to add new members and new activities over the past year. (For a list of committee members, please see Appendix 2). The committee members have helped us build a strong foundation of support networks throughout the community that will provide significant benefits over the coming years.

Our events committee has, as usual, been very busy producing a number of memorable events, including the 2003 Flower and Garden Show Gala, an exhibit of paintings by artist Rob Miller, a fundraising

luncheon at Sooke Harbour House and a fundraising dinner/silent auction at Il Terrazzo restaurant.

As the economy slowly rebounds, the Ours Forever campaign is well positioned to take on greater activity and reach greater heights of success.



Activities and Accomplishments

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The Land Conservancy's primary work is carried out by our regional and program staff, along with their volunteers. *TLC* is structured into five regions around the province, each headed by a regional manager with additional staff and volunteers as required by the level of activity within the region. Each region has its distinctive character and develops its own priorities based on local circumstances and opportunities.

The regional staff are responsible for all acquisitions in the region and for ensuring the appropriate monitoring, care and use of *TLC* properties and covenants. They also take on educational responsibilities and participate in promotional and fundraising activities to support their work.

As well as our regional activities, some of our programs – specifically our agricultural programs – operate on a province-wide scale and are managed centrally by our Assistant Executive Director, Nichola Walkden. The following reports outline the major activities and accomplishments in each of our regions and our agricultural programs.



Regional Reports Vancouver Island/Coast Region

Eileen Palmer, Regional Manager

5.1

The Vancouver Island/Coast region has been busy working on several exciting campaigns and programs this past year. Through acquisitions and conservation covenants, this region's protected area has grown an additional 308 hectares to over 2090 hectares. These protected areas consist of endangered Douglas fir and Garry oak ecosystems, intertidal mudflats and eelgrass beds, and spawning habitat for salmon. Regional Staff also manage two of Canada's National Historic Sites, **Craigflower Manor and Schoolhouse**.



In the fall of last year, *TLC* formalized its partnership with the City of Victoria in a vision to re-establish a progressive naturalization along the **Gorge Waterway**. We began with the purchase of a waterfront property, severing and placing a covenant on the waterfront section and reselling the upland portion – with the proceeds to be used for future purchases. We are now working in conjunction with the School of Environmental Studies and the Restoration of Natural Systems (RNS) Program at the University of Victoria to restore this waterfront. *TLC* will also help to facilitate an RNS course that would use this property as a case study for students to do on-site restoration projects.



Last fall, *TLC* was approached by the Tofino community to help protect 4.60 hectares of threatened rain forest adjacent to **Tonquin Park**. With the help of local residents, this acquisition will quadruple the size of the existing park providing secure habitat for bears, eagles, ravens and migratory songbirds. It includes a sensitive bog and wetland area as well as magnificent old growth and rock bluffs overlooking a gorgeous beach on the open Pacific, all within a seven-minute walk from Tofino's town centre.

To date, 2003 has been an incredible year for *TLC*. Major projects that this region has been working on – some for close to two years – have come to fruition becoming major campaigns.

- Linking the ocean to the height of land (sea to sky) the 174-hectare **Link-Parsons property** is the largest private undeveloped waterfront property on Hornby Island. Working in partnership with the owner, the Province, Conservancy Hornby Island, the Comox-Strathcona Regional District and the Islands Trust Fund, we've protected sensitive rocky outcrops and peregrine falcon nesting sites and provided a recreational haven for many residents and visitors.
- Continuing our work in protecting **Burgoyne Bay** on Salt Spring Island, *TLC* is committed to helping the community raise \$121,000 towards buying two parcels totalling 40.35 hectares. The parcels connect Burgoyne Bay parkland with lands already purchased by CRD Parks and *TLC*.
- Through our participation in the Pacific Estuary Conservation Program, we are raising \$100,000 towards the purchase of additional land along the **Little Qualicum River Estuary** – one of three significant estuaries on the east coast of Vancouver Island.

Our west coast Working Holidays have been successful in raising awareness about our properties and in helping us manage those properties. Participants continue to help us battle blackberry and broom and clear trails as well as help with minor construction tasks and in building a grey-water filtering system for our **Cowichan River** project. For 2004, we're planning on hosting some holidays with special themes. Watch our Web site for details.

Our second Eco-Activity Booklet was delivered to 30,000 students in the Capital Region this past May. The focus was on 10 threatened or endangered plant and animal species found (or once found) in a Garry oak ecosystem. Over 550 students displayed their artwork, poetry and write-ups at Hillside Centre in Victoria.

We have also been working with Regional Districts to register conservation covenants on areas to be subdivided for housing development. Many districts and municipalities are now requiring covenants throughout a development in order to see that no further subdivision or habitat loss occurs – and they are calling on *TLC* to help establish those covenants. Working in partnership with local government and developers provides us with the opportunity to ensure the provision of appropriate greenspace in subdivided areas and also a chance to educate people on covenants.

As the Vancouver Island/Coast region continues to face increasing development and resource extraction pressures, *TLC* is working in partnerships and alliances in order to provide opportunities to conserve ecologically sensitive areas, working landscapes and our heritage sites.



Regional Reports **Lower Mainland Report**

Tamsin Baker, Regional Manager

5.2

The last year has brought many changes for *TLC*'s Lower Mainland Regional office. The most visible change was our move to the **Eagles Estate Heritage Garden** on the shores of Deer Lake in Burnaby. The house and garden were the creation of Drs. Blythe and Violet Eagles in 1929. The garden, in particular, has been recognized as having significant heritage value. We have forged a partnership with the City of Burnaby who have leased the property to *TLC* at no cost to be used as our regional office site, and in return we have taken on the challenge of restoring the heritage garden.



Since moving in June of 2003, we have organized three work parties at the new site, and many new volunteers have come forward to help us uncover the beauty of the garden. In the coming year an interpretive centre and gift shop will be opened to the public.

Thwaytes Landing continues to be one of our two main acquisition projects in the Lower Mainland. This magnificent waterfront property along Indian Arm, near North Vancouver, has been secured for protection as a regional park, as a result of our partnership with the Greater Vancouver Regional District and the District of North

Vancouver. We still need to raise the funds to complete this acquisition, and we have held a number of fundraising activities, including several boat cruises and the Indian Arm Paddle-a-thon event. We have also pursued paying off the current vendor's mortgage with a (longer term) syndicated mortgage held by various investors.



Our other major acquisition project is **Codd Island Wetlands**, located in Pitt Meadows. After working for many months, negotiations to purchase this important property have been successful and a purchase agreement has been completed. In the upcoming year, fundraising will be a priority to ensure that the funds are available to complete the purchase.

Over the past three years, *TLC*, in partnership with Canada Lands Corporation (CLC), the Federal Department of Fisheries & Oceans and PKI Northmark Construction Ltd., have worked at restoring and protecting the southern most degraded portion of **Centre Creek** in North Surrey. In the past year, over 8 hectares of greenspace, including 250 newly restored meters of Centre Creek, was donated to *TLC*. The property is protected by a conservation covenant held by CLC, and most of the property is being transferred through the Federal Ecological Gifts Program. Management of the site began with a springtime tree-planting event.

TLC has expanded its outreach to the Lower Mainland community by launching our first edition of the Eco-Activity Booklet for kids in North Vancouver. Focused on threatened or endangered species found in coastal Douglas fir/Western hemlock forests, the booklet was distributed in partnership with many area schools, with the final contest and display of artwork at Lynn Valley Shopping Centre.

Our staff and volunteers also continue to give presentations to various groups, have displays at prominent events and run bottle drives. This year we played a prominent part in the VanDusen Flower & Garden show by having a showcase garden put together by Dagmar Hungerford. We have also made some changes to enable us to enhance our media and communication coverage. Tracy Keeling has taken on the role of communications officer and has been busy building relationships with media sources in the Lower Mainland to promote not only *TLC's* Lower Mainland projects but *TLC's* projects all over the province.

Much of our work would not have been possible without the great support of our volunteers. Our volunteer program has been steadily building throughout the year, and new volunteers are always welcome to come out to our monthly Volunteer Information Nights, held the 2nd Tuesday of every month, starting at 7pm. *TLC's* Lower Mainland Regional committee has now grown to 10 committed individuals who support our activities and help to spread the word about *TLC* in the Lower Mainland (see Appendix 2 for a list of committee members).



Regional Reports

Okanagan Region Report

Shawn Black, Regional Manager

5.3

We are truly lucky to live within a province as diverse and incredible as British Columbia. Every part of our province is unique and special in its own way, and the Okanagan is a great example of this. Those of us who live, work and play in the Okanagan know that we are blessed with a great climate, amazing scenery, endless recreational opportunities and a wide diversity of ecosystems. We also understand that this region is very fragile and under a tremendous amount of pressure. This pressure has led to the Okanagan being recognized as one of Canada's four most endangered ecosystems, with one of Canada's highest concentrations of species at risk.



However, *TLC* is doing its part to help keep the Okanagan unique and special. Over the last year, we have been active on a number of fronts, including organizational development and capacity building. At last year's Annual General Meeting, *TLC* added Lee McFadyen to the Board of Directors. Lee is the first *TLC* Director to come from the Okanagan Region. As a dedicated volunteer, naturalist, semi-retired organic farmer and one of the founders of the organic farming movement in BC, Lee brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to *TLC*'s Okanagan Region and Board.

To help keep up with our growing workload, we added a Senior Project Officer to the Okanagan Region. In January, Kathy Holm, a Senior Project Officer in the Vancouver Island Region, was transferred to the Penticton Office. Kathy, who spent her teenage years in Penticton and has family here, was a logical and welcome addition to the Okanagan Region. She is now fully engaged in landowner contact activities and supporting *TLC*'s growth in the region.

We were also fortunate to add a talented and dedicated volunteer to our Okanagan Region team. Doreen Olson, a respected member of our local business community and one of the founders of the highly successful Meadowlark Nature Festival, joined *TLC* over the winter as a volunteer Development Officer. Her talents, energy and ideas are being put to good use. Over the last year, we saw an increase in the number of members and donors in the Okanagan, and, with Doreen's help, we hope that this trend will continue.

On the project and program front, *TLC* was busy last year working on two significant projects. Through the summer and fall of 2002, we negotiated a deal that would see *TLC* purchase and protect the Eagle Bluff property that is home to the South Okanagan Rehabilitation

Centre for Owls (SORCO). In February, *TLC* and SORCO launched a joint fundraising campaign in support of this project. Using SORCO's resident great-horned owl, Houdini, as a focal point, the fundraising campaign has helped boost *TLC*'s profile in the Okanagan and across BC. We are continuing our efforts to raise the funding needed to protect this important raptor rehabilitation and education centre.

The pace of work on a donation of land east of Osoyoos quickened over the fall and winter. This donation, which is expected to be one of the largest cash value land donations in the southern interior of BC, is being done under the federal government's Ecological Gifts Program. Under this Program, the donor will receive enhanced tax benefits for the donation. This donation will see a unique 24-hectare forest with some of BC's largest old-growth western larch trees protected. One of the western larch trees found in this forest is over 600 years old, 170 feet tall, and approximately 5 metres in circumference. According to the BC Conservation Data Centre Large Trees Registry, this is the second largest western larch in all of BC. The title to this forest was transferred to *TLC* in July 2003.

TLC continues to play a key role in the South Okanagan Similkameen Conservation Program (SOSCP), with Bill Turner sitting as Chair of the Program's Steering Committee and *TLC* leading the Stewardship arm of the program. SOSCP is a partnership of 32 non-government and government organizations working in cooperation to promote the conservation of species and habitats in the South Okanagan-Similkameen area. Working in cooperation with the award-winning South Okanagan-Similkameen Landowner Contact Program (SOS Stewardship), *TLC* plays a key role in promoting private land stewardship and conservation. With six or more conservation covenants at various stages of discussion and negotiation, we also were actively working with landowners to implement agreements that will protect habitat throughout the region. As we get the word out, more and more landowners are expressing interest in covenants and donations as an option for protecting habitat on their private lands.



The 2003-2004 year promises to even busier for *TLC* in the Okanagan. We will have a number of exciting events to promote and accomplishments to announce. As we grow our base of members, volunteers and donors, we will no doubt increase our profile and success.



Regional Reports

Kootenay Region Report

Kathleen Sheppard, Regional Manager

5.4

In the Kootenays, 2002-2003 was about partnership as *TLC* worked with 30 other local, provincial and federal organizations to build and strengthen the East Kootenay Conservation Program (EKCP). The EKCP is a locally driven effort that will bolster relationships and create new opportunities to conserve key areas of private land in the East Kootenay. *TLC* has been working hard to foster these efforts by participating on the Steering Committee, Securement Team and Stewardship Teams for the EKCP.



In other partnership efforts, *TLC* has been able to partner one-on-one with a number of local organizations through public workshops. These organizations have included the Columbia Valley Botanical Gardens, East Kootenay Environmental Society and the Wetlands Institute. Through these efforts, we have been able to spread the word about *TLC* while at the same time building important relationships.

