Carving Out The Future
What will Greenbelt Land Trust look like at 50?

"Are you surprised by the growth of Greenbelt Land Trust in the last 5 years?" I asked a handful of our founding members.

Unanimous ‘no’s’ ring throughout the room. “The vision of Greenbelt Land Trust was always big, from day one,” they say. Most say that this is why they became involved - because they were inspired by the impressive scope and aspirations of the organization.

And now, 26 years later, because of that contagious vision, Greenbelt has evolved into a regional land trust, working on community trails, clean river networks, and preserving endangered habitats.

After passing the quarter century mile-marker in 2014, we see this as an opportune time to re-affirm our organizational vision and determine what Greenbelt Land Trust might look like at its 50th Anniversary.

Let’s not say ‘Strategic Conservation Planning’, because that makes us all glaze over and cringe just a little, doesn’t it? Instead let’s call it what it really is: ‘Listening To Our Communities’. Through generous funding from the Land Trust Alliance, Meyer Memorial Trust, and the Oregon Community Foundation, we are undergoing a planning process to help chart the course of Greenbelt’s future, including refining our goals for land protection, stewardship, and community engagement.

When you close your eyes and picture what the Willamette Valley will look like in 2039, what do you see?

Do you see a future where significant natural areas are protected, with forests, farmlands, wildlife corridors, hills, meadows, wetlands and watercourses weaving through and around our mid-Willamette Valley communities? Do you see a future where we retain a distinct sense of place and community and where our children have access to nature in their backyard?

If this is the future that you see, then you are not alone. Greenbelt Land Trust, alongside our members and our communities, is here to continue to make that vision a reality.

To the next 25 years,

[Signature]
Executive Director

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Calling Writers + Hikers

Are you itching to be a published writer? We are looking for a few voices to add to the Greenbelt blog! From trail musings to wildlife encounters, river poems, and songs, we are interested! Open to all ages - submit a short (>1 page) sample of your writing to jessica@greenbeltlandtrust.org for consideration (deadline: July 1, 2015).

Symphony on the Land
Saturday, June 20th, 6pm
Join us at beautiful Bald Hill Farm for a magical summer evening of music, friends, and nature. A benefit event in partnership with the Corvallis-OSU Symphony Society. Tickets and info: www.greenbeltlandtrust.org

Birding Walk
Saturday, June 27th, 9am-12pm
OSU’s Jim Rivers will be leading a walk/talk on the active swallow studies that OSU has been conducting on the Farm. Birdwatching and identification tips along the way!

History of Owens Farm Walk
Saturday, July 25th, 9am-12pm
Learn about the intriguing history of the Knotts-Owens family, uses of the farm over the years, and Greenbelt’s restoration efforts and future vision for the farm.

Mulkey Ridge Forest mid-Project Walks
August 4th & 13th (2-4pm)
Join Staff for a mid-project walk to view forest restoration and thinning projects underway on the Mulkey Ridge at Bald Hill Farm.

SIGN-UP: Events: jessica@greenbeltlandtrust.org  Volunteer Workdays: elizabeth@greenbeltlandtrust.org

welcome to the board

TREMAINE ARKLEY
After living and working throughout the US, Paris and England, Tremaine and his wife Gail returned to Oregon to restore their 25 acre 120+ year old quince farm near Independence in Polk County, includes enhancing vernal ponds, wet prairies, and planting native trees and grasses. Tremaine’s interest in natural resources include work with the Friends of Polk County, Institute for Applied Ecology, and Luckiamute Watershed Council.

CURTIS ROSE
Curt is a 22 year resident of Corvallis, and is the Senior VP & Deputy General Counsel for the Intellectual Property Section at Hewlett Packard. “Having enjoyed the benefits of places like Bald Hill and Fitton Green, I now look to do what I can to ensure that future generations of mid-Valley residents continue to believe that they are lucky to reside in one of the most beautiful and livable communities in the world.”

