Margaret Mead’s quote, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has,” may be overused, but it applies to the Chelan-Douglas Land Trust.

The Land Trust’s creation in 1985 came about because a few community members worried about the Wenatchee Valley as it faced rapid growth, minimal land-use planning, and declining fish populations. Regardless of whether we were recent migrants to the valley or from long-established families, we all shared a love of the undeveloped hills and the natural waterways surrounding this special place.

Unrestricted growth vs. growth management, property rights vs. land-use restrictions, development vs. conservation, private vs. public land ownership were all controversial issues and county government struggled over competing interests and opinions.

Our small band of conservationists believed the area needed an organization working to protect our natural resources and felt these resources were vital to our quality of life and our long-term economic vitality. We recognized that clean air, pure water, abundant open space, and healthy wildlife populations created communities where businesses could flourish because these were places where people wanted to live.

Back then, it wasn’t an easy sell. Many in the community felt we were trying to control people’s property rights, take land off the tax rolls, and stifle development. We were viewed with suspicion by county government and local business leaders.

Through the 80’s and most of the 90’s we struggled to establish trust with the community and to hold an underfinanced organization together.

Things started to change in the late 90’s with the hiring of an executive director and the creation of a downtown office, which led to a larger profile. Meanwhile, the demographics and attitudes of the community changed — people were drawn here for quality of life issues — and the nation as a whole embraced the land trust model as a way that communities could conserve local lands they cared about.

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The time is right. We now have an opportunity to create a regional economy that is largely sustainable and within the natural limits of our ecosystems. Over the past three decades since the founding of the Land Trust, people have moved to this region for its outstanding quality of life and natural beauty. Those very traits are at risk because of the pressures of increased growth and demand on our natural resources. Many in our region are increasingly aware of this situation, and understand the strong and inextricable link between a healthy economy and healthy environment. To that end, there is growing support for the work we do.

Over the past fifteen months, our Board of Directors thoughtfully considered many of these issues facing our region’s natural areas.

We deliberated on how we can engage everyone in protecting and cherishing our lands and waters so they remain as the binding thread in the fabric of our region.

With keen insight, dialogue, and support from many of you—trusted members of our community—we crafted a strategic plan to guide our work through 2020 (this plan is now available on our website: www.cdltrust.org).

The Land Trust is diversifying our tools and funding sources; we are broadening demographic reach and regional collaboration; and we will bolster our organizational capacity and sustainability. We believe that the next five years of work laid out in this plan will take our organization to new levels of service to our community. Please review this strategic plan that will guide our work, as we are confident you will join us in creating this preferred future for North Central Washington. With your commitment, support and passion, together we will accomplish great things in the next few years!
The osprey is one of the many beneficiaries of healthy rivers and lakes. Our local ospreys are now starting their long migration to Central & South America.
A group of kids and their parents gathered at the railing over an alcove on the Entiat River. They pointed at the bird, half-hidden in the cattails. One parent shared a story about watching great blue herons when she was a child, and another pointed out a tree that had held many heron nests in the spring.

Walking with a young girl named Aspen and her mother later that day, we came across a fledgling bird on a dirt road. Cars were passing through, and the bird was in danger of being hit. With my encouragement and her mother’s permission, Aspen gently scooped up the little ball of brown and yellow feathers and moved it to the cover of trees away from the road. She’s not likely to forget this experience soon.

These families were taking part in the Entiat River Appreciation Day, part of the Land Trust’s new Kids & Nature Connections program and a partnership with Cascadia Conservation District.

If you are receiving this newsletter, chances are you can think back to a time during your childhood where you felt a strong sense of wonder in nature. Perhaps it was on a family camping trip staring up at a giant cedar, or maybe it was an encounter with a mule deer in our very own Wenatchee Foothills.

The Land Trust’s Kids & Nature Connections program aims to give the kids of today that same opportunity to fall in love with nature. Because when children have chances to nurture their sense of wonder through experiences like these, they will continue to take care of their special places as adults - just like you do today.

By observing aquatic insects up-close, kids learned that a river is so much more than just water and fish.
February 2015 through August 2015, these individuals have joined the Land Trust. Thank you for your generous support!

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30 Years of Working Together for Conservation! a few highlights of what we’ve accomplished together...

About a dozen Wenatchee-area residents meet at Mark and Rosemary Shipman’s house and move ahead with plans to form the Chelan-Douglas Land Trust with Mark Shipman as the first president.

1991 – Peshastin Pinnacles is dedicated as a state park. Beginning in 1986, CDLT leads fundraising and meetings resulting in the purchase of the Pinnacles from private landowners by The Trust for Public Land.

1994 – The 10-mile Apple Capital Recreation Loop Trail is completed.

1999 – CDLT hires its first paid staff member

1999 – Complete the Loop Coalition is born at a Land Trust meeting and spun off as a separate organization to campaign for a trail on the east side of the Columbia River after WSDOT decides to surplus & sell the land.

1990s — Despite the Peshastin Pinnacles success and growing support for the Complete the Loop campaign, there are challenging times for the CDLT and the conservation movement in the Wenatchee Valley.

