



Wild Possibilities

A Path of Resilience for Greenbelt

Resilience is not a destination; it is a way of being.

Every day I find myself asking difficult questions. How do we move forward? How can we support those most impacted in our community? How do we identify what is essential work for Greenbelt Land Trust in these times?

Collectively we are facing an uncertain future. As we grapple with the unknown, what I know about our work has only been reinforced:

Resilience is our Way of Being

Resilience is embedded in our DNA. As a land trust, our long-term perspective

prepares us to weather inevitable upheavals. Through floods, economic depressions, biodiversity loss, and shifting political climates, Greenbelt has consistently recovered, adapted, and evolved. Our landscape and people are resilient. While we know that the worst may be yet to come with COVID-19, nature endures and so will we.

Conservation is Long-Lasting

The vision of those who came before us sustains us every day. As I hike to the top of Fitton Green, I benefit from the hard work of those who preceded me. Today we work for future generations. We must continue the important work of conservation. It is in this time of community crisis that we turn to the places that bring us hope and solace. For many of us, we find that peace in nature, and on trails where we can escape, even momentarily, the uncertainty that surrounds us.

Collaboration is Key

The pandemic has revealed opportunities for emerging partnerships and new ways of thinking. From local sewing brigades volunteering to create masks for front-line workers, to conservation organizations uniting to leverage our resources –

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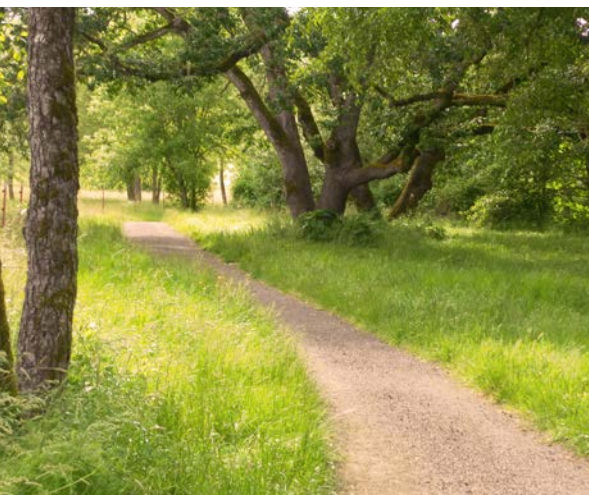
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when we act together, we can have unprecedented impact. Greenbelt has a role in addressing urgent challenges at the magnitude and complexity at which they exist. We do this by exploring partnerships across the spectrum of conservation, health, education, and recreation sectors.

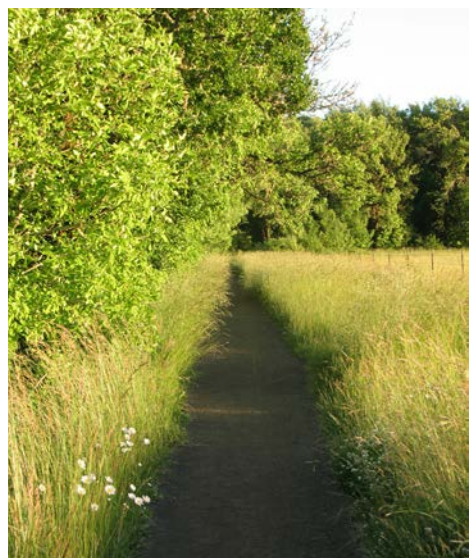
The future of our community depends on the strength of our partnerships. We can use the disruption of this crisis to open the door to bold ideas and build a stronger, more resilient network of service organizations that work for the people and the land.

**Resilience is
Greenbelt Land Trust
being rooted in place,
pivoting to adapt to a new
future, embracing new
partnerships, and staying
true to our vision of healthy
lands for all.**

Nature is not taking a break during this pandemic, and neither will we. The work of a land trust is fundamentally about making the world a better place. Now more than ever, strengthened with your support, we are stepping forward to walk on a path of resiliency and collaboration and emerge into a future of wild possibility.

Every day I say a blessing of appreciation for you, friend. Thank you for your tender care of nature and our collective future. We are here for each other and Greenbelt Land Trust is here for you.