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Commitment

Committed to conservation + community
Charles Ross Award
In recognition of extraordinary service to Greenbelt

They are there - ready to plant seedlings at Owens Farm, organize food at Run for the Hills, or serve as ambassadors along the trails of Bald Hill Farm. Doug and Ann Brodie have done it all - from becoming members 26 years ago, to Doug’s two terms of serving on the Board and a Trustee role for Ann. They have helped to chart Greenbelt’s future, actively help to raise our profile, and can be depended upon when we need them most.

Since retiring from OSU (Doug as a Forest Economics professor and Ann a research professor in Animal Sciences), the Brodie’s have emerged as community leaders, combining interests at Greenbelt, Corvallis Audubon, Ducks Unlimited, Friends of the Library, and the Corvallis Chapter of the League of Women Voters. When birding trips are not taking them to far-flung locales like the Galapagos or Kenya, they are here, serving our local community.

It is an honor to know Doug and Ann. Their commitment to Greenbelt Land Trust should serve to inspire us all to take a stand, get involved, and make a difference in our own community. For their service and investment in Greenbelt Land Trust, we are honored to recognize Doug and Ann Brodie as the recipients of the 2014 Charles Ross Award.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Say you are hiking along the trails at Bald Hill Farm, Mulkey Ridge, or McDonald Forest. As you walk or bike along, enjoying the soft padding of nettles underfoot, there are certain people in our community that you have to thank for that trail being clear.

On the Pacific Crest Trail there are people called ‘trail angels’ - those who help steward the trail and people along it. Here in Corvallis we have our very own Trail Angel in Larry Mahrt.

When he’s in town you can find Larry most any days hiking, backpack strapped onto his shoulders along the Mulkey Ridge Trail. What’s in the backpack? Why... nothing short of various artisanal hand saws, ready to tackle fallen logs after a storm, clear trail sides and control erosion issues. Alongside his friend Clayton, they keep our trails cleared after storms, ice, and floods.

When he’s not hacking away fallen limbs, Larry’s volunteering to clear brush and invasives at Bald Hill Farm, because “I feel pretty good about clearing blackberry - I know that there’s not much I can do wrong,” he chuckles.

Larry also helps to identify youth education opportunities, scouts new trail connectors, and, maybe most importantly, he is always willing to talk shop over a cold beer.

For these reasons and more, we are honored to recognize Larry Mahrt as our 2014 Volunteer of the Year.

For more information about our naturalist program, contact Elizabeth Records.
LESS THAN 7% OF OAK WOODLANDS AND SAVANNA HABITAT REMAIN IN THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY.

GLT will be initiating a multi-year restoration project to remove selected conifer from the Mulkey Ridge on Bald Hill Farm throughout the 2015/16 summers. A detailed forest stewardship plan lays groundwork to restore and steward woodland habitats throughout the property, including a diverse mix of oak savanna, woodland, conifer forest, and riparian stands.

With nearly a mile of public trail traversing the Mulkey Ridge, we are working to ensure that trail users are aware of when trails might be closed due to restoration activities. Attend one of four Forest Walks with us this summer to learn more!

Historically, Oregon white oak woodlands were a major component of the Willamette Valley landscape. This valuable plant community provides some degree of habitat for over 200 species of vertebrates such as the acorn woodpecker, western gray squirrel, white-breasted nuthatch, as well as a host of invertebrates.

Distribution and maintenance of these woodlands is thought to have historically been primarily governed by fire, which suppressed competing vegetation and tree regeneration and promoted the development of widely-spaced, heavily-branched “open-form” oaks with thick, fire-resistant protective bark.

As European settlers cleared the valley and suppressed fires, oak woodlands and their many associated wildlife species began to disappear, leading to an estimated loss of ~90% of oak habitat today.

Funding for Acquisition

It must be one of the top questions we get asked ... just where does the funding come from to acquire land and conservation easements?

"While every property and project has a unique bundle of funding, when we look at land acquisition (independent of staffing, stewardship, outreach, and overhead costs), there is a common mixture of funding sources that we rely on to permanently protect the lands our community cares about. These include state and federal grant programs administered through agencies like the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, Bonneville Power Administration, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service, whose funding goals primarily focus on habitat restoration and endangered species protection. We also rely on private community funds to provide matching funds, and benefit from landowner bargain sales and land donations."