In the West Kootenay, *TLC* partnered with the Kootenay Land Trust Society to host a public workshop on covenants. As well, *TLC* worked with the Kootenay Land Trust Society to co-hold a covenant adjacent to the Paradise Valley Covenant, which is also co-held by the two organizations. This new covenant was signed in August 2003.

The East Kootenay Stewardship Program continues to gain momentum. In 2002, we visited more than 20 landowners and were able to expand the program to include stream and wetland habitats. Our stewardship program is able to produce positive results for landowners, as one large ranch property was able to use our report as leverage to gain access to the funding necessary to provide off-site watering for livestock. In addition, other landowners use our information to manage noxious weeds, promote wildlife values and improve grazing systems.

Five new phases have been added to *TLC*'s purchase of the Wycliffe Wildlife Corridor near Kimberley. This will bring the total area to be purchased to more than 890 hectares. The addition of these new phases to the purchase will protect additional habitat for rare badgers and necessary winter range for elk and deer. Phase 3 of the Wycliffe purchase will be complete in the fall of 2003.

As *TLC* continues to have an increased presence in the Kootenay region, we are able to partner with more organizations and offer more public workshops and stewardship visits. We are continuing to lay the groundwork that will define the Kootenays over the next 100 years.

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Regional Reports

North Region Report

Barry Booth, Regional Manager



Eggless mayo, carrots, celery, veggie meat and bacon, eggs, granola, juices, pie, ice tea, dip mix, beans, salsa, corn/peas, hot sauce, 950lb. breaking strength, class 1 galvanized 12.5 gauge barbed wire. This is written in my notebook beside the scratched notes of the Northern Region report. Preparations for a working holiday, our chance each year to bring people out to some remarkable places to lend *TLC* a hand in being good stewards and maintaining our properties.

I started work as the new North Regional Manager in June and immediately became involved with our working holiday program. *TLC* ran three working holidays in the North Region this year, two at Talking Mountain Ranch and one at our Horsefly River property.

Our holiday on the Horsefly is a testimony to what *TLC* can do, thanks to the commitment of volunteers, the generosity of friends and the ability of our staff to come together as an unstoppable team. Paula Hesje, our Vancouver Island warden, back from her time with National Trust's working holiday projects in England and Wales, joined this holiday to pass on her training expertise. Along with seven working holidayers, we pounded out nearly 300 meters of new fencing! None of this could have been possible without the help of several employees of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (one of our main partners at the Horsefly River site) and a number of local volunteers.

The working holidays at Talking Mountain Ranch were focused on the installation of alternative energy systems at the ranch-house. With the installation of solar panels and new wiring, our site now has power for the first time.

In the past year, we have also been working in the Robson Valley, and, with the help of our Okanagan Region manager, Shawn Black, we've made several trips to the valley to meet with landowners and community groups. We look forward to our future work with a new acquisition pending, a memorial to a much-loved resident of the area and new covenants in the works. Fraser Headwaters Alliance should be recognized, too, for all of their support; it has been a true pleasure to work with the people who live in this valley, a special place indeed.

This year we also received a donation of a property on Nimpo Lake, from Winnie Bennie as a legacy of the Bennie family and the twenty years they shared in this beautiful place. The property contains a small fishing cottage, which has been converted into a *TLC* rental property. Because of the vast area covered by our North region, and the fact that we have only recently hired a regional manager, *TLC* depends tremendously upon the generous support provided to us by many

individuals who live in the area. We could not be successful without their help, and we would like to publicly thank them for all they have done.

Agricultural Programs

Nichola Walkden, Assistant Executive Director



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Since 1997, *TLC* has been working with members of the agricultural community to promote agriculture as an environmentally compatible industry. Agricultural land has the potential to contribute enormously to the preservation of biodiversity. While agricultural development has itself encroached on natural systems, in many cases patches of undeveloped, privately owned land now represent the last vestige of habitat for many native species. Whether it be a stand of old-growth trees along the river, a patch of flourishing wetland or an uncultivated grassland slope – these areas may be critical for the survival of plants and animals native to British Columbia.

In many cases, landowners are committed to caring for natural areas on their properties. However, little business incentive exists to offset the potential financial and time constraints associated with protecting or restoring important wildlife and plant habitats.

TLC recognizes the value of conserving farmland for its environmental, historical and social benefits, as well as ensuring a healthy and viable farming operation. We are working with many farmers, ranchers and other agriculturists to find the ways to help them achieve both objectives.

Conservation Partners Program

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This program is now in its third year and continues to gather enthusiastic support, a vision of partnership and awareness becoming a reality! We can now say “Look in stores for products with this label!” Apples, peaches, cherries, zucchini, squash, honey, spinach, basil: all coming from environmentally aware farms to your table.

The Conservation Partners Program aims to protect and enhance important habitat on privately owned agricultural lands by providing recognition, incentive and assistance to growers who are committed to conservation of natural habitat on their farm. As recognition for their active involvement in habitat conservation, participating producers will



be rewarded with a Conservation Partners Label to place on their produce boxes and products. The label will be supplemented with information about the program provided to all levels of the market.

Our program is progressing well. David O'Reilly, one of our partners, just received approval from the Agricultural Land Reserve for a conservation covenant on his land. Three cheers to Dave, an organic orchardist, who has restored the riparian areas of his farm and has formally protected wetland areas.

With the arrival of this year's produce, we look forward to a year of farmer friendly promotion, spreading the word about admirable farm practices, and what makes conservation partners so special. There are people out there who are doing exceptional work to protect habitat or wildlife values with their farming, and they are deserving of recognition.

Lee McFadyen, whose family has protected 81 hectares of exceptional grassland on Mariposa Farm, has committed to this project. She will also be assisting us in meeting new growers and building relationships; an ever-ready advocate, with a passionate, friendly heart.

Ramona Scott is another new addition to our team. She brings a lifetime of experience in conservation and joined us just after she moved from her farm on Salt Spring Island where she led the Growing Circle Food Cooperative. Perfect timing for us, as *TLC* has plans to grow our program on the South Island (and hopefully soon the Lower Mainland).

Ramona will be visiting with farm groups, stewardship organizations, food advocates, farmers and retailers to help build the program. She will also be putting together displays highlighting the farmers' stories about how they grow food. She is working extensively with our partners on the retail side of the program, such as Thrifty Foods, to ensure that consumers can understand and appreciate the work that our conservation partners are doing.

This program combines three interdependent aspects of conservation: our work with the producers to have a positive impact on the environment on their farms; building awareness and understanding of the importance of this work; and providing the recognition and thanks earned by the people who have endeavored to make special provisions to protect land.

So keep your eyes open in the produce aisles (and honey and wine too!) and please feel free to become a part of the project yourself. Please check out our new Web site for profiles of each of our growers.

TLC Enterprises Report

Irene Ambeault, TLCE Manager



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In an ongoing quest to increase *TLC's* revenues through more than memberships and fundraising campaigns, a giant step forward was taken in 2000 with the creation of *TLC The Land Conservancy (Enterprises) Ltd*, a separate *for-profit* entity. *Enterprises* is wholly owned by *TLC* and strives to support and promote the work of *TLC* through activities and services that generate income and increase public awareness.

Enterprises continuously seeks to initiate, enhance and expand commercial activities to ensure profitability in order to help *TLC* deliver its mandate. These activities take place on various properties owned by *TLC* and currently include the Gift Shop and Tea Room at Abkhazi Garden, retail sales through offices in Vancouver, Penticton and Kimberley, the Green Gifts catalogue, summer boat cruises and cottage rentals. *Enterprises* pays *TLC* rent for the properties it uses, and all profit earned is passed directly back to *TLC* for its many projects. It's an example of how *TLC* works in a responsible way to maximize income and, where possible and appropriate, help to make properties self-supporting.

Gift Shops – A noticeable change has taken place in the Abkhazi Garden Gift Shop in the past year. The store layout was reconfigured to maximize the space needed for an ever-increasing selection of merchandise and to give it a more welcoming atmosphere. Guests expecting an interesting array of books – biographical, historical and educational – relating to *TLC* projects, gardening, forestry and much more, are enthused with the selection. *TLC* logo clothing is being updated to reflect trends in demand. Abkhazi Garden T-shirts with local artists' designs of paintings done at the garden are now available. Garden gifts and plants continue to sell well.

All in all, sales continue to increase at a steady pace. Storefronts in Vancouver, Penticton and Kimberley are also noting increased sales and promote items through their own special events.

We are excited about two new stores that we will be opening in the spring of 2004 at locations newly acquired by *TLC* – the Craigflower Manor in Victoria and Eagles Estate Heritage Garden in Burnaby. Merchandise will reflect the wonderful heritage of these locations. In the next year, emphasis will be placed on product development of quality items with the *TLC* logo to promote awareness of *TLC*. We will also strive to increase the number of books and educational items

for youth and children who play an important part in helping *TLC* to protect our special places.

Tea Room - The Abkhazi Garden Tea Room is flourishing! In the past year, the menu was simplified, and smiling volunteers are serving “made for Abkhazi” hot tea biscuits with jam and Devonshire cream and a delightful lemon loaf along with specially blended Abkhazi tea. Payment is by donation. As a result, the Tea Room income has increased significantly and is approximately double the previous year. Its reputation for quality food, excellent cheerful service and splendid view is spreading by word of mouth and encouraging repeat visits. The Tea Room is rented for meetings, parties and special occasions during off-hours, thus generating additional income.

To a great extent, the number of visitors to the Tea Room is tied to the numbers that visit the garden. Participating in “Be a tourist in your own home town” and in the Conservatory of Music Garden Tour has significantly raised awareness of the wonders of the Abkhazi Garden. Over 1200 people visited the garden in the cold, inclement weather over a 5-day period. Many local guests vowed to return and to bring their visitors.

Boat Cruises – One of the best ways to view some of the projects in which *TLC* is involved is from the water. Consequently, a boat cruise program was initiated a number of years ago and geared to those who wish to learn about the special places that *TLC* is committed to protecting. The cruises are analyzed at the end of each season and changes are made in an effort to enhance the experience for our guests, increase ticket sales and reduce costs. The shorter 3-hour cruises to Race Rocks and islands off Oak Bay continue to increase in popularity and demand.



Cottage Rentals – Over the years, as *TLC* acquired various properties, it has also taken ownership and responsibility for the maintenance of a number of dwellings located on these properties. The unique locations of these cabins and cottages in wilderness settings afforded desirable vacation venues for those who enjoy “close to nature” experiences. Therefore, they have been upgraded for holiday rentals.

The South Winchelsea Island cottage is the sole dwelling on the ten hectare island and is ideal for a retreat. The Cowichan cabin, nestled deeply in the woods near the Cowichan River, is currently the most popular.

In the summer of 2003, two more locations are being offered as vacation destinations – a fly-fishing cabin on Nimpo Lake and a fully renovated cottage along the Galloping Goose trail in the Sooke area.

TLC is attempting to manage the cottages and cabins as models of sustainability by using natural, renewable resources and reusing and recycling materials wherever possible. All revenue from these rentals reverts to *TLC* for the protection of these special places.

Green Gift Catalogue – The fifth edition of the Green Gift catalogue was distributed throughout BC and beyond in October 2002. Although the economy was still experiencing a downturn, sales from the catalogue increased by 18% over the previous year. Items are chosen to represent *TLC's* various projects throughout BC. Sponsorships of land and adoptions of animals are gifts for oneself as well as for others in that they help to protect the special places that we all enjoy so much and fear losing. The forthcoming catalogue will feature a substantial increase in the number and variety of gifts for adults, youth and young ones alike with a focus on nature and the wilderness. Additional gifts will also be offered for purchase through our Web site gift store and catalogue, not only at Christmas but throughout the year.

Thank you Volunteers!

It takes many capable hands to keep Enterprises moving forward, and we are indeed fortunate to have many tireless, very dedicated volunteers to keep us “on the go.” Busy as their own schedules are, many rearrange their priorities to give us a helping hand when needed, often with little notice. You are the heart of *TLC*, and you are truly appreciated!



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Building for the Future

A “National Trust” for British Columbia

Since our inception, six years ago, we have always spoken proudly about our relationship with the National Trust in Britain. We modeled *TLC* after the National Trust because we believe, as they do, that truly caring for the environment in which we live means that we should have concern not only for the protection and preservation of our natural heritage, but our cultural and built heritage as well.

This is largely what sets *TLC* apart from other organizations that do similar work to us – the breadth and depth of our mandate and our more holistic approach to preserving our quality of life. This view is reflected in the work we do and the projects we take on. And it has made us uniquely positioned in British Columbia: we are the only organization in the province (perhaps the only one in Canada) with both the mandate and the ability to take on this challenge – to build a “National Trust” for British Columbia.