1994 – Access to Spider Meadows is protected from planned logging & housing development by the purchase of 320 adjoining acres.

2000 – Jacobson Preserve
Dr. John & Mrs. Karen Jacobson donate 35 acres to CDLT as Skyline Dr.

1999 – CDLT membership: 40

2000 – Nason Ridge
Lake Wenatchee residents seek help from CDLT to protect Nason Ridge from proposed logging. CDLT helped mediate a compromise and Longview Fibre substantially modified their harvest to address the local concerns.

2001 – “Save the Sage”
32 acres protected for recreation, viewscape & wildlife habitat in the Wenatchee Foothills thanks to grassroots fundraising campaign.
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2001 – Stormy Creek Preserve
CDLT purchases over 420 acres of prime fish & wildlife habitat
along the Stillwaters stretch of the Entiat River beginning ongoing
protection and restoration efforts.

2002 – White River
protection efforts begin.
To date, 527 acres and 4.7
miles of riverfront have been
permanently protected.

2001 – “Save the Sage”
32 acres protected for recreation,
cape & wildlife habitat in
Wenatchee Foothills thanks to
groun fundraising campaign.

2003 – Jacobson Preserve
Dr. John & Mrs. Karen Jacobson
donate 35 acres to CDLT along
Skyline Dr.

2004 – “Building
A Vision”
CDLT and partners
organize a 2-day
conference exploring
our region's quality
of life - it packs the
convention center.

2007 — CDLT
membership: 603

2008 – Mountain Home Ridge,
169 acres above
Leavenworth protected.

2009 – Foothills Community
Strategy,
Over 1,600 citizens
participate in a 14-month community
planning effort to guide conservation,
recreation & development in the
Wenatchee Foothills.

2013 – Horse Lake
Reserve Dedication,
1,700 acres permanent-
ly protected in the
Wenatchee Foothills

2014 – Wenatchee Foothills Campaign culminates
with $8.6 million raised by over 600 donors to imple-
ment priorities identified in the Foothills Community
Strategy Plan.

2015 – Upper Wenatchee
Community Lands Plan,
Community input is being gathered
in preparation for an anticipated
change in ownership of 38,000
forested acres in the upper valley.

2015 — CDLT
membership: 1,392
SLEEPY HOLLOW FIRE

On Sunday, June 28, the Sleepy Hollow Fire swept into Wenatchee destroying homes and businesses and leaving a blackened landscape stretching from the Horse Lake Reserve to Broadview Canyon and Sage Hills. The fire burned 2950 acres including 870 acres of CDLT protected property. The Horse Lake Trailhead along with nearby trails, signs, fences and gates were damaged and four miles of fire line were ploughed through the Horse Lake Reserve.

Despite the destruction and damage of homes and business, the fire burned with light to moderate intensity that blackened the land but did little long term harm to most of our native plants. Sumac is already two feet high in places and the familiar Foothills wildflowers such as balsamroot and lupine will return in the spring. Big sagebrush and bitterbrush will be absent however as these two dominant shrubs are killed by fire. Without these plants, mule deer will lack food and cover this winter and many songbirds that depend on them during the breeding season will be absent next spring.

CDLT staff and volunteers have begun to repair trails and clear burned fences but we have much more work this fall and next year. We need volunteers to help reshape and seed fire lines, rebuild wood fences, remove barbed wire from old farm fences, replace signs, control weeds, and plant 1000 sagebrush and bitterbrush seedlings. If you can help with any of these important projects, look for volunteer opportunities on the CDLT website and e-news.

30 YEARS...
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By the new millennium we had a growing membership and a staff that was increasingly trusted by the community. That’s when our impressive record of conservation easements, purchased lands, community dialogs, educational programs, and natural history outings really began.

I’m astounded by how far this group, with its shaky beginnings, has come. We have earned the respect and trust of most community members on both sides of the political spectrum. And we have demonstrated that a healthy environment does contribute to a healthy economy. So much so that many communities around the Northwest are trying to emulate what we’ve done here.

I have had a rewarding career in medicine, but the exceptional Land Trust people, past and present, who found focus and purpose in this organization, have not only changed our local world, they have shaped many of the most memorable and empowering experiences of my life.

Eliot Scull is a retired physician. Eliot and Tina Scull are two of the Land Trust’s founders and former long-time board members.
HEALTHY RIVERS NOW AND FOR THE FUTURE

Clean, cold water and healthy habitat along streams are vital for fish, wildlife, and people. Conservation-minded landowners are helping to ensure that our rivers are healthy now and for future generations.

NASON CREEK • We are thrilled to share the news of a big win for fish, wildlife, and the waters of Nason Creek. The Land Trust just acquired 73 acres of prime habitat with nearly a mile of riverfront along lower Nason Creek. This project includes 63 acres donated by Grant County PUD, and the adjoining 10 acres purchased from Bob and Darlyn McCarty, owners of the Blue Grouse Lodge, who decided to divide and permanently protect the rear part of their property for conservation.

“Over the years we have enjoyed watching the wildlife and the salmon in and around Nason Creek. Our decision came easily to divide our 20 acres and sell the undeveloped 10 acres to Land Trust – thereby preserving a little part of the area for nature.”