Claire Fiegener - Conservation Director
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
Fiscal Year 2013/2014

Land Conservation
- Permanently protected 74 acres of prairie, wetland and riparian habitat in Kings Valley in partnership with landowners Cliff and Gay Hall, adding onto an existing conservation project and resulting in the permanent protection of 219 acres.
- Permanently protected 61 acres along the Willamette River, adjacent to Horseshoe Lake in Linn County, creating a conservation zone of 261 acres.
- Conducted due diligence towards the permanent protection of 18 acres as an addition to Harkens Lake conservation area.
- Received $244,082 of grant funds toward land acquisition.
- Secured grant funding towards the 2015 purchase of the 168 acre Mulkey Ridge Forest property in Benton County.

Stewardship + Restoration
- Constructed 1.5 miles of trail, connecting Bald Hill Farm to Fitton Green Natural Area and opening up 17 miles of off-road trail systems.
- Completed monitoring of current portfolio of conservation easements.
- Completed draft of Bald Hill Farm Management Plan.
- Planted 54,000 of trees and shrubs on Willamette River properties.
- $563,153 in restoration and planning grants signed for habitat and ecosystem restoration and $36,000 for long-term stewardship.

Education + Outreach
- Held 35 public tours and events on protected lands.
- Coordinated the 2nd annual Volunteer Naturalist Program at Bald Hill Farm, providing interpreters to trail goers throughout the summer.
- Held the 8th annual Run for the Hills, breaking attendance records and raising more than $10,000 to support the maintenance of area trail systems.
- Partnered to host a benefit event, ‘Roots to Rivers; Where Land, Water, and Agriculture Meet’ with conservation partners.
- Held the 3rd annual Symphony on the Land event at Bald Hill Farm.
- Volunteers donated a total of 1700 hours of service to our trails, outreach programs, education workdays, and stewardship programs.

Organization + Partnerships
- Became one of the first land trusts in the country to achieve national re-accreditation with the Land Trust Accreditation Commission.
- Worked closely with the Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts to launch a strategic plan and develop a statewide voice for conservation.
- Conducted events with watershed councils across the mid-Valley, including the Marys, Luckiamute and Calapooia Watershed Councils.
- Worked with state agencies on initiatives to support funding for conservation.
1.) Mulkey Ridge Trail building volunteers 2.) Stacey Moore, Institute for Applied Ecology, educating students from Philomath Middle School at GLT’s Evergreen property 3.) Aquatic Ecology walk at Luckiamute Meadows along Maxfield Creek 4.) Fish sampling at Harkens Lake 5.) 30k participant at the 8th annual Run for the Hills race at Fitton Green Natural Area 5.) Tree planting crews preparing to re-plant a floodplain forest at GLT’s Little Willamette property 6.) Michael Pope and Greenbelt founder Meg Campbell 7.) Audience members at the 3rd annual Symphony on the Land concert at Bald Hill Farm

Our Year in Photos

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To request audited financial statements, please contact our office

Operating Support/Revenue

Private Donations: $448,338
Land Conservation Donations: $12,863
Stewardship Income/Donations: $70,937
Grants: $352,278
Other*: $292,304
Total: $1,176,720

Expenses

Programs (no land purchase): $1,067,135
Fundraising: $60,037
Administration: $98,418
Total**: $1,225,590

Capital Income

Grants: $244,082
Investment Fund: $90,000
EXPENSES

Land & Equipment Purchase: $334,082

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* Includes transfers from GLT’s investment accounts

** Expenses include grant-funded stewardship activities that will be reimbursed in 2015

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Greenbelt Land Trust
Creating a New Future

Restoration efforts ramp up at Harkens Lake

The talented restoration crew members strap the plant bags onto their waists like holsters and begin the task of planting over 55,000 trees and shrubs across 50 acres at Harkens Lake, a 389-acre property protected by Greenbelt between 2011-2014. Grab tree, dig hole, plant, cover with soil. Over and over again—with 1,200 native trees planted each day.