Jessica McDonald
Executive Director



Healthy Trails, Healthy Communities

Double Your Donation for Trails!

**\$62.50
10 FEET
OF TRAIL**

Every year hundreds of runners line-up at the Benton County Fairgrounds, bolting forward as the horn blasts, signalling the start of Run for the Hills. The long distance runners take off for the vistas of Fitton Green Natural Area on the 30k route, while the intrepid trail runners speed off for a fast round on the 8k course, and families launch the 2 mile course.

Over 13 years Run for the Hills has raised critical funds to enhance the trails that we all love and enjoy. This year we have cancelled the run scheduled for June 7th, but now, more than ever, our trails need us.

Access to nature has been a release, a source of joy, and mental health during this time of physical distancing. Consider giving back to the trails that have given us so much.

In partnership with Heart of the Valley Runners, Run for the Hills is going virtual! Through the month of June, you can enjoy the 30k, 8k, and 2 mile courses on your own schedule by:

1. Run the Race (30k, 8k, 2 mile)
2. Record your results
3. Make a donation to Greenbelt's Trails Fund

Donations to Greenbelt's Trails Fund (whether you run the race or not) will be matched*, 1:1, by our business sponsors of Run for the Hills!

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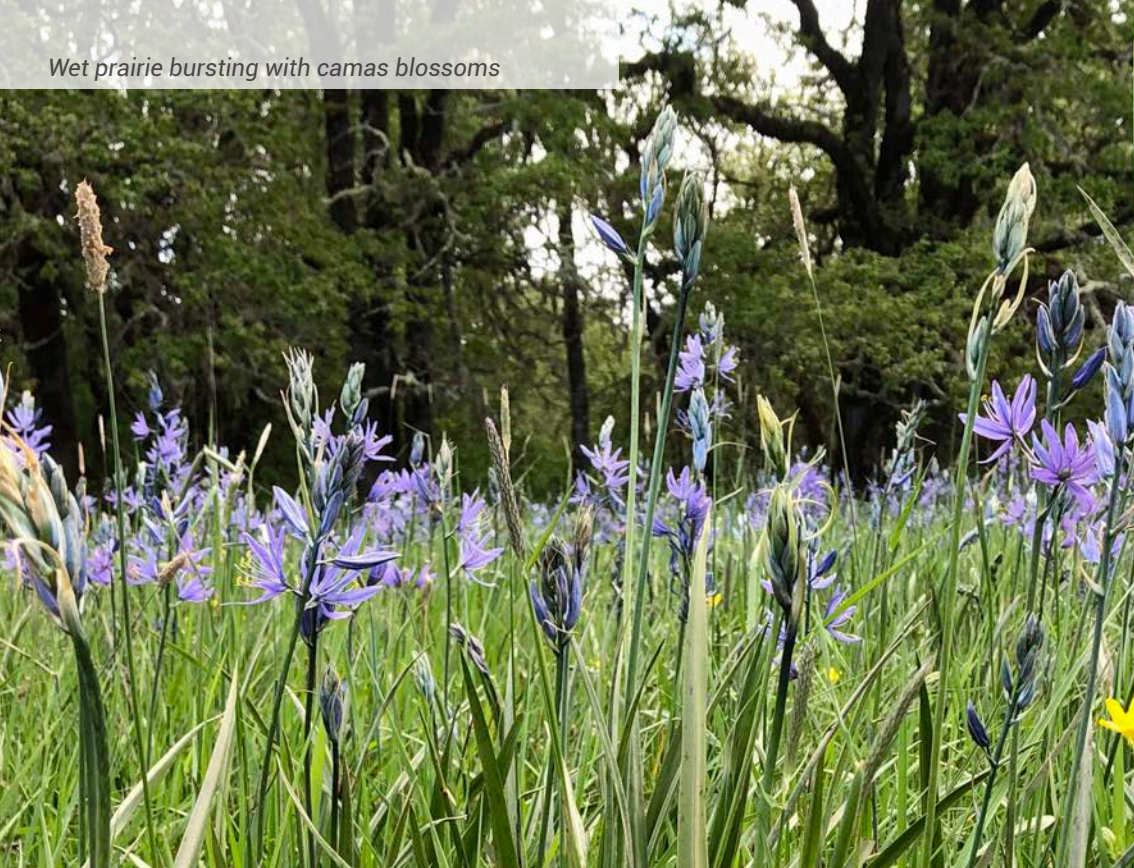
*Matching donations up to \$2,500

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& Stephens, PC



Our Trails Thank You!