Years earlier, they sold riverfront property near Snohomish and were not happy with the stewardship of their successors. The McCartys were determined to leave a lasting legacy of conservation.

ENTIAT RIVER • Critical side channels and floodplain will now be reconnected to the river thanks to our recent purchase of 13 acres along the Entiat River from the Enlow family. Removing imported fill that currently cuts off much of the property from the river will allow it once again to provide high quality rearing habitat for juvenile salmon and allow the floodplain to fully function again, storing cold water that is gradually released to the Entiat River throughout the year. The Land Trust will partner with other organizations to relocate the house built on the fill and restore the site’s native vegetation.

The Enlow family decided to sell their property a couple of years ago so the Land Trust reached out to them about purchasing it. Tom Enlow shared that, “when we learned of the restoration plans, it was an easy decision to commit our property and support their vision. The property is unique and deserving of returning to its wild, natural state. Thank you Chelan-Douglas Land Trust!”

The property is directly across the river from land that the Land Trust already owns, and will provide new public access to the “Stillwaters” section of the river.
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TRAILS UPDATE:  
BLACKENED, BUT STILL BEAUTIFUL

After a great season of trail work this spring with our volunteers, summer swept in full of wildfire. The Horse Lake trailhead sustained some relatively minor damage, and the trails are in good shape, though they are little on the barren side right now! Lupine, grasses, and even a few sagebrush are already starting to regrow.

Expect grasses and forbs (such as balsamroot or buckwheat) to recover well next spring, but sagebrush and bitterbrush will take a while to come back. With the lack of these plants on the hillsides, it may be tempting to travel cross-country this fall, but we ask that you stay on the trails and avoid further damage to the plant communities.

You can help with some fire recovery efforts this fall; we’ll be doing some planting and restoration work, and also rebuilding some key fences and gates that burned. We’ll also be tackling our annual fall maintenance along the Foothills trails, and working on improving a trail to the summit of Castle Rock. Keep an eye on our website and enews for upcoming volunteer opportunities, or contact Hanne for more information: hanne@cdlandtrust.org.

MEET OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

We are delighted to have three energetic and engaged community members join our Board of Directors, serving their first three-year terms. Each brings a wealth of skills and experience. We extend our sincere thanks to Tina Scull, Charlie Naismith, and Jennifer Taylor who fulfilled their terms on our Board of Directors. Each brought tremendous passion and energy to our organization.

Heather Ostenson lives in East Wenatchee. She has recently founded Balsamroot Baking. Prior to that, she spent 16 years working as a licensed professional engineer, and was a co-founder and former principal civil engineer of Project Groundwork.

Suzanne Hartman is Manager of Communications for Chelan County PUD. She has over twenty years of public relations/public affairs agency experience, and had her own public relations firm for ten years focusing on environmental and sustainability issues.

Jennifer Korfiatis owns a freelance marketing and public relations agency in Wenatchee. She also serves as an adjunct professor at Wenatchee Valley College and is a partner in AdventureWenatchee, a local company that promotes activity-based tourism in our area.
Join us for outings, learning opportunities and work parties. For details, updates, and to sign-up, go to: cdlandtrust.org/whats-new or call 509-667-9708.

OUTINGS

EVENTS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

VOLUNTEER

SATURDAY WORK PARTIES
Trail & restoration projects starting Sept. 26 details online

TRAIL THURSDAYS
Afternoon trail work parties every other Thurs. starting: Oct 8 details online

eBIRD
New Citizen Science project on CDLT lands for all skill levels details coming soon

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY
Fire restoration planting & trail work in the Foothills • Oct 24 9am-3pm

OUTINGS

RSVP Required

FALL FAMILY HIKES
Saturdays
times: 9am & 11am
Insect Investigations @ Saddle Rock • Sept 26
Trails On Fire @ Horse Lake Reserve • Oct 3
Animal Tracking & Sign @ Saddle Rock • Oct 10

SALMON & NATURALIST WALK
@ Entiat Stormy Preserve • Oct 3 9am-12pm

GEOLOGY WALK
@ Mountain Home Ridge • Oct 9 1-4pm

WILDFIRE IN THE FOOTHILLS
• Oct 17 10am-12pm

EVENTS

FILM SERIES
“The Big Burn” • Oct 20 7-9pm @ Wenatchee Valley Museum

30TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION DINNER
Don’t miss this special evening commemorating 30 years of local conservation! • Oct 30 6pm @ Wenatchee Convention Center

WILDFIRES AND US SUMMIT
Learn what we can do to reduce risk of loss from wildfires. Displays, Q&A, presentations • Nov 9 4-6pm reception to follow @ Numerica PAC
ANNUAL CELEBRATION DINNER
THE PAC & THE WENATCHEE CONVENTION CENTER
OCTOBER 30, 2015, 6-9PM

Look for your invitation in the mail soon. Executive Chef Leonard Silva will prepare a delectable dinner starting at the PAC for appetizers and libations. Then across the hall to the newly renovated Grand Ballroom.

Join together with your Land Trust community to celebrate our 30th anniversary!

Let's Party!