It is in this context that we have initiated discussions with both the Federal and Provincial Governments regarding their interest in seeing the establishment of such a significant non-governmental organization. The “Historic Places Initiative” of the Federal Government refers to the establishment of a national trust for Canada. We want to ensure that this concept evolves in a way that is effective and appropriate. Obviously, any model for a national trust must reflect the Canadian reality and cannot simply replicate a model from elsewhere, no matter how successful that model may be. Nevertheless, we believe that there are a number of fundamentals that *must be retained* if we are to be successful in Canada:

- The national trust must be democratically controlled. The success of national trusts elsewhere – particularly in Britain – has been founded on the strength, commitment and sustainability derived from their membership. Successful trusts that have survived over the long term have grown from the ground up through the work and ownership of their members.
- The national trust must be independent of government. It has been our experience, and also that of other national trusts, that public support and commitment – and particularly a sense of ownership – is significantly greater for non-profits than for “government agencies.” Of course, it is always important that a strong partnership with government is maintained in order to facilitate and empower the work of the NGO.

- The mandate of the national trust must integrate the protection of heritage properties with protection of natural areas and other at-risk properties. It is our experience, as well as that of other national trusts, that a broader mandate provides considerably greater depth of support, as well as breadth of support. The management of (seemingly) diverse properties, operations, marketing, fundraising and appeal to the public integrate well together and are mutually supportive. We contend that a single focus mandate (e.g., only built heritage) will not be sustainable over the long term and could in fact be detrimental to the ability of a “true” national trust model to succeed.
- The operational structure of the national trust must be as regionally focused as possible and practicable. This is perhaps even more crucial in a country so large and diverse as Canada. The National Trust of Britain has, over 108 years of operations, determined that a strong regional structure provides the best opportunities for effective care of their properties and the most effective way of connecting with local communities, groups and individuals.

Similarly, the National Trust of Australia is organized on a state/territorial level, with a National Council comprising the member states. This is, perhaps, the closest parallel to the Canadian situation in that Australia, like Canada, has constitutionally established resource management as a territorial/provincial responsibility, with the national government providing a coordinating function. In the Australian National Trust model, protection, ownership and management of the sites take place and are supported at the state level. The National Council represents the interests of the National Trust at the federal level, provides a forum for information exchange and helps coordinate the work of the constituent bodies.

We are anxious that deliberations regarding the establishment of a national trust for Canada reflect this perspective. It is of critical importance that our national trust be “grown from the ground up” rather than imposed from above.

The response so far has been relatively positive, and we will be continuing our discussions in the months to come. We remain convinced that the long-term protection of our natural and cultural heritage can best be accomplished through the establishment of a national trust, and we are prepared to step up and play our part.



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We would like to pay special tribute to two of our founding directors – Don Benn and Bob Peart – who are leaving the Board at the end of this current term. We owe them both a huge debt of gratitude for their tremendous efforts in helping to establish TLC as the effective organization it is today. Both Don and Bob will be continuing their volunteer work with TLC in other capacities.

We would also like to welcome the following new Directors, who will take office at the 2003 AGM:

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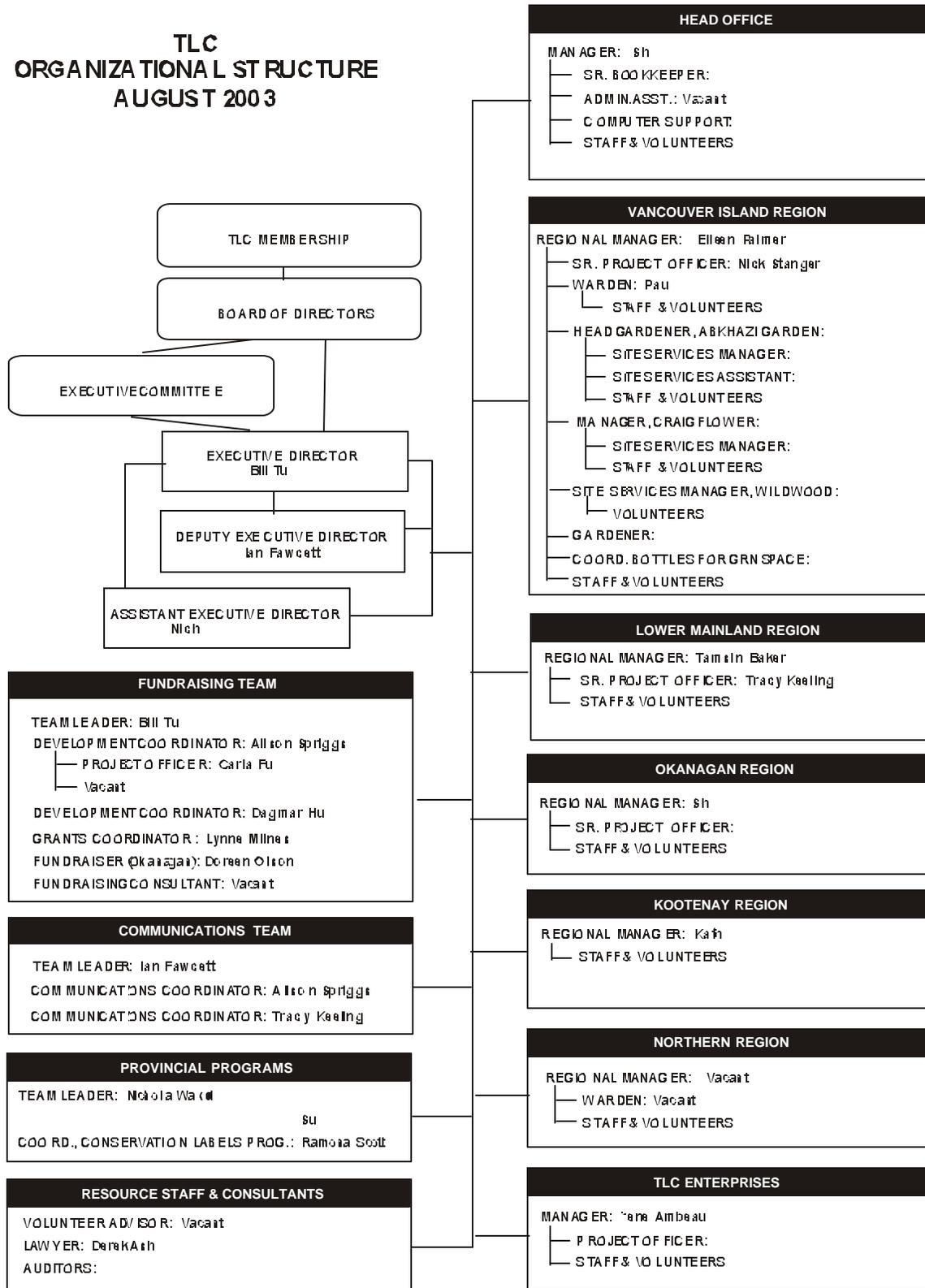
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APPENDIX 4

TLC ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AUGUST 2003



APPENDIX 5

Thank You to Our Sponsors

TLC would like to express our appreciation to the many businesses and agencies that have sponsored our activities during the past year. (Our apologies to anyone we may have inadvertently left off this list.)

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APPENDIX 6

TLC Partnerships

The National Trust: TLC is modeled after the National Trust in Britain. www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/

Land Trust Alliance of BC: Bill Turner is the past chairperson of the LTA, and two other Staff, Eileen Palmer and Shawn Black, are currently Board members. For more information: landtrustalliance.bc.ca/

Land Trust Alliance (US): *TLC* has been a member of the Land Trust Alliance for several years. For more information: www.lta.org/

Heritage Legacy Program: A partnership between *TLC*, the Heritage Society of BC and the provincial Heritage Branch. For more information about the program, please contact *TLC*'s Head Office.

South Okanagan Similkameen Conservation Program: Bill Turner is currently the chairperson of SOSCP, and our Regional staff are integrally involved in its operations. For more information: www.soscp.org/

East Kootenay Conservation Program: Regional Manager Kathleen Sheppard and Bill Turner are both on the Board. For more information: please contact *TLC*'s Kootenay Region Office in Kimberley.

Pacific Coast Joint Venture: Bill Turner is a member of the Board. For more information: www.nawmp.ca/eng/part2_e.html

Canadian Intermountain Joint Venture: Bill Turner was one of the founding directors, and our North Regional Manager Barry Booth is currently on the Board. For more information: contact *TLC*'s North Region Office.

Grasslands Conservation Council: *TLC* Board member Bob Peart is the past chairperson of GCC, Nichola Walkden is currently secretary and Bill Turner is a member of the Board. For more information: www.bcgrasslands.org/

Gary Oak Ecosystem Recovery Team: *TLC* Board member Kate Stewart and Vancouver Island/Coast Regional Manager Eileen Palmer are members of the Team. For more information: www.goert.ca/orphs/welcome.htm

Pacific Estuary Conservation Program: Vancouver Island/Coast Regional Manager Eileen Palmer represents *TLC* on the PECP. For more information, please contact Eileen.

Georgia Basin Action Plan: Vancouver Island/Coast Regional Manager Eileen Palmer represents *TLC* on this body. For more information: www.pyr.ec.gc.ca/georgiabasin/Index_e.htm

APPENDIX 7

Awards and Recognition

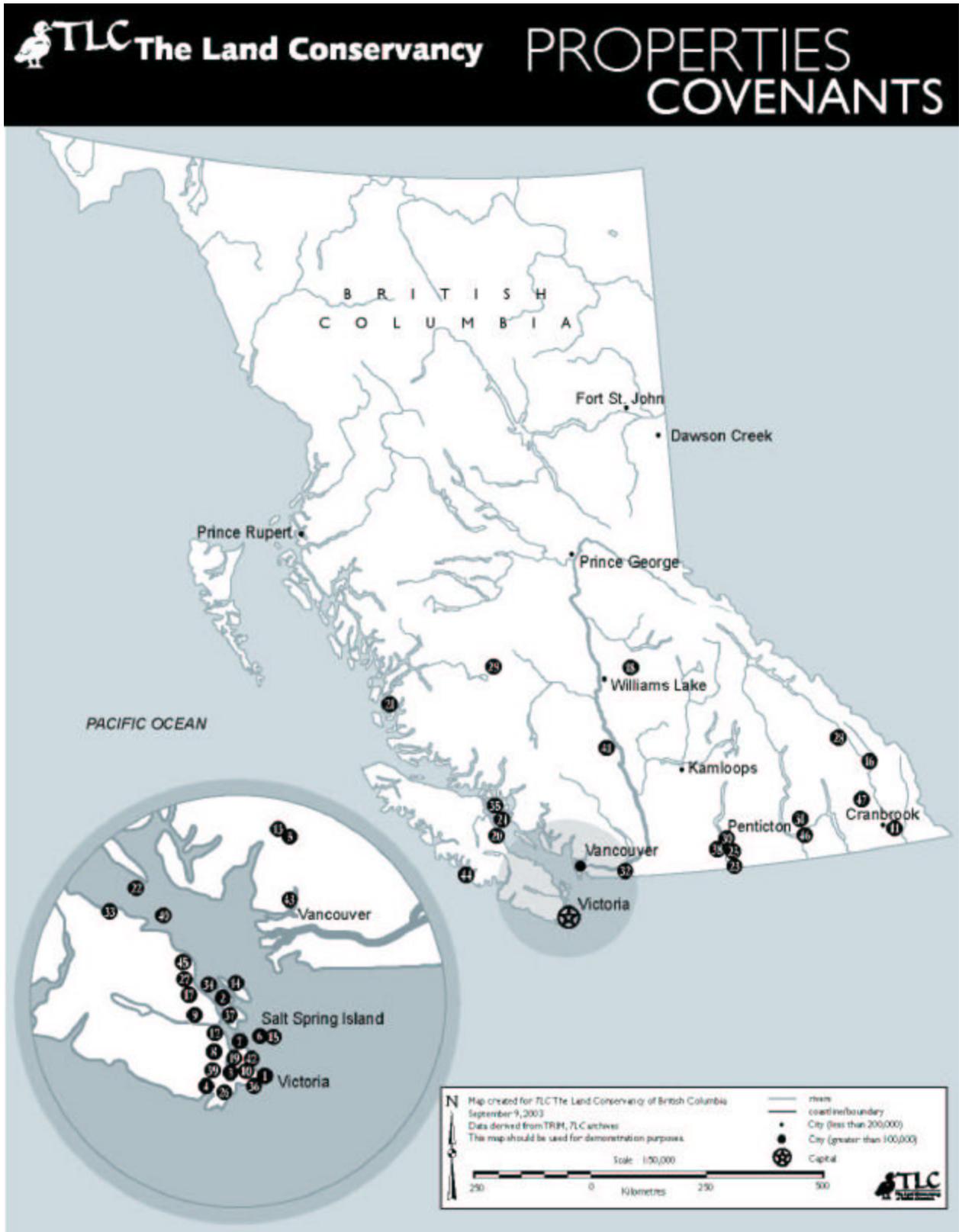
TLC and our staff have received a number of prestigious awards and honours throughout the past year, recognizing our contribution to the protection of our natural and cultural heritage. Congratulations to all. You make us proud.