The fact that Harkens Lake has been frequently inundated by the Willamette River meant that it wasn’t profitable for farming. Luckily for us, this tendency to flood is great for conservation, providing ideal habitat for juvenile Chinook Salmon looking for calm backwaters. While this planting of cottonwoods, ash, and maples will quickly form a forest canopy, the understory shrubs are where the magic happens, forming the foundation for the floodplain forest, providing berries for countless species of wildlife, flowers for pollinators, nesting sites for migratory birds, and acting as a biological sieve for the floodwater that filters through the forest.

These 50 acres of new floodplain forest will play a crucial role for wildlife as well as improving water quality for our community.

WHY WE CARE

If you close your eyes and picture a young, active, thoughtful family... then Carl, Julie, Gale, and Ruby Christianson come to mind. Since moving back to Corvallis in 2010 from Seattle to run the family business, G. Christianson Construction here in town, Carl and Julie have quickly become Greenbelt regulars. Find out why they are involved!

As a child, nearly every family vacation was focused on recreation, the outdoors, and hunting or fishing. Locally, I grew up making tree forts, mountain biking, and exploring Mac Forest. One of the values of Nature beyond the peace that it brings is the sense of self-reliance that spending time outdoors challenges us to take on. As someone who grew up here, it is really important for Corvallis to have ample green spaces for people to explore on their own and re-discover their sense of adventure. (Carl)

In Nature I find peace, beauty, and wildness. This spiritual element of being close to nature centers us both individually, but also as a couple. We feel closer to God and the purpose of love and goodness when outdoors. When Carl and I met at OSU rambling around trails, mountains, and rivers was the thing that really brought us together. (Julie)

It seems as though humans have lost their connection to nature over time. We want our children to preserve their own sense of wildness within themselves. Being outdoors helps us to build a sense of self, trust our instincts, and to develop a confidence in our abilities. (Julie)

It’s exciting to be part of an organization in town that is successfully protecting open spaces. There is a strong sense of community at Greenbelt, which builds into a feeling of ownership and pride in the organization. It’s hard to find organizations that have this sense of community, and we’ve found it here. (Carl, Gale, and Julie Christianson)

Investing in our Future

“We love and appreciate Greenbelt Land Trust for all it has done and continues to do to make Corvallis a uniquely wonderful place to live. With joy, we have supported the GLT since it began and it figures prominently in our estate plans. Their proven track record of good management, sound decision-making and their outstanding staff, make it easy to leave a legacy with them.”

- Maya Abels and Stewart Holmes

By designating a gift in your will to Greenbelt Land Trust you are creating a lasting investment of land protection, while at the same time receiving meaningful tax and financial benefits for yourself and your heirs.

For information about estate planning options and resources, contact Development Director Jessica McDonald at (541) 752.9609.
GRANTS
Boneville Power Administration, Craft3 Conservation Loan, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, Oregon Community Foundation, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, US Fish and Wildlife Service State Wildlife Grant Program

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With grant funding now secured, we are close to finalizing a decades-long vision to own the Mulkey Ridge Forest property, a key connector between Bald Hill Farm and Fitton Green Natural Area.

The protection and trail access across this 170 acre property has been a vision 30 years in the making. The Mulkey Ridge Forest completes the connection between Bald Hill Natural Area, Bald Hill Farm, Lupine Meadows and Fitton Green Natural Area, creating an off-road trail network of over 16 miles linking Corvallis all the way to Wren.

The combination of all of these high value and permanently protected lands exceeds 1400 acres and offers a large landscape-level approach for sustaining some of Oregon’s most important natural resource legacies in the mid-Willamette Valley.

The Mulkey Ridge Forest property and trail will be here for future generations because of the incredible generosity and support of our partners, including:

> Funder Bonneville Power Administration
> Landowners Andrew and Lauralee Martin
> Benton County Natural Areas and Parks
> Northwest Youth Corps
> Hundreds of amazing volunteers
> Support from folks like you!

Mulkey Ridge Forest

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Pileated woodpecker takes a peak at the Mulkey Ridge Forest
SYMPHONY on the LAND

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