Wet prairie bursting with camas blossoms



Harvesting Kincaid's lupine seeds

A Tale of Two Prairies Restoring Endangered Habitat

A colorful array of grasses and flowers once covered nearly one million acres in the Willamette Valley, from the soggy bottomlands to the dry foothills. With less than one percent of that historic range remaining, prairies are now some of the rarest habitats in Oregon.

Upland prairie is found on well drained soils and provides a home for the endangered Fender's blue butterfly. Wet prairie is characterized by seasonally inundated heavy clay soils, and is a refuge for a suite of endangered plants including Nelson's checkermallow, Willamette daisy, and Bradshaw's lomatium.

Through the protection of priceless remnant prairies, and through active restoration efforts at places like Bald Hill Farm, Greenbelt is working to ensure a dynamic future for Willamette Valley prairies and the species that depend on them to flourish.



Conservation Coordinator, Claire Fox, planting native bulbs at Bald Hill Farm

Taking Root

We have been working steadily at Bald Hill Farm to restore upland prairie, creating healthy habitat for dozens of native plants and animals, including two on the endangered species list: Fender's blue butterfly and its host plant, Kincaid's lupine.

In 2019, after several years of site preparation, Greenbelt staff planted 1000 Kincaid's lupine seedlings at the farm. Kincaid's lupine is a fascinating perennial flower that grows a tap root several meters deep into the soil. A mature plant will send out rhizomes that spread new growth far from the original seedling, resulting in plants more than ten meters apart connected beneath the surface in a clonal colony that can live well over one hundred years.

As the lupine stretches into the soil and across the prairie, it serves as a reminder of the deep and far-reaching connections between healthy lands, healthy plants, and healthy people.



A Lasting Legacy for future generations

Heritage Circle members are visionary supporters who have stepped forward to commit to stewarding Greenbelt Land Trust forward into the future by naming Greenbelt in their estate plans. Members enjoy invitations to appreciation and social events, and are recognized (if choose) in GLT materials for their support.

You are establishing a legacy.
You are ensuring that our community thrives for generations to come.

We would like to express our gratitude for naming Greenbelt Land Trust in your estate plans. Please share your decision with us so we can welcome you as a member of the Heritage Circle!

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Marcia and Tom Pfleeger, land trust leaders for 31 years

Charles Ross Award

Honoring conservation leadership

In 1989 Tom attended the first meeting of people invited by Charlie Ross to talk about starting a land trust in the Corvallis area.

Tom remembers Charlie describing

his vision of connected open spaces and protected properties as an "emerald necklace." It was Tom and the other members of the newly formed Geographic Committee who were sent out on a quest to identify the places that

could make it a reality.

In addition to being a founding member, an early Board member, and a Trustee for Greenbelt over the years, Tom also brought us a great volunteer, Marcia. Marcia has been a Volunteer Naturalist at Bald Hill Farm since the beginning of the program, often setting up to sketch on the trails, which makes for an easy introduction with trail users. "I just like talking to people. I set up to sketch and then I engage people about what we're looking at. I love the people," is how she describes her work as a Greenbelt ambassador.

There's been a Pfleeger in the mix for 31 years at Greenbelt and it is our honor to recognize them with the 2019 Charles Ross Award for Outstanding Service.

What do Tom and Marcia hope to see in the next 31 years for Greenbelt? Marcia says, "To see our grandchildren out on the trails." Tom adds, "I'm so impressed by how far this organization has grown and I don't see what kind of limits we need to put on it." No limits with people like Tom and Marcia on board.

Thank you, Tom and Marcia!

Volunteer Award

In recognition of extraordinary service

Our 2019 Volunteer of the Year is Jonny Armstrong. He is an amazing photographer who specializes in "camera trapping" – using remote cameras and motion sensors to capture images of wildlife as they go about their lives.

