

# *greenbelt land trust* 2009 Annual Report

Leveraged each membership dollar donated with over \$11 of grant funds.

Planted over 775 native plants/bulbs in wetland prairie at Owens Farm.

For the last two Fiscal Years 90% of expenses have been spent on our Land Acquisition program.

Logged over 1550 total volunteer hours at Greenbelt workdays.

## **Land Conservation**

In 2009 Greenbelt Land Trust protected over 500 acres of critical Willamette Valley habitat, including conservation easements on the Little Willamette and Willamette Bluffs properties, and our largest acquisition to date at Evergreen Creek. With your help, we conserved more acres this past year, than in any other throughout our 20 year history, including over 1.5 miles of vitally important streams, Rivers, and watershed systems. Individual donations were leveraged to bring in over \$1.07 million dollars from the Bonneville Power Administration, \$305,000 from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board and \$410,000 from USFWS's North American Wetlands Conservation Act for these three properties.

- Protected 220 acres of vital habitat within Muddy Creek Watershed, including 1.5 miles of stream-side habitat along Evergreen Creek.
- Increased the conservation area at the confluence of the Willamette, Luckiamute, and Santiam Rivers by 120 acres, adjacent to the Luckiamute State Natural Area.
- Protected 199 acres near the Willamette River, identified by the Oregon Conservation Strategy as high-priority for wildlife and native habitat restoration.
- Lands protected this year also included native oak savannah, upland prairie, and wetlands habitat.

## **Stewardship**

Stewardship activities at Greenbelt were in full force in 2009. A major accomplishment for the year was hiring Stewardship Manager, Jeff Baker, to oversee the management and monitoring of the nearly 1,300 acres we protect.

- Prepared interim management plans and baseline documentation for 3 properties.
- Led extensive restoration at Owens Farm, planting Camas, Nelson's checkermallow and Bradshaw's lomatium with the Institute for Applied Ecology.
- Led volunteer efforts at Owens Farm and Lupine Meadows to control invasive blackberry, scotchbroom, tall oatgrass, and meadow knap weed.
- Completed monitoring of all of Greenbelt's 14 properties.

## **Education/Outreach**

We at Greenbelt understand that, in order to protect our lands and the magnificent habitats and beauty of the Willamette Valley, we need to educate our future generations to become responsible stewards of these lands. Our Outreach Coordinator, Steve Lilly, had the opportunity to work with community members on our properties, who bravely endured the Oregon rain to pull invasive species and plant native grasses and plants in 2009.

- Over 1550 volunteer hours through Greenbelt-led events.
- Over 700 youth engaged through workdays and school outings.
- 8 local schools collaborated with Greenbelt on education-based activities.
- Over 400 volunteers assisted Greenbelt and our natural areas in 2009!

## **Conservation Partnerships**

- Continued to coordinate the establishment of a Coalition of Oregon Land Trust's (COLT), to better network with our state-wide conservation partners.
- Partnered with funding agencies Bonneville Power Administration, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to ensure the protection of over 600 acres through conservation easements and a land acquisition.
- Collaborated with Willamette Riverkeeper, Calapooia Watershed Council, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, and local landowners in evaluating a conservation plan for lands along the Willamette River between Corvallis and Albany.

# Financial Summary

FY October 1<sup>st</sup> - September 31<sup>st</sup>

	<b>FY 07-08</b>	<b>FY 08-09</b>		<b>FY 07-08</b>	<b>FY 08-09</b>
<b>Income</b>			<b>Assets</b>		
Membership Donations	\$201,445	\$198,866	Current		
Land Acquisition	\$15,572	\$34,070	Checking	\$29,653	\$183,867
Stewardship	\$88,220	\$87,307	Investment	\$1,205,578	\$1,184,758
Bequests	\$425,000	\$202,150	Fixed Assets		
Grants	\$2,414,000	\$1,819,098	Equipment	\$4,640	\$6,841
Other	\$5,926	\$11,612	Land	\$1,136,884	\$1,884,687
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$3,150,163</b>	<b>\$2,353,103</b>	Conservation Easements	\$3,114,027	\$4,212,859
			GLT Properties, LLC	\$30,303	\$30,303
<b>Expenses</b>			<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$5,521,085</b>	<b>\$7,503,315</b>
Land Acquisition	\$2,437,079	\$1,884,138			
Stewardship	\$22,176	\$57,232			
Education/Outreach	\$54,865	\$55,131			
Conservation Partnerships	\$17,913	\$942			
Fundraising	\$14,974	\$23,992			
Administrative	\$170,156	\$62,257			
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,717,163</b>	<b>\$2,083,692</b>			

To request Audited Financial Statements please contact our office at 541.752.9609.



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## Stewardship Highlight

You have probably heard about the Fender's blue butterfly, an endangered and beautiful native butterfly that is indigenous to the Willamette Valley. Greenbelt's Lupine Meadows protects critical habitat for the Fender's, in addition to threatened Kincaid's lupine and Nelson's checkermallow. Our Stewardship Manager, Jeff Baker, led restoration activities at Lupine Meadows in 2009, managing the upland prairie habitat on the property. Over 99% of the upland prairie that once dominated the Willamette Valley has been lost due to agricultural and urban development. Greenbelt is working to manage the remaining remnants of upland prairie in our region, and this means getting dirty at Lupine Meadows!

## Education Highlight

Have you ever driven past Owens Farm on Hwy 99 and wondered what those people in the rain and mud are doing out in the fields? Thanks to a collaboration with the Institute for Applied Ecology, Greenbelt had 22 students from the Waldorf School on 3 field trips to Owens Farm in 2009. Students planted native species such as Bradshaw's lomatium, Nelson's checkermallow and camas bulbs, and continued to monitor their growth throughout the seasons. These students are playing an integral role in restoring this field to its native habitat of wetland prairie, a rare type of habitat in the Willamette Valley. Next time you see these brave students in the field, take a moment to honk and say hi!



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### Photo Descriptions

1) Volunteer from Johnson Controls removing unwanted woody vegetation from Lupine Meadows, 2) Volunteer weed whacking non-native grasses at Lupine Meadows, 3) Volunteers clearing woody vegetation along fence line at Lupine Meadows, 4) Students from Waldorf School planting Nelson's checkermallow at Owens Farm, 5) Waldorf students planting native plants at Owens Farm, 6) Crescent Valley High School student removing weedy species at Owens Farm.