The Land Conservancy: was recognized at the 2002 CFA-1070 Community Awards with a special award in support of our ongoing work to protect our natural and cultural heritage.

Nichola Walkden and *TLC*: were awarded the 2002 Countryside Canada Award for our work in promoting agricultural land stewardship.

Bill Turner: was honoured in 2002 by the City of Victoria as one of its Honorary Citizens of the Year, in recognition of his tremendous contributions toward making Victoria a healthy and vital place to live and work.

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| PROPERTY ATTRIBUTES | | ACCESS | | FACILITIES AVAILABLE | | ACTIVITIES | |
|  | TLC Owned |  | Open to Public |  | Wheelchair accessible |  | Wildlife Viewing |
|  | Covenant |  | Open to Public 24 hrs |  | Washroom/Out-house Facilities |  | Walking Trail |
|  | TLC Assisted |  | Limited Public Access |  | Gift Shop |  | Guided Tours Available |
|  | Park |  | No Public Access |  | Tea Room |  | Kayak Rentals Available |
|  | Garden |  | Entry Fee |  | Bicycle Rack Available |  | Camping Allowed |
|  | Heritage Property |  | Visible from Highway |  | Boat Dock Available |  | No Camping Allowed |
|  | Working Holiday Site |  | Directions to the Property |  | Parking |  | Dogs on Leads Permitted |
|  | Rental Cottage | | | | |  | No Dogs Permitted |
|  | Fish Habitat | | | | | | |
|  | Research Site | | | | | | |

Guide to TLC Properties and Covenants

Abkhazi Garden



Located in Victoria, Purchased in 2000

0.73 Hectares



Garden Open: March 1 to September 30, Wednesday through Sunday, 1-5pm
& Holiday Mondays during the season



Gift Shop: During Garden open hours and also for Holiday Shopping, November 15 to December 22



Tea Room: During Garden open hours



Tours: Available on request, call (250) 598-8096.



Admission: Adults \$7.00 Students & Seniors \$5.00 Family \$20.00
(Those arriving by bus or bicycle receive \$1.00 off).



1964 Fairfield Rd, Victoria. Enter Victoria along Blanshard St., then turn left on Fairfield. Just past the junction with Foul Bay Rd.

The purchase and protection of Prince and Princess Abkhazi's garden has been important in helping preserve a part of Victoria's rich history and culture. February 17th, 2000 will be a date to remember for Canadian garden enthusiasts. On that day *TLC* purchased the Abkhazi Garden in Victoria, Canada's "City of Gardens." Only a few months earlier, neighbours had learned of a developer's plan to bulldoze the world-renowned garden to build twelve townhouses. *TLC*, supported by local volunteers, embarked on a three-month fundraising campaign, which miraculously raised the \$1.4 million in funding required to finance the purchase. Donations amounting to \$400,000 came from all over the world, and in the final week, sixteen individuals loaned *TLC* the \$1 million still needed to rescue the Abkhazi Garden.

In 2001 *TLC* also purchased the vacant lot next door to the Abkhazi Garden that was once a part of the garden. An additional 0.133 hectares, costing a further \$210,000, it will be integrated back into the main garden and will also provide a space for garden service areas.

Prince and Princess Abkhazi began creating their garden in 1946 after their separate internment during World War II. They maintained and improved the garden throughout their life together, and it grew to feature native Garry oak, ornamental evergreens, significant rhododendrons, rock and alpine plants, naturalized bulbs and good examples of Japanese maples and weeping conifers. The property is slightly more than one acre and is given shape and topography by dramatic outcropping of glaciated rock. The Abkhazi Garden is the first preservation of a historic private garden in Victoria.

Over \$950,000 is still needed to ensure that this irreplaceable garden treasure will be protected for future generations to enjoy.



Limited on-street parking is available. Please only park in areas immediately adjacent to the garden and be sensitive to our neighbours. Overflow parking is available on weekends and during the summer.

Achilles Covenant



Located on Salt Spring Isl., Covenanted in 2001

12.3 Hectares

The Achilles Covenant is a heavily forested property on Salt Spring Island. It contains two ponds, a rocky outcrop and bluff area that host rare and endangered vegetation. The forest on the property is mostly mixed coniferous and deciduous forest, with varied understory vegetation. Many wildlife trees are present, and the ponds provide habitat for birds, amphibians and Cutthroat Trout.

Alton Property



Located on Salt Spring Isl., Covenanted in 1998

13.6 Hectares

This property is located near the head of Fulford Harbour on Salt Spring Island. It contains a small watershed and ravine that serves two residences with household water. The lower end of the ravine has not been logged. The ravine contains western red cedar and Douglas fir trees. The larger part of the property was selectively logged approximately 50 years ago and now contains second-growth grand fir, red alder and is interspersed with Douglas fir. The property is significant as it is in the Agriculture Land Reserve (ALR) and is a target area being protected by a group of national, provincial and local conservation organizations. Species documented on the property include western red cedar, Douglas fir, grand fir, red alder, big-leaf maple, Salal, Oregon Grape, and sword fern. The property contained a Heronry in the past. The Land Conservancy and the Salt Spring Island Conservancy hold a conservation covenant on the property .

Atkins Road



Located in Victoria, Covenanted in 2000

2.02 Hectares



297 Atkins Road, Victoria. Exit Hwy 1 onto Hwy 14 (Exit #10), turn right on to Atkins Rd.

This property was originally purchased by The Land Conservancy in partnership with CRD Parks. It has now been designated as CRD Park and significantly contributes to the Galloping Goose Regional Trail. The Land Conservancy now holds a conservation covenant on this land.

Ayum Creek Regional Park



Located near Sooke, Covenanted in 1998

7 Hectares (total)



Exit Hwy 1 onto Hwy 14 (Sooke Rd.), and follow Sooke Rd for approximately 20 km. Ayum Creek Park is located along the road.

TLC was involved in a partnership with CRD Parks and other contributors to help purchase and protect this rehabilitated and natural estuary and forest ecosystem. Partial ecological inventories reveal that the park contains at least 107 species of native plants, including two rare species. Fifty-one species of birds have been observed, including the endangered purple martin. Coho and chum salmon return each fall to spawn in Ayum Creek. Stream restoration on Ayum Creek is being carried out under the direction of the Society for the Protection of Ayum Creek. Ayum Creek Regional Park is the southwest anchor for the proposed Sea to Sea Green/Blue Belt. The park provides a vital link continuing the protection of Ayum Creek north from the Sooke Harbour to the Galloping Goose Regional Trail and north towards the Sooke Hills. TLC co-holds the covenant with the Habitat Acquisition Trust, thereby ensuring the protection and rehabilitation of Ayum Creek.

Ayum Creek Connector



Located in the District of Sooke, Covenanted in 2000

0.61 Hectares

This property is another valuable link in the Sea to Sea Green/Blue Belt vision. It is close to the Galloping Goose Regional Trail, and Ayum Creek meanders through the protected area. This conservation covenant including Ayum Creek allows for protection in perpetuity of this important salmon bearing stream and access by the Society for the Protection of Ayum Creek for any stream restoration activities. This conservation covenant is jointly held by The Land Conservancy and the Capital Regional District.

Ayum Creek Cottage



Located near Sooke, purchased in 1997

1 Hectare

 Drive towards Sooke along Sooke Hwy., Ayum Creek Park is located along the road. Public is free to rent the cabin and use the adjacent parks

Adjacent to lands already covenanted by *TLC*, this cottage is available for rent! *TLC* Enterprises has furnished the cottage and it is now ready to be enjoyed for its amazing location and relaxing atmosphere. This cottage is adjacent to the Galloping Goose Regional Trail, Ayum Creek Regional Park, close to the Sooke Hills and a five-minute drive from the town of Sooke. Rental rates can be viewed at www.conservancy.bc.ca.

Bailin Property



Located in North Saanich, Covenanted in 2000

3.24 Hectares

The property, located in the District of North Saanich on Vancouver Island, lies within the Coastal Douglas-fir biogeoclimatic zone. Medium density as well as semi-open Douglas-fir canopy dominates the property. Western red cedars are the dominant canopy cover along the northeast and east portions that traverse the lot from north to south. Wildlife trees and nurse logs are located throughout the property. They provide and enhance habitat for many species of plants and animals. They may be distinguished by age, structure, abundance and location. Within the northern portion of the property, a burned-out cedar provides habitat for bat species (not identified at time of baseline) and pileated woodpeckers. Riparian areas are located at the southeast corner and southeastern portion of the property. *TLC* and the Habitat Acquisition Trust hold the conservation covenant on the property.

Barnfield Farm



Located near Whistler, Covenanted in 1997

0.78 Hectares

 Drive past Whistler village towards Pemberton, turn left at Lorimer Road. Follow Lorimer Road until Crabapple Drive and turn left. Follow the road until the Barnfield wooden bus stop. On the left side of the road is a sign for the Blueberry trail. To visit the covenants, follow the Blueberry trail.

The Barnfield Farm is three covenants, protecting a wildlife corridor for black bears and other mammals traveling between the River of Golden Dreams and parkland on the east shore of Alta Lake, in Whistler. The covenants also protect a stand of old-growth conifers at the north end of Blueberry Trail. The properties are now owned by the Resort Town of Whistler and protected by a Conservation Covenant, held and monitored annually by The Land Conservancy. The land was donated to the Town by the developer. Of the full 10 hectares in this development site, 1.6 have been earmarked for a 23-unit employee housing development. A

further 5 hectares were set aside for 8 low-density single-family residences. The remaining 3 hectares or one-third of the original development parcel, now form the protected area.

Bear Mountain



Located in Langford, Covenanted 2003

3 Hectares

This covenant is located to the west of Millstream Road in northern Langford at the District of Highlands southern border. This covenant connects to the adjacent River's Crossing covenant, thereby linking these sensitive woodland ecosystems. There are diverse bird species found in this area as it is excellent habitat for nesting and foraging. The forested areas also provide good roosting and thermal cover for raptors. A portion of the protected area has been designated as a Sensitive Ecosystem comprised of Garry oak, arbutus and rocky outcrops. *TLC* and the District of Highlands co-hold the conservation covenant on this property.

Brooks Point



Located on Pender Island, Became parkland in 2000

4 Hectares



On South Pender Island, along Kloshe Road. Day use only.

The Land Conservancy played a role in securing the future of Brooks Point on Pender Island. We provided financial support which allowed the CRD to extend its option on this property for one year, thus allowing for the purchase of the property to be completed in January 2000. This acquisition built on the work of the Pender Island Conservation Association, Friends of Brooks Point, Islands Trust Fund, Habitat Acquisition Trust, Nature Conservancy of Canada, Wildlife Habitat Canada, *TLC* and CRD Parks who, together with tremendous support from the community, succeeded in raising the funds required to purchase and protect this property.

Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary



Located in Saanich, Protected in 2001

7.8 Hectares



811 Rogers Ave., Victoria. Exit Patricia Bay Hwy. onto McKenzie Ave., turn left on Quadra St., turn left on Woodhall Dr.

The Land Conservancy has completed an important acquisition and addition to the Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary in the Municipality of Saanich on Vancouver Island. *TLC* has been working on this project in partnership with local Saanich schools and residents. This acquisition involves four large lots, of almost one half acre each, on the north side of the hill. The lots, which contain significant amounts of Garry oak, are part of a parcel know as Rogers Farm. This property is currently undergoing subdivision. In a ground-breaking arrangement, the Municipality of Saanich agreed to advance *TLC* a three-year interest-free loan of almost \$400,000 to acquire the property. In return, *TLC* agreed to make the lots part of the adjacent Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary. The sanctuary has been recognized as an ecologically significant remnant of Garry oak meadow, one of the rarest and most threatened native plant communities in Canada.

Clare Winnett Copeland Property



Located in Shawnigan Lk, Protected 2001

0.94 Hectares

In December of 2001, *TLC* received a very generous donation of land adjacent to Shawnigan Lake near Victoria. This donation was made in memory of Ms. Copeland who was the first landowner in the 1900s. The majority of the property is of a mature and old growth Douglas-fir forest. Along the west side is a pond draining to riparian ecosystems along the Lake. The property will be protected in perpetuity and a covenant registered held by the Cowichan Community Land Trust and Habitat Acquisition Trust Fund.

Collins Property



Located in East Sooke, Covenanted 2002

1 hectare

This property is near Matheson Lake Regional Park and has been covenanted to protect the landowner's old-growth Douglasfir trees. The property is also protect as a 'memory garden' for the family. The covenant is held by *TLC* and Habitat Acquisition Trust.