Q: What's your favorite place to camera trap for GLT?

A: I love Bald Hill Farm because it brings joy to so many folks in our community while also supporting a wide variety of wildlife. Elusive species such as bobcat thrive at Bald Hill despite all the human traffic. On a trail camera there we captured a bobcat waiting for folks to jog by on the paved path, crossing the path, and then returning a short while later with a rabbit in its mouth.

Q: Is there an image you've captured at Bald Hill that you are particularly proud of?

A: I found a broad shallow spot in a stream there, with a game trail leaving on both sides. I knew this would be a good

spot and sure enough I captured video of a plump bobcat with a trail camera. It took me a while to find time to set up my fancy camera trap, but when I did, the cat came through with a litter of kittens. This shot looks natural but it's accomplished by adding artificial light to the scene. That sun is actually a flash that I hid in the background and it's what makes the glare on the water, so that you can tell this is a creek. I still can't believe how perfectly this shot worked out, and it really captures everything I love about camera trapping: studying animal behavior, experimenting with light, and having nature surprise you.

Q: Why do you volunteer for Greenbelt Land Trust?

A: The Willamette Valley is a significantly better place to live because of the work of Greenbelt and its partners. Greenbelt makes it easy for folks to get lost in nature in their own community. I feel incredibly privileged to be able to drive less than ten minutes to a place where I can track bobcats with my kids.

We feel incredibly privileged and grateful to have Jonny as a volunteer and we are very happy to recognize his contributions with the 2019 Volunteer of the Year award. Thank you, Jonny!



Jonny makes checking the webcam a family-affair!



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2019 IMPACT REPORT

30 YEARS

We have been building a legacy of healthy lands, healthy waters, and healthy communities in the mid-Willamette Valley since 1989.

In 2019, you enabled us to:

CONSERVATION



35

acres conserved for future generations

2,223

acres queued for future protection

STEWARDSHIP



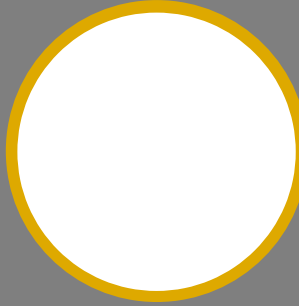
18,075

native trees planted by crews, volunteers and staff

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road removed to restore floodplain hydrology

COMMUNITY



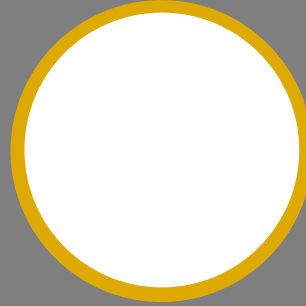
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donors and members

33

public events and tours held to engage with the land

PARTNERSHIPS



1

healthy outdoors initiative launched at Owens Farm

30

years of conservation leaders celebrated!

Together, we have protected 4,000 acres of critical habitat.
Planted hundreds of thousands of trees.
Built a resilient organization.
Today we are at a new chapter for Greenbelt Land Trust.
What will our next 30 years bring?

HOW
TO
HELP

1

JOIN US

Have fun with us! Get outdoors with Greenbelt and learn about conservation in your community.

2

VOLUNTEER

Get involved, get dirty and help raise awareness about our lands and waters by volunteering.

3

GIVE

We need you. Your donation sustains Greenbelt and the future of our lands.

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A LOOK BACK AT 2019

1) The Confluence center goes up in downtown Corvallis, the future home (by 2022!) of Greenbelt and environmental partners from the area. 2) Runners leap for joy as they finish the 13th annual Run for the Hills race on Bald Hill, a fundraiser for the land trust's Trails Fund. 3) A long-toed salamander enjoys the wetlands at Harkens Lake. 4) Grupo Masato's lively music brings the crowd to their feet, dancing the night away at the Symphony on the Land (photo credit Ricardo Small). 5) Camas blooms along Muddy Creek where last year 35 acres were protected forever through a generous donation of a conservation easement. 6) Partners and elected officials from across the state celebrate a day of education at Owens Farm, outlining a vision for trails and community access.

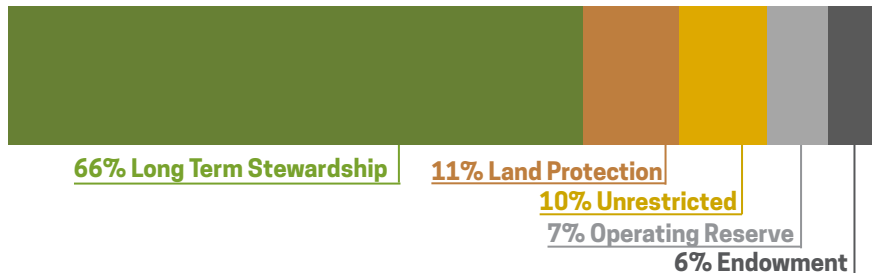


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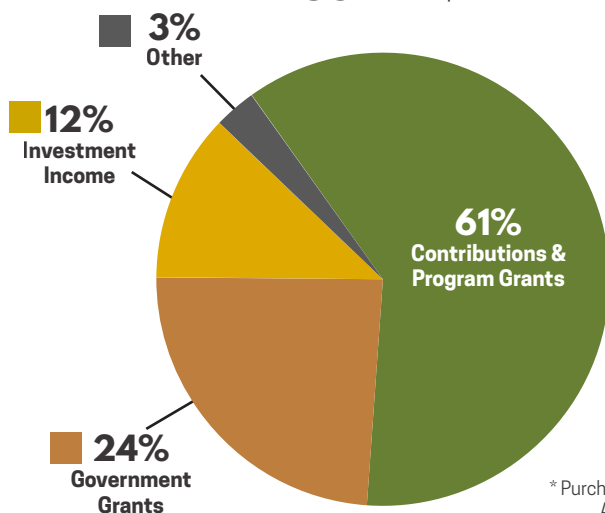
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Conservation success depends on organizational effectiveness. At Greenbelt Land Trust we have set high standards for financial sustainability and accountability as the foundation for our great conservation work.

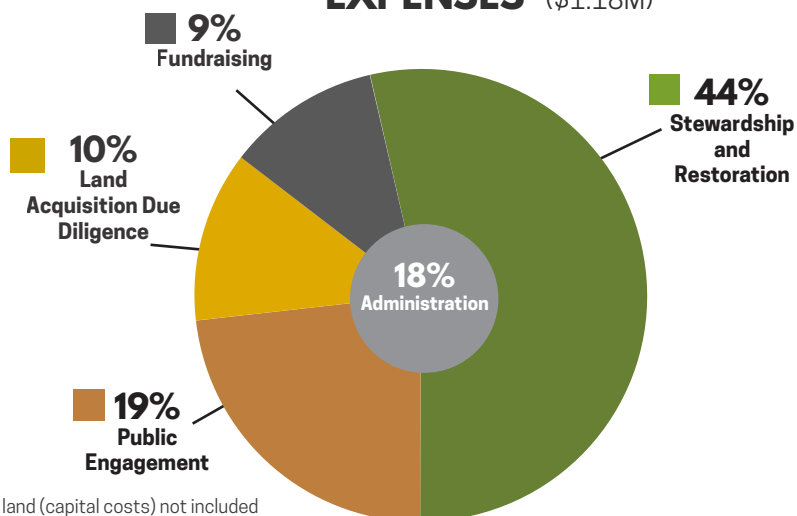
LONG-TERM AND ENDOWMENT FUNDS (\$5.5M)



INCOME* (\$1.47M)



EXPENSES* (\$1.18M)



* Purchase price of land (capital costs) not included
Audited financials available by request.



Rosario Franco at Harkens Lake

Business of the Year

R. Franco Restoration

Rosario Franco has been at the forefront of habitat restoration in the Willamette Valley for over a decade. He has dozens of full-time employees planting up to 1,000,000 native plants a year, and his skillful leadership of R. Franco Restoration is a driving force in the local restoration economy.

For Greenbelt Stewardship Director Matt Blakeley-Smith, Franco's crews are more than contractors hired to plant trees and shrubs, "They're really restoration professionals, trained in habitat work specifically. They are experts on our stewardship projects."