Cowichan River



Located near Duncan, Purchased in 2000- 2002

3 Hectares



Turn off Island Hwy. onto Trunk Road in Duncan, turn left onto Sherman Rd., turn left onto Cowichan Lake Rd., left at Stolz Rd., turn right at T intersection, take first left.

TLC has been working in partnership with BC Parks and local residents to create a corridor of protected land along the Cowichan River. *TLC* has provided technical and financial support in the acquisition of properties adjacent to this designated heritage river, namely the Strand and Moore properties. In 2002, *TLC* provided both financial and technical contributions to the Province in a donation of 1.0 ha of land by a landowner who wanted to see her land protected in perpetuity.

Cowichan River Cabin



Located near Lake Cowichan, Purchased in 2000

1.0 Hectares



Turn off Island Hwy. onto Trunk Road in Duncan, turn left onto Sherman Rd., turn left onto Cowichan Lake Rd., left at Stolz Rd., turn right at T intersection, take first left. Access the cabin by the footbridge. Public welcome to rent cabin, please respect renters privacy.

In the fall of 2000, *TLC* acquired its first project along the Cowichan River with the purchase of lands owned by Pearson College. This property included a rustic log cottage. The College continues to rent the cottage as an interpretive and educational site for its students.



In 2002 the first of many Working Holidays was hosted at the cabin. Many cabin upgrades were made by volunteers, and the cabin is now ready to rent. See www.conservancy.bc.ca for rental rates. A conservation covenant is now held on the property owned by *TLC*, by the Province of BC and the Cowichan Community Land Trust.

Craigflower Manor & Schoolhouse



Located in View Royal and Saanich, Protected in 2003

Approx. 2 Hectares

 **Site Open:** Until September 28, Saturday and Sunday, 1-5pm during 2003, and from April 2 to September 30, Wednesday to Sunday & Holiday Mondays during 2004

 **Gift Shop:** During Garden open hours beginning in 2004

 **Tea Room:** Coffee and tea service only during Garden open hours beginning in 2004

 **Tours:** Available on request, call (250) 598-8096.

 **Admission:** Adults \$5.00 Students & Seniors \$3.00

 **Corner of Admirals Road and Craigflower Road. Turn off Highway 1 (Island Highway) at Admirals Road.**

TLC entered into a management agreement with the Province to take over responsibility for the care and operation of Craigflower Manor and Schoolhouse. Located along the Gorge waterway in the Capital Region, both of these sites are designated as National Historic Sites, important both to the local community and to Canada's heritage. Craigflower has the potential to tell a wonderful story about the settlement of this part of our great country. Both the Manor (farm house) and the Schoolhouse were built during the 1850s and were the mainstays of a thriving farm community operated under the auspices of the Hudson's Bay Company. The Schoolhouse is the oldest standing schoolhouse in Western Canada. The Land Conservancy intends to interpret the Craigflower Farm Community of the 1850s by significantly increasing activity on the site, opening the facility to the public on a regular basis, implementing a number of special activities and events, and working with the area schools and others to develop educational programs. Working with the Friends of Craigflower and with many local volunteers, it is our intention to breathe life and energy into this tremendous community asset.

Elizabeth Lake



Located in Cranbrook, Donated in 1998

0.614 Hectares

 **1st & 15th, Cranbrook. Follow Hwy. South out of Cranbrook, the trails and parking are on the left just outside of town.**

Located in Cranbrook, BC, the Elizabeth Lake property provides trail access for residents and visitors to the Elizabeth Lake wetlands. The wetlands provide nesting opportunities for many species of birds. This property was generously donated to The Land Conservancy of BC by its previous owners.

Elkington Property



Located near Duncan

This project is located in the Cowichan Valley and was a partnership of the Cowichan Community Land Trust and the Nature Conservancy of Canada. It protects a very important area of Garry oak and received support from the Federal Government and from the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund.

The initial work on this project was done by *TLC*. Bill Turner and Jonah Mitchel made the initial contact with the owners, negotiated with them not to renew their option with developers and *TLC* commissioned and directed an appraisal of the property. The appraisal was greatly assisted by a donation from the Friends of Ecological Reserves. Completion of the project was transferred to the Nature Conservancy of Canada due to the availability of financial resources.

Emerald Forest



Located in Whistler, Covenanted in 2000

56.3 Hectares



Drive past Whistler village towards Pemberton, turn left at Lorimer Road. Follow Lorimer Road until it ends. Park on the side of the road and walk across the bridge over the River of Golden Dreams.

Located in Whistler, this property is made up of wetlands and old-growth forest. A system of trails is already established in the forest. The Emerald Forest is located quite near the Barnfield Farms subdivision where *TLC* already holds three covenants that protect a wildlife corridor. These properties are well used by both humans and wildlife (including black bears). The property has been entrusted to the municipality of Whistler, and a covenant is co-held by The Land Conservancy and the municipality.

Esquimalt Property



Located in Esquimalt, Covenanted in 1999

0.3 Hectares

TLC holds a covenant in partnership with the Municipality of Esquimalt to protect a valued piece of Garry oak habitat in Esquimalt. This particular ecosystem is one of the most endangered ecosystems in Canada, and particularly those sites in urban areas must be identified as a protection priority.

Finlay Lake



Located on Galiano Island, Covenanted in 2001

6.7 Hectares

This covenant protects the majority of one of the island's largest lakes. The property is located within the Coastal Douglas-fir biogeoclimatic zone which is an "ecosystem at risk" in BC. The forest has thick underbrush and extensive riparian areas. The lake contains a lot of woody debris and supports a variety of plant and insect life. A wide variety of flora and fauna reside here, including the blue-listed red-legged frog. *TLC* holds a conservation covenant on the property with the Galiano Conservancy Association.

Gowlland Point



Located on Pender Island, Covenanted in 2000

0.87 Hectares



9903 Kloshe Road, Pender Island

TLC purchased this South Pender Island headland known as Gowlland Point. This property, adjacent to the recently protected Brooks Point, is crucial to the completion of a conservation vision aimed at preserving the very beautiful and ecologically sensitive landscape at the tip of South Pender. The area has been identified as an acquisition priority by the Capital Regional District (CRD) in its Parks Master Plan. It has great natural beauty, very high wildlife values and the site is known by the community as one of the finest recreational areas in the Gulf Islands. It is easily accessible to people of all ages. From its spectacular shoreline of wave-eroded rock, Mt. Baker dominates the southeastern horizon, and seabirds such as harlequin ducks, surf scoters, Heerman's gulls, terns, jaegers, oystercatchers, murre, murrelets and auklets can be easily viewed. Pods of killer whales are often seen offshore, and seal, mink and otter are commonly sighted. The grassy headland also supports an abundance of rare native plants including one of the most profuse shows of chocolate lilies on the Gulf Islands.

Heavenly Acres Covenant



Located near Invermere, Covenanted in 2001

24 Hectares

Helen Annis named her property "Heavenly Acres," located on the rolling Toby Benches above Invermere. The property contains open grassland, mixed forest and wetlands. Helen's love of her property was an important part of her life. Given to her as a wedding present, Helen never took this gift of property for granted. Since fire suppression has been in general practice for the last half of the century, there has been a general trend toward forest in-growth on sites that were formerly grassland, grass-shrublands and open forest. Two unconnected ponds lie within the covenant and, together with the forested areas, provide habitat for a variety of wildlife species, including the red-listed badger. This property provides an important corridor for wildlife and refuge for wild plant species.

Highland Estates



Located in Highlands, Covenanted 2003

Phase 1 & 2, 13.88 Hectares

The District of Highlands is developing rapidly, and conservation covenants are increasingly being employed to augment protected areas. The District has partnered with *TLC* to hold 31 conservation covenants in the West Millstream Development area to protect this forested area of Douglas fir, arbutus and western red cedar. The area also encompasses a ridge with rocky knolls that divides Finlayson Arm and Millstream watersheds. The retention of wildlife trees, wetlands and ecological diversity in the Highlands Estates is crucial for wildlife diversity. Blue-listed species include turkey vultures and bald eagles. Rare and endangered terrestrial plant species have also been identified. Residential Use Zones have been chosen to allow for the least amount of ecological impact. *TLC* will also be working on the conservation covenants for Phase 3 and 4 of this development. These covenants will be held by the District of Highlands and The Land Conservancy.

Holland Creek



Located in Ladysmith

8.9 Hectares

TLC is working in partnership with the Friends of Holland Creek to help purchase a trail buffer along the south side of Holland Creek. The corridor will maintain a full visual and auditory buffer for the trail system from the

planned development and preserve it as a natural ecosystem and park. The Friends of Holland Creek are also working with the Cowichan Community Land Trust to secure this land.

Horsefly River Riparian Conservation Area



Located near Williams Lake, Purchased in 1999

313.5 Hectares

 From the town of Horsefly drive across the blue bridge down Patenaude to Black Creek Guest Ranch (24.5 km). *TLC* does not own Black Creek Ranch itself. About 5 km before the Ranch at 19k on the right, you will note *TLC*'s first parcel of land and signage explaining the property. At approximately 28 k, slightly past the right fork, you will come to an interpretive area for the River.

This 313-hectare property is located on the Horsefly River and contains some of the most valuable fish spawning and rearing habitat in the world. It also provides moose winter range and waterfowl habitat. Species include salmon, rainbow trout, trumpeter swan, great blue heron, sandhill crane, wolverine, red fox, river otter, beaver, marten, ermine, long-tailed weasel, mink, cougar, bobcat, lynx and grey wolf. The area is known for its high density of black bears, bald eagles and osprey, which gather to feed on spawning sockeye in the fall. The primary objective of the acquisition by *TLC* The Land Conservancy of BC is the preservation of fish and wildlife habitat. Funding for this project was provided by Habitat Conservation Trust Fund, Mountain Equipment Co-Op, BCCF and Department of Fisheries and Oceans. This land is leased to the BC Government for wildlife management and to Black Creek Ranch for agricultural use.

Horth Hill Addition



Located in North Saanich, Protected in 2002

5.369 Hectares

 Off the Patricia Bay Hwy heading north, take the Wain Road exit. Turn right on Tatlow Rd.

Horth Hill's forest trails, Garry oaks, spring wildflowers and panoramic views of the peninsula and Gulf Islands are enjoyed by local residents and visitors alike. The protection of this land as an addition to Horth Hill Regional Park was identified as an acquisition priority in the CRD Parks Master Plan. *TLC*, through its OURS FOREVER Campaign launched November 2001, has committed to work in partnership with CRD Parks to complete the Master Plan's regional parks and trails system. This acquisition adds 5.4 hectares of forest and wetland to the 36-hectare park located at the northern tip of the Saanich Peninsula on Vancouver Island.

Jennings Property



Located in Langford, Covenanted 2002

1.35 Hectares

This property is one of the last undeveloped residential properties in northern Langford and is predominantly Garry oak interspersed with young arbutus and Douglas fir. Protection of this area is significant as Garry oak ecosystems are one of four endangered ecosystems in Canada. The property's topography and floral diversity provide habitat for many animal species including woodpeckers, turkey vultures, Cooper's hawks and owls. The management vision for this covenant is the restoration and maintenance of the Garry oak ecosystem. The conservation covenant is held by the District of Langford and The Land Conservancy.

Johnson Property



Located in Comox, Covenanted in 1999

1.2 Hectares

This property is located in Comox, BC and is a mixed Douglas-fir forest sloping south toward Comox Bay. The northern boundary and panhandle contains a spring and swamp area. The land was logged in the early years of the last century. This undeveloped land was purchased in 1979 by Frances Johnson, and The Land Conservancy now holds a conservation covenant to protect the ecological features of the property.

Knockan Hill (101 High Street)

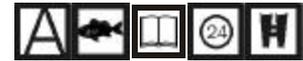


Located in Victoria, 2001

1.05 Hectares

The Town of View Royal and Friends of Knockan Hill Park now hold protection over a property called Knockan Hill in View Royal (Greater Victoria area). TLC agreed to provide technical assistance and help in maintaining the integrity of the wildlife, birds and flora that reside there. The property has been identified as a conservation priority in the Conservation Data Center's Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory. The area contains a rare rocky bluff with dwarf Garry oaks and Garry oak meadow. It not only comprises this rare ecosystem but also provides a buffer for the adjacent Knockan Hill Park. Furthermore, the property is one with a rich cultural significance involving both native use and early settlers.

Koeye River



Located near Bella Bella, Protected in 2001

74 Hectares



Near Bella Bella, very difficult access, mostly by kayak.

TLC partnered with the Raincoast Conservation Society, Ecotrust and the Heiltsuk Nation to purchase a property at the mouth of one of B.C.'s rare old growth ecosystems – the Koeye River Valley. The Koeye watershed lies within the Great Bear Rainforest. The valley has long been recognized as a top priority for protection as a grizzly bear and salmon stronghold, both by government and non-governmental organizations. The Department of Fisheries and Oceans lists Koeye as a Class 1 river in terms of its importance for salmon habitat. The Ministry of Environment also identified Koeye as a top priority for protection for its grizzly bear values. TLC and its partners seized the opportunity to purchase this 74-hectare private lot and accompanying lodge at the mouth of the Koeye River with the intent of re-establishing First Nations stewardship, cultural heritage and conservation objectives within the valley. Presence and ownership at the mouth of the river is crucial for safeguarding the ecological and wildlife values within the valley. The vision is to convert this contentious fishing lodge into a conservation, research and cultural healing center under the direction of the Heiltsuk people.

Kwel Nature Reserve



Located on Lasqueti Island, Covenanted 2002

21 Hectares



Main & Tucker Rd. on Lasqueti Island.

This 21-hectare property is varied topographically from slightly above sea level to high escarpments to the north. The property comprises a Coastal Douglas-fir forest and represents a number of forest types including pine-arbutus, salal-Oregon grape, and swordfern ecosystems with the varied communities of the understory that reflect and support the emerging forest. Ecosystem mapping has been completed on the property. In addition the site contains wildlife habitat (osprey and eagle have been sighted on the property), rock outcrops, sandy

areas, escarpments, and scenic vistas. At the top portion of the property significant views exist over the Georgia Strait and the mainland. This property is owned by the Islands Trust Fund with the conservation covenant being held by the Nanaimo Area Land Trust and the Land Conservancy.

Lampson Property



Located in Esquimalt, Covenanted 1999

0.36 Hectares

This property protects a Garry oak ecosystem perched on a rocky outcropping that supports native wildflowers and mosses. This conservation covenant is an excellent example of how landowners can restore and enhance a Garry oak ecosystem in their own backyards. Native plants associated with the Garry oak ecosystem are being planted, and the restoration process will be documented throughout. The conservation covenant is held by the Municipality of Esquimalt and The Land Conservancy.

Langvista Property



Located in Victoria, Covenanted in 2002

1.0 Hectare

The owner of this development has chosen to create parkland on a portion of this property. The duster development has a covenant that grants a protected area for all the landowners in this development to enjoy. This is the first cluster/covenant arrangement on Vancouver Island. There will be two more phases of this development leading to two more covenants. The conservation covenant is held by *TLC* and the District of Langford and protects arbutus, Garry oaks, rocky outcrops and mature Douglasfir trees. The covenanted area has viewscapes of Mill Hill Regional Park. One of these clusters will be adjacent to Mill Hill Regional Park.

Lehman Springs Conservation Area



Located near Osoyoos, Protected in 2003

24 Hectares



Because of the fragile nature of this forest, access by the general public will not be permitted.

Access can be arranged on a case-by-case basis for groups or individuals interested in tours, bird watching or research.

This property was donated to *TLC* under the federal Ecological Gifts Program. It contains a spectacular stand of large old-growth western larches that are over 600 years old. The largest of these trees is 52 metres tall. These larches provide nesting habitat for the provincially blue-listed (vulnerable) Williamson's sapsucker. The stand also includes ponderosa pines, spruce, and interior Douglas fir trees, along with a high density of large and small snags. This forest is home to a variety of other wildlife including red tail hawks, pileated woodpeckers, flickers, owls and deer (to name a few). There have also been unconfirmed sightings of the nationally endangered white-headed woodpecker. Another unique feature of this forest is the abundance of natural springs. There are at least nine natural springs within this forest where water can be seen bubbling from the ground. These springs are home to a tiny freshwater shrimp, and, in the summer, are the headwaters for Nine Mile Creek (which flows into Osoyoos Lake on the US side of the border).

Linnaea Farm



Located on Cortes Island, Covenanted in 1999

127 Hectares

 **From Cortes ferry turn right onto Carrington Bay Rd., carry on along Whaletown Rd., turn right onto Seaford Rd.**

Linnaea Farm is located on Cortes Island, one of the Discovery Islands in Georgia Strait, approximately 240 km north of Vancouver, BC. Linnaea Farm, which currently consists of 127 hectares, has always been central to the history and development of the Cortes Island community. Produce from the gardens has been sold and traded, milk was delivered while the dairy was in operation and camps with horse-riding activities were available to young people from Cortes and beyond. Trails through the property are still commonly used for horseback riding, hiking or simply as shortcuts for the Cortes residents and tourists. These include trails to Cortes Bay, Easter Bluff, Larson's Meadow and the lakeside trail to Hague Lake. Linnaea Farm also provides access to the pristine waters of Gunflint Lake for swimmers, boaters and fishers. The diversity and beauty of the landscape, the flora and fauna, and the exceptional vistas have always made this property a popular destination for lovers of nature. There is a history of use of the buildings and facilities by the larger community as well. This property is important for research, development and teaching of stewardship of the land and its resources within an ecological context, and their utilization in the areas of food production, crops, livestock, appropriate technology, and building maintenance techniques. *TLC* works in partnership with the Linnaea Farm Society to ensure this vision. It is important to develop and provide public education programs which encourage intellectual, personal and creative development, and teach values and skills for ecological stewardship of the planet. The Land Conservancy of BC holds a conservation covenant on this Farm with the Quadra Island Conservancy to help to preserve these qualities for future generations to enjoy and learn from.

Matthews Point



Located on Galiano Island, 1999

14.6 Hectares

 **Located along Bluff Rd. on Galiano Isl., east of Georgeson Beach.**

Located on the south end of Galiano Island, this property is a vital piece in the preservation of Active Pass. It contains half of Matthews Point and is a natural, unaltered Gulf Island landscape. Millions of visitors experience this area annually. It contains spectacular bluffs, a large portion of natural forest and a 400 metre long sand beach. Recreational opportunities include a beautiful setting that is accessible by foot for bird- and whale-watching, hiking and photography. Tall ridges and arbutus provide a relaxing atmosphere for kayaking and canoeing. There is an excellent trail system for both novice and experienced hikers and a pristine white sand beach. Biological features of the property include sensitive Coastal Douglas fir/Garry oak ecosystems, rare dry-zone vegetation, essential migrating bird habitat, bald eagle nesting zone, intertidal and beach areas. The area is home to threatened species, such as: sharp-tailed snake, northern goshawk, marbled murrelet, Townsend's big-eared bat and Ermine. *TLC* holds a conservation covenant on this property to ensure the protection of this significant piece of land.

Max Lake



Located on West Bench adjacent to Penticton, Covenanted 2001

5.72 Hectares

 **Turn left off Hwy #97 onto West Bench Drive and then onto Bartlett Drive, follow Bartlett Drive to Max Lake Road. Max Lake is located on the right side of Max Lake Road approximately 500 metres from the Bartlett Drive/Max Lake turn off.**

The Max Lake conservation covenant is *TLC's* first covenant in the Okanagan-Similkameen area. This covenant is co-held with the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen and is the first of its kind for the

Regional District. Over 85% of the wetland and riparian habitats that once existed within the South Okanagan-Similkameen have been lost or degraded by human settlement and development. Protecting wetland and riparian areas in the dry climate of the South Okanagan-Similkameen is vital if the unique and rare species of this region of BC are to survive. Max Lake and its associated wetland and riparian habitats are extremely important to a number of rare and endangered species, including the vivid dancer, the greatbasin spadefoot toad, painted turtles, western screech owls, numerous bats and bird species. This conservation covenant was completed under the auspices of the South Okanagan Similkameen Conservation Program, with partners like Ducks Unlimited and the South Okanagan Naturalists Club playing an important role in the protection of this important wetland area.

Maxwell Lake



Located on Salt Spring Isl. Covenanted in 2001

106.3 Hectares

Maxwell Lake is a water reservoir for 617 consumers, including industrial users and the town of Ganges. This piece of land has a direct impact on drinking water quality for many residents of Salt Spring Island, as the majority of the property's runoff enters the lake. It is important to protect this property to sustain the long-term health of the watershed. As well, Garry oak, the main species of one of BC's four ecosystems at risk, can be found on the property, demonstrating an important connection to the adjacent 285 hectares of land purchased by the Nature Trust of British Columbia for the protection of one of the largest stands of Garry oak remaining in North America. The purpose of this covenant is to ensure protection of the land, vegetation and the quality and quantity of the water supply flowing from the lands. This management vision will be maintained and encouraged by the landowner and the covenant monitored on an annual basis by The Land Conservancy and Salt Spring Island Conservancy.

Mcfadden Creek Heronry



Located on Salt Spring Island, Protected 1997

4 Hectares

This valuable piece of heron habitat is located on Salt Spring Island. TLC provided \$10,000 in financial support to the Wild Bird Trust of British Columbia to aid in protecting this critical habitat.

Morton Property



Located on Salt Spring Island, Covenanted 2000

9.4 Hectares

This property is located near Fulford Harbour on Salt Spring Island, British Columbia. It contains a flat, uniformly forested area supporting deep, rich soils, and areas marked by steep hillsides. There is also a small ravine located in the southeastern portion of the Morton property. During wetter months, small ephemeral streams exist through the middle of the property. The property is generally a mix of deciduous and coniferous trees. Red alder, Western red cedar, Douglas fir, and Bigleaf maple trees are found in the pond area. Understory and groundcover of the pond region include Nootka rose, lady fern, horsetails, skunk cabbage, loosestrife, vanilla leaf, and twinflower. Located nearby the driveway are two cedar wildlife trees. Wildlife trees provide valuable habitat for local flora and fauna such as ravens, Bald eagles, and woodpeckers. Black-tailed deer and cougars have also been seen in the area. Nurse logs, also visible throughout most of the property, provide evidence of logging. TLC, along with the Salt Spring Island Conservancy hold a conservation covenant on this property.

Mt. Matheson



Located in East Sooke, Covenanted 2002

15.8 Hectares

This property contains mature Douglas-fir ecosystems and an unused water reservoir. The landowners will work with Wilderness Mountain Water Corporation to maintain the health of the reservoir. The reservoir also provides habitat for many wetland plants and animals, as well as for local wildlife. The conservation covenant is held by *TLC*, Habitat Acquisition Trust and Wilderness Mountain Water Corporation.

Nanaimo River



Located near Nanaimo, 1999 & 2000

56 Hectares



From Victoria, turn right from the Trans Canada Hwy. on to Thatcher Rd, then right on to Frey Rd., for 1.5 km. Look for *TLC* signs at pull-out. Day use only.

The Nanaimo River Flood-Plain project consists of 56 hectares of old-growth Douglas-fir forest and is an important area ecologically and for commercial and recreational fisheries values. The coastal Douglas-fir forest ecosystem is classified as one of the top four most endangered ecosystems within the whole of Canada. In BC this ecosystem occurs only on southeast Vancouver Island and on the Gulf Islands. Only a tiny fraction of Douglas-fir stands remain in a relatively unaltered condition. Because this property is an unstable flood plain (making logging a challenge), a large stand of trees has been left intact. An important riparian zone, such as this, forms a necessary transition between aquatic and terrestrial environments. This area provides water, food and shelter; three critical habitat elements for salmonids and waterfowl. The Nanaimo River is rated as one of the top steelhead rivers for anglers on Vancouver Island. The Land Conservancy purchased these two parcels to ensure the protection of this sensitive salmon habitat forever. The property is now leased to the Regional District of Nanaimo for park purposes. Partners include the Regional District of Nanaimo, Nanaimo Fish and Game Club, Trout Unlimited, Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Habitat Conservation Trust Fund. Funding is still needed to cover covenant costs, as well as for the maintenance and restoration efforts of certain areas.



In 2002 the first of many Working Holidays took place along the Nanaimo River. Day trips were made from the Cowichan River cabin camp to work on removal of invasive plant species, Scotch broom and Himalayan blackberry. Volunteers also picked up garbage from along the river. See www.conservancy.bc.ca for Working Holiday dates and prices.

Newhouse Island Covenant



Located near Invermere, Covenanted 2001

0.8 Hectares

The covenant held by *TLC* applies to the area of the property that is marshland. The marsh is an open water area surrounded by bulrushes and cattails. The biogeoclimatic zone for the property is Kootenay Dry Mild variant of the interior Douglas-fir Zone. The marsh area provides breeding and rearing habitat for a variety of waterfowl and songbirds. American bitterns have been noted here, as well as western toads and spotted frogs. The covenant will now establish a level of protection on the wetland area allowing natural succession to occur there.

Nimpo Lake Cottage



Located 300km West of Williams Lake, Protected in 2002

This one-room fishing cottage was donated to *TLC*. Located along the shore of Nimpo Lake, in the Chilcotins west of Williams Lake, the cottage has been converted for use as a rental cottage. Nimpo Lake is approximately 10 km long by 5 km wide and is a world renowned fly-fishing destination. Arrangements for rentals can be made by contacting *TLC Enterprises*.