Having that level of expertise on Greenbelt projects like the floodplain forest restoration at Harkens Lake, where Franco crews have installed and maintained 500,000 trees and shrubs over seven years, is truly invaluable.

Greenbelt isn't the only group benefitting

from this expert knowledge. Rosario works with just about every agency and organization doing habitat restoration in the Willamette Valley, and estimates that his crews have planted over 14 million trees and shrubs.

"To be able to orchestrate a large number of people on multiple projects with

different land managers, and to pull it off at a high level year after year is exceptional, and the level of leadership is extraordinary," Blakeley-Smith said, "Rosario's crews

aren't just sticking stems in the ground, this is a profession, taken seriously."

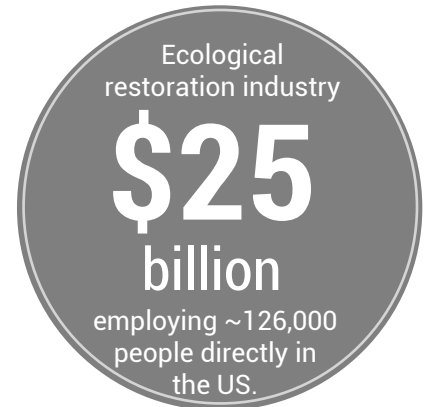
Greenbelt is proud to be part of a restoration movement and economy in the Willamette Valley, and we would not have met our goals without Rosario Franco.

We are grateful for Rosario's partnership and we are thrilled to recognize R. Franco Restoration with the 2019 Business Partner of the Year award.

Orchestrating a restoration movement and economy in the Willamette Valley

Restoration Economy

Habitat restoration is directly tied to economic prosperity, just as the well being of our communities is inextricably tied to the welfare of our natural resources.



\$0.80 of every \$1.00 stays w/in the County where it was spent.



\$0.90 of every \$1.00 spent stays w/in Oregon

Oregon:

\$411.4 Million invested in restoration over 1 decade generated:
Economy: \$977.5 M
Jobs: 6,500

For every
\$1 Million
spent on habitat restoration
=
15-24 jobs
created in local economies





One Vision, Your Leadership

Your commitment to Greenbelt Land Trust has helped us to protect nearly 4,000 acres and preserve natural resources for future generations. The following generous supporters gave a donation between January 1, 2019–December 31, 2019.

IMPACT CIRCLE (\$1,000+)

Impact Circle members sustain Greenbelt Land Trust.

Visionary leaders, empowering the protection and stewardship of our natural areas.

Thank you for propelling Greenbelt Land Trust forward, to preserve our quality of life, clean waters, and access to nature.

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❖ = 30 year member ♦ = 20 year member

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Saturday, June 20th, 10am
Eco Printing Workshop - Online

Join talented instructor Chris Bentley to learn the art of eco printing, in which plant materials leave indelible marks on fabric or paper. Gather some easy to find plants and materials to make it a hands-on activity, or just watch and learn about this fun craft!

Thursday, June 24th, 7pm
Soils! - Online

Oregon State University Senior Soil Science Instructor James Cassidy will lead a presentation and discussion about the amazing world of soils and the hidden world of life beneath your feet. Find out what you're standing on!

June Music Series
Symphony on the Land - Online

We'll miss seeing you at Symphony on the Land this year, and we're already planning for 2021! In the meantime, join us for a series of special live performances by some of our region's most accomplished musicians as they take to our natural areas to play. Dates and times will be announced on Greenbelt's website, eNewsletter, and social media.

June Trails Series
Run for the Hills

Run for the Hills is taking place as a virtual run! Enjoy either the 8k or the 30k trail route throughout the month of June, and post your results. This event is a fundraiser for Greenbelt's Trails Fund, which puts money directly back into the trail systems that we all enjoy. Run the 'race' and make a donation in support of our trails! More information: www.gltrunforthehills.com

Wednesday, July 8th, 3pm
Meet the Builder

Join Greenbelt and builder Alan Ayres to tour the in-progress construction of The Confluence building. Learn about the use of sustainable, local materials and energy efficient design in construction of this future home for Greenbelt and local conservation partners. *Note that this event will be postponed if unable to meet state guidelines at the time for physical distancing.

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