Okanagan River Cottonwoods



Located in Penticton, Protected in 2003

In partnership with the Enowkin Centre, a non-profit First Nations educational organization located in Penticton, The Land Conservancy, is working to acquire a long-term lease over 29 hectare of rare and threatened habitat along the Okanagan River channel in Penticton. These lands are currently held by specific First Nations families in a form of land tenure known as Locatee. The Okanagan River Cottonwoods Project involves the protection of a large and relatively undisturbed tract of riparian black cottonwood forest that is unique in the South Okanagan Valley. The property includes a significant stand of cottonwood forest, rose thickets, and old field habitats. Located on the west side of the Okanagan River channel, this is the last remnant of the cottonwood forests and wet lowland habitats that once stretched from Lake Okanagan to Skaha Lake. Many hikers, cyclists and channel rafters enjoy views of this special forested area. There are over 50 different species of birds, including great horned owls, red-tailed hawks, osprey, flickers and great blue herons. This property is also one of the few places in BC where a nationally endangered bird, the yellow-breasted chat, has been found.

Paradise Valley



Located near Winlaw, Covenanted in 2000

62.7 Hectares

Located along Paradise Valley Road near Winlaw, BC, this property is wooded with mixed conifers. There are also some cottonwood found along Dumont Creek. The land has been subject to light logging since the early 1900s, and consequently there are few large trees. The largest trees are found along Dumont Creek. There are lodgepole pine to the west of Paradise Valley Road, and most of the trees are 20 meters in height and 150 mm to 300 mm at the butt. Approximately 25% of the trees are standing dead, and there are fallen trees and a small area of blowdown in this section of the land. There is no indication of bark beetle.

Wildlife on the property is mixed and includes black bear, moose, deer, cougar, bobcat and small mammals of various kinds. Grouse and other birds are viewed but not plentiful. Ducks sometimes use the lily pond for nesting. Larger mammals probably do not actually reside on the property. Nighthawks inhabit the rocky pormortory at the northwest corner of the property. The Land Conservancy holds a conservation covenant on the property.

Pincott Property



Located in Abbotsford, Covenanted in 2000

0.42 Hectares

This property is located in Abbotsford, BC. The property's current use is residential. The non-covenanted area consists of two residential houses and decorative gardens, which cover about one-third of the two parcels. A gazebo and two small, man-made ponds are included in the decorative gardens. The covenanted area is almost entirely forested. Located in the Coastal Western Hemlock biogeoclimatic zone, the forest is mixed deciduous/coniferous with regenerating second growth. The most significant feature of the property is the small

wetland in the northeastern corner. This area includes the blue-listed Pacific waterleaf. Overall, the significance of this property derives from the fact that it is a relatively undisturbed second-growth forest in a district that is rapidly losing its natural areas due to urban expansion. It is an important site since it provides habitat for many species of wildlife.

Qualicum Bat House



Located near Qualicum Beach, Purchased in 1999

0.61 Hectares

In September of 1999 The Land Conservancy of BC purchased a property in Qualicum specifically to protect a nursing colony of the blue-listed Townsend's big-eared bat that has been identified as residing there. This is one of only two nursing colonies known on Vancouver Island. The Townsend's big-eared bat is threatened throughout much of its original range, and populations are dropping markedly with roost disturbance appearing to be a decisive factor in this bat's decline. The bat nursery is located in a derelict house on the property. Though the house is beyond human habitation it is a perfect home for Townsend's big-eared bats and must be protected and strengthened to provide a long lasting bat nursery site.



Day trip Working Holidays are planned for the bat house for site clean-up and property maintenance. See www.conservancy.bc.ca for details.

Ralston Property



Located on Thetis Island, Protected 2002

10.12 Hectares

The landowner has registered 9 hectares of his property with a covenant held by *TLC* and the Cowichan Community Land Trust. A portion of the property that buffers a trail will be managed by the island ratepayers association. The land is a mix of cedar, alder and Douglas fir with a large wetland straddling its western boundary. There are some bluffs on the eastern side of the property with arbutus and some scattered individual Garry oaks.

River's Crossing



Located in Victoria, Covenanted in 1999

20.9 Hectares

Located in the Highlands area of Greater Victoria, the River's Crossing (Kingco) property is protected under conservation covenant by The Land Conservancy of BC and the District of Highlands. This lot covers a variety of habitat types, including Douglas-fir forest, arbutus meadows and riparian areas. These habitats are home to a variety of wildlife and vegetation species. As urban influences increase in the area, it is important to protect areas of refuge for displaced wildlife.

G. Robertson Property



Located on Cortes Island, Covenanted 2001

16.9 Hectares

TLC holds a covenant to protect 16.9 Hectares on Cortes Island in partnership with Silva Forest Foundation. The property contains pristine Coastal Douglas-fir ecosystem and provides valued habitat to a variety of wildlife species. Furthermore, parts of the property are used as research plots for ecologically sensitive logging practices.

Ruffed Grouse Ridge



Located on Salt Spring Island, Covenanted 2002

4.12 Hectares

This property is located in Trincomali Heights on Salt Spring Island and is ecologically significant for the diversity of ecosystems represented on it. The forest has been selectively logged and never clear-cut and is interspersed with rocky ridges supporting arbutus and a wetland which is a tributary to cutthroat bearing Mansell creek. The Douglas fir/arbutus plant association found on the property is blue-listed, and there is habitat for the red-legged frog, which is a species at risk. A pathway in the property allows for walking and enjoyment of this lush, forested property. This conservation covenant is held by The Land Conservancy and the Islands Trust Fund Board.

Ross Bay Villa



Located in Victoria, Purchased in 1999

0.11 Hectares



1490 Fairfield Rd, Victoria. Enter Victoria along Blanshard St., then turn left on Fairfield.



TLC hosts Hard Hat Interpretive tours throughout the Villa. Call 479-8053 for dates and times.

Ross Bay Villa is located at 1490 Fairfield Road, Victoria, B.C. Ross Bay Villa is a rare survivor, being one of fewer than dozen 1860s houses left in the city of Victoria. Built in 1865, the one-story residence is remarkably intact, retaining almost all of its original detailing, both inside and out. The design of the house is in the Gothic revival style with exterior elements including modest but finely made wood Gothic trefoil detailing on the porch (now closed), unusual chamfered detailing on the exterior window frames, decorative turned finials at the roof peaks and a rare double-flue chimney. In the summer that Ross Bay Villa was built, Francis Roscoe and his family moved into the house, where they lived until 1878. Roscoe was Liberal M.P. for Victoria from 1874 to 1877. His riding was taken over by Sir John A. MacDonald. In 1884, George Winter Sr. rented the Ross Bay Villa for his hack and livery business, moving his family into the home in 1892. Mr. Winter was a coachman for Colonial Governors Kennedy and Seymour and later Lieutenant-Governors Trutch, Richards and Cornwall. George Winter Sr. died in 1911, and the estate was subdivided in 1912. Stonemason John Mortimer, the founder of Mortimer's Monumental Works, moved into the house in 1912. Mortimer was responsible for many of the headstones and monuments in the Ross Bay Cemetery. After John Mortimer's death in 1921, several different owners lived in the Ross Bay Villa. The last owners who lived there were John and Elizabeth Hewison who purchased the property in 1952 and kept it trim and well repaired until they sold it in 1988. The Land Conservancy purchased Ross Bay Villa in partnership with the Heritage Building Foundation, Old Cemeteries Society and the Province to ensure restoration and protection of this historically significant site for now and for future generations.

Salt Spring - Burgoyne Bay



Located on Salt Spring Island, Protected 2001

665 Hectares

TLC was a significant partner in the purchase of these lands by BC Parks and CRD Parks. The protected land covers an area from Mount Maxwell to the south shores of Burgoyne Bay as well as the slopes of Mount Sullivan, Mount Tuam and Bruce Peak. The landscape is of mixed Douglas fir, Garry oak and arbutus forest with scenic rocky bluffs and lush valley-bottom groves of red cedar and ancient Douglas firs. Burgoyne Bay itself is the largest undeveloped bay and estuary left in the southern Gulf Islands. It contains significant conservation, recreation, wildlife, fish and historic values. Two salmon streams run into the bay, which has about 2 km of sensitive tidal flat with extensive healthy eelgrass beds. It is also adjacent to the proposed Marine Conservation Area in Sansum Narrows. The Salt Spring Island community is working with BC Parks to develop the management plan and appropriate park use of these lands.

Salt Spring - Burgoyne Bay Addition



Located on Salt Spring Island, Protected in 2003

40.35 hectares

This purchase added the final two parcels needed to complete the original proposal for Burgoyne Bay Provincial Park. It will provide conservation protection to land directly overlooking the park and was accomplished through a unique partnership including *TLC*, BC Parks, Salt Spring Liquid Waste Disposal Local Service Committee, Paul G. Allen Forest Protection Foundation and Ecotrust Canada. The total purchase includes 40.35 hectares of land of which 20.23 hectares will be held by *TLC* for conservation purposes and future regional park use, while 13.04 hectares will be added to the provincial park. The remaining 7.08 hectares will permanently secure a site that has successfully been used for 10 years for the on-island treatment of septage by the CRD's Salt Spring Island Liquid Waste Disposal committee.

Salt Spring Covenant



Located on Salt Spring Island, Protected in 2002

11.6 Hectares

This landowner wishes to protect the ecological diversity of her property. The forest, which has been selectively logged but never clear-cut, is interspersed with rocky ridges supporting arbutus and a wetland which is a tributary to cutthroat trout-bearing Mansell creek. The Douglas-fir/arbutus plant association considered at risk by the Conservation Data Center is represented on the property (S3 Blue List). This property provides habitat for the red-legged frog, which has been identified as a species at risk. The northern aspect of the slope on this lot provides for lush tree growth.

Salt Spring Oaks



Located on Salt Spring Isl., Protected in 2001

205 Hectares

This property is held by Nature Trust of BC to ensure that the endangered Garry oak ecosystem there is protected. *TLC* aided in this acquisition by providing technical assistance and financed the appraisal.

Selkirk - Gorge Waterway Project



Located in Victoria, Protected in 2003

0.03 Hectares

 **Go west over Johnson Street Bridge, right on Tyee Road, onto Skinner Road which turns into Craigflower Road, right on Coventry, left on Selkirk. Please contact *TLC* first if you would like to view the property.**

TLC purchased 508 Selkirk Road, a waterfront lot on the Gorge Waterway, just north of the Selkirk Trestle. The lot was then subdivided, and the portion adjacent to Selkirk Road was resold, and the Gorge waterfront portion donated to the City of Victoria for conservation purposes. The City will be managing the property and recognizes the long-term public interest in the preservation, protection and restoration of the ecosystems and biodiversity of the Gorge Waterway. At the time of the donation to the City, *TLC* registered a conservation covenant on the waterfront lot. A Waterfront Restoration Agreement was also added to the covenant whereby *TLC* has committed to restore the waterfront to its original native ecosystem by December 2004. This is anticipated to be the first of a series of similar acquisitions along the Gorge undertaken in partnership with the City of Victoria, in order to restore the waterfront.

Similkameen River Pines



Located near Keremeos, Protected in 2001

51.4 Hectares

 From Hwy. # 3 turn onto Sumac Rd., it is the last property before the Canada/US border.

This property, formerly known as the Harper property, consists of 51 hectares along the east side of the Similkameen River in the South Okanagan Valley. The south edge of the property is on the Canada-U.S.A. border. The property lies within the South Okanagan bunchgrass region. Biotic features associated with the bunchgrass region include unique ecotypes of bitterbrush and grassland where several plant and animal species unique to Canada are found in a very restricted range. Most of these areas have been extensively developed for agriculture and settlement and there are very few remaining areas in a close-to-natural state or protected as park or reserve. This property is only partly developed and it presents an important and relatively scarce conservation opportunity.

Although small in area, the property contains a relatively wide array of habitat types. A narrow band of floodplain and riverine habitats are adjacent to the Similkameen River. Adjacent to the riparian habitats, there is an elevated terrace of old river sediments. The terrace features varied forest and ground cover and several large, old growth Ponderosa pines. Elsewhere the terrace supports open, second-growth pine and Douglas-fir stands with an understory of bunchgrasses, elderberry, Saskatoon berry, rabbit bush, balsam root, Oregon grape and mariposa lily. Portions of the terrace appear wetter and support a wider mix of grasses, shrubs and low deciduous trees, mainly willows and cottonwood. To the east, the terrace gives way to steep, rocky slopes, scree and talus piles of angular rocks. Here, vegetation varies from Ponderosa pine and bunchgrass, to Douglasfir and non-vegetated rock.

The general vicinity of the property has very high potential to include a number of threatened and endangered wildlife species. These include numerous species of bats and several reptiles and amphibians such as painted turtle, gopher snake and western rattlesnake. The area also supports a wide range of interesting birds, especially birds of prey, woodpeckers and passerine birds. Common mammals include mule deer, black bear, mountain vole, cougar and coyote.

Sooke Hills



Located near Sooke , Purchased in 2001

1380 Hectares

 Drive towards Sooke along Sooke Highway, turn right onto Harbourview Rd., drive to the end of the road, park within the concrete barrier lot. The parking lot gate is open between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm.

The Sooke Hills are located west of Victoria, between the communities of Langford, Metchosin and the Village of Sooke. In accomplishing the vision of the Sea To Sea Greenbelt, *TLC* The Land Conservancy of British Columbia has purchased 1380 hectares in the Sooke Hills. *TLC*'s successful purchase of this land will complete a critical link between Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park and Sooke Mountain Provincial Park. Protection of this land has been proposed and supported for years by a broad alliance of local conservation groups. Working together these groups hope to link existing parks from Salt Spring Island to East Sooke and create a 200 sq. km. corridor of permanently protected land and marine area on the western boundary of the Capital Region. These critical lands include:

- 610 hectares of forested hills on the northern boundary of Sooke Mountain Provincial Park;
- 768 hectares on the park's southern boundary;
- A 0.4 hectare area along the Galloping Goose Regional Trail at Sooke Basin;
- Mt. Manuel Quimper (and many of the other Sooke Hills);
- Three beautiful lakes; and
- Large sections of both Ayum Creek and Charters River valleys.

South Winchelsea Island



Located near Lantzville, Purchased in 1988

10.4 Hectares



You must take a water taxi from either Schooner Cove or Snaw Naw As Marina.



Working Holidays have been held on South Winchelsea since 1999. Please see www.conservancy.bc.ca to register to help remove invasive plant species Himalayan blackberry and Scotch broom.



With significant volunteer help, *TLC* has renovated this luxurious 3-bedroom cabin complete with running hot water, solar electricity and stunning views of Mt. Arrowsmith. Call 479-8053 for rental availability.

South Winchelsea Island is one of 19 islands that make up the Ballenas-Winchelsea Archipelago. The archipelago is located off the East Coast of Vancouver Island running north from the Lantzville area and Nanoose Harbour to Rath Trevor Beach near Parksville. South Winchelsea Island was purchased by The Land Conservancy in 1988. The island is recognized as having national and international significance for its biodiversity values. Its 10.4 hectares are largely undisturbed Garry oak-arbutus ecosystem. The island is a nesting and resting place for many species of birds. California and Steller Sea Lions frequently use the shores around the north end as a haulout area. The Island is being managed as an ecological reserve. Visitors are allowed to visit the island provided they respect the fragile nature of the plant communities and provided they do not have fires or camp. Anyone intending to visit the island is strongly encouraged to contact The Land Conservancy in advance. A three-bedroom home, located at the north end of the island, is available to rent, with the income used to help complete the purchase. The Islands Trust Fund and Nanaimo and Area Land Trust hold the conservation covenant on this property.

Stewart Mountain Road



Located in Victoria, Covenanted in 1998

29.1 Hectares (total)

Located in the Highlands area of Greater Victoria, 26 lots along Stewart Mountain Road are protected under conservation covenant by The Land Conservancy and the District of Highlands. These lots cover a variety of habitat types, including Douglas-fir forest, arbutus meadows and riparian areas. These habitats are home to a variety of wildlife and vegetation species. As urban influences increase in the area, it is important to protect areas of refuge for displaced wildlife.

Taitinger Property



Located in Victoria, Covenanted in 2002

1.0 Hectare

The owner of this development has chosen to create parkland on a portion of his property. The covenant, held by *TLC* and the District of Langford, protects arbutus and mature Douglas fir trees. The covenanted area has views of Mill Hill Regional Park. The covenant will be monitored every year, and neighbours of the covenanted area will be approached to let them know of the features of the land adjacent to them.

Talking Mountain Ranch



Near Clinton, Purchased 1999

30760 Hectares



Turn onto Moha Rd. in Lillooet, turn right onto West Pavillion Forest Service Rd., drive about 83 km to the 93 k signage along the FSR, then turn right. This is an active forest service road and requires a radio to communicate your position with other vehicles

Talking Mountain Ranch, also known as Reynolds Ranch, is located on the west side of the Fraser River about 30 km west of Clinton and presents a unique opportunity for those who care about preservation of ecologically significant land in B.C.'s Central Interior. *TLC* purchased 403 hectares of this property. Attached to the fee simple land is 30,350 hectares of crown range land, secured by tenure, located on the west side of the Fraser River between Lone Cabin Creek and Watson Bar Creek. The landscape encompasses a diversity of ecosystems and habitats. Grasslands, riparian zones, wetlands, brush and transitional to subalpine forested slopes are all represented. Associated species include the common poorwill, Lewis' woodpecker, prairie falcon, western rattlesnake, pallid bat, mule deer, grizzly bear and cougar. The backdrop of towering hoodoos, limestone sinkholes and imposing canyons increases the allure of the area. *TLC* continues the operation of this ranch through a lease arrangement. Conservation remains the highest priority for the operations. *TLC* will open the ranch to the public for education and research opportunities. Maintaining the grazing tenure increases the area under protection to 30,760 hectares. Preserving ranches is an effective means of protecting large continuous spaces supporting many species. As a majority of grassland areas in this province are privately held (especially low elevation and riparian sites), the opportunity for public access to research or inventory these sites is rare. This ranch will serve as an example of how ranching can be an environmental endeavor. *TLC* hopes that management of this property will prove that ranching and conservation are not the mutually exclusive activities that many perceive them to be. Access off the public roads and off crown land requires permission through our Regional Manager. This is an active ranch operated by tenant whose privacy is to be respected.



Working Holidays have been hosted at Reynolds Talking Mountain Ranch since 1999. See www.conservancy.bc.ca for details.

Thetis Lake - Mt. Work Trail Connector



Located in the Highlands District, Protected in 2003

67.98 Hectares

In partnership with the Capital Regional District Parks Department, *TLC* purchased 172 acres (67.98 hectares) of gorgeous forest and wetlands joining Thetis Lake and Mount Work Regional Parks. Important for their high environmental values, these lands also provide a trail connection between the parks that was first proposed over 25 years ago. The acquisition is a key objective in the CRD Parks Master Plan and will result in a fabulous trail system linking parklands from the Gowlland Range, overlooking Saanich Inlet, through Mount Work to Thetis Lake and beyond to Mill Hill and the Galloping Goose Trail.

Thwaytes Landing



Located in North Vancouver, Purchase begun 2002

52.6 hectares



The only access is by boat. The property is located halfway up Indian Arm, across from the Buntzen Powerhouse stations on the west side. Do not use the dock. Land only on the beach.

The Thwaytes Landing property includes 1,100 meters of shoreline along Indian Arm, near North Vancouver. In 1927, Captain Tom Thwaytes with his wife, Anya, a Russian princess, built the original heritage home still

standing today. The site protects a wide range of habitat types, from mature forest to steep moss-covered cliffs and streams. The GVRD is managing the site as a regional recreation area. There are currently no facilities for visitors. They will be unavailable until a management plan is completed by the GVRD after the property is fully secured in 2004. The purchase of the site is a partnership between *TLC*, the GVRD, the District of North Vancouver and the Pacific Parklands Foundation. Use the rocky beach as a day-use rest area only. Please avoid all cliffs. Respect the caretaker's privacy and avoid the house, dock and the other buildings. Please do not build fires.

Tonquin Park Addition



Located in Tofino, Protected in 2003

5.66 Hectares

Currently, there are no marked trails on the park addition; however boardwalks and trailways are throughout Tonquin Park. Access is off Tonquin Park Road in Tofino.

The Land Conservancy worked with a newly formed committee of Tofino residents to protect a spectacular area of rain forest land adjacent to Tonquin Park near the town of Tofino. Funds are still being raised for this acquisition, but when fully protected, this fourteen-acre section of rain forest will quadruple the size of the existing park, providing secure habitat for bears, eagles, ravens and migratory songbirds. It includes a sensitive bog and wetland area, as well as magnificent old-growth and rock bluffs overlooking a gorgeous beach on the open Pacific - and all this within a seven-minute walk from Tofino's town centre. Along with these values, the property incorporates a number of pristine watercourses that drain into Tonquin Park, Tofino's only municipal wilderness park. One of these streams forms a popular natural children's wading pool on Tonquin Beach.

Trincomali Nature Reserve



Located on Galiano Island, Covenanted in 2000

12 Hectares

TLC purchased approximately 12 hectares of land on Galiano Island and transferred it to the Islands Trust Fund for protection. This property is located along the southwestern portion of Galiano Island along Trincomali Channel. The property has been established as a nature sanctuary to protect key seabird nesting habitat, maintain the forested character of the property and to allow natural ecological processes to function without human interference. The property's coastal bluffs and adjacent older second-growth woodland have high habitat values for birds. Important shelter and nesting sites are provided for double-crested (red-listed) and pelagic cormorants, Pperegrine falcons (red-listed) and glaucous-winged gulls. The forested area at the top of the cliffs acts as an important buffer to many of the plants and wildlife that make use of the coastal bluff habitat. The Land Conservancy and the Habitat Acquisition Trust hold a conservation covenant on the land to ensure the protection of this important nature sanctuary.

Wildwood



Located near Ladysmith, Purchased in 2000

28.3 Hectares



Tours 1:00-3:00 pm every Saturday.



Driving north on TransCanada Hwy., turn right onto Cedar Rd., turn right onto Yellowpoint then left onto Crane Rd.



Based at the Cowichan River Cabin, daylong Working Holidays are held at Wildwood to help with trail maintenance and general property maintenance. See www.conservancy.bc.ca for 2003 dates.

Located near Ladysmith on southern Vancouver Island, BC, Wildwood is a forest that has been managed by Merve Wilkinson for many years, using ecoforestry methods. Ecoforestry is a sustainable alternative to clear-

cut logging. The essence of ecoforestry is to perceive what the forest can supply us with without altering its basic ecological functions. Over the years, Wildwood has become a worldwide meeting place for foresters and students interested in alternatives to the industrial forestry that dominates British Columbia. Wildwood preserves a precious resource for future generations, while yielding income in the present. Mr. Wilkinson has harvested the property with a view to enhancing its health and spacing. Subsequently, this has increased the production of timber at Wildwood. Currently, Wildwood has more wood on it today than when Mr. Wilkinson began managing the forest in 1938. The vision for this property is that, through a partnership with the landowners and the Ecoforestry Institute, the land will continue to be worked as an ecoforestry site and will be maintained and protected in perpetuity as an important heritage site. This will be a tribute to Merve Wilkinson's work and a model to all who practice ecoforestry. The Land Conservancy and the Ecoforestry Institute are committed to carrying on this legacy to Merve Wilkinson's work by working together to raise the one million dollars needed to purchase Wildwood.

Woods Family Property



Located near Castlegar, Donated in 2001

22.3 Hectares



Driving north of Castlegar on Highway 3, turn right on Broadwater Road, the property is adjacent to the east boundary of Syringa Creek Provincial Park

This property is located adjacent to Syringa Creek Provincial Park, 19km west of Castlegar off Highway 3. It contains a rare and unique variant of the Interior Douglas-fir biogeoclimatic zone with southern exposure facing Arrow Lake. Because of its southern exposure, the property contains important winter range for deer and other ungulates (including bighorn sheep). The variation in topography and vegetation types also contributes to its value as habitat for other species of wildlife, most notably cougars.

Wycliffe Wildlife Corridor



Located near Kimberley, Purchased in 2001

332 Hectares



Drive north on the highway from Cranbrook to Kimberley, the property is on the right of the highway after the St. Mary's River.

Wycliffe lies in the Rocky Mountain Trench of southeastern British Columbia, between the communities of Kimberley and Cranbrook, in the East Kootenays. Historically, the Trench contained a significant component of dry, low-elevation open forests and grassland habitats. These open forests and grasslands are rapidly being lost to subdivision and development, as well as to forest in-growth and encroachment due to fire suppression. Grassland ecosystems support a diversity of threatened or endangered species and are being developed at an alarming rate. Protection of the Wycliffe Wildlife Corridor is critical for long-term conservation strategies in the East Kootenays, where there are almost no protected areas with grassland habitats. The Wycliffe area is used extensively by elk; however, it is also highly desirable for development of residential properties and golf courses. This property being protected by *TLC* contains Class 1 winter range for elk and mule deer and is home to a diversity of threatened species, including yellow badgers, wild licorice and Lewis' woodpecker. A long-term management plan for the area will be developed in conjunction with the Ministry of Environment and the ranchers who currently lease the properties. Grazing management plans will be adopted and will ensure that existing wildlife values are not compromised by conflicting practices. *TLC* will conduct restoration work on areas where there is significant forest in-growth. These lands will be held under the guardianship of the The Land Conservancy.