



MOUNTAINS TO SOUND GREENWAY TRUST ANNUAL REPORT JULY 2005-JUNE 2006

THE LANDSCAPE: The Mountains to Sound Greenway is a 100-mile corridor of connected open spaces, trails, working farms and forests and historic towns along Interstate 90 from central Washington to Seattle. The Greenway protects wildlife habitat, clean air and water and a vast natural recreation area on the edge of Washington's largest population centers.

THE GREENWAY TRUST: Since 1991, the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust has brought together a coalition of foresters, land managers, businesses, recreation groups and interested citizens in a successful coalition to protect this 700,000-acre landscape and make this 'breathing room' accessible to people. In cooperation with all nine cities and two counties along I-90, the Greenway Trust works to connect regional trails so that hikers and bicyclists can travel safely from the Seattle waterfront to the mountains. The Trust mobilizes a year-around program that brings volunteers of all ages into the Greenway to restore and enhance public open spaces. King County classroom teachers have free access to the Greenway Trust Environmental Education Program. The Trust works continuously to bring people together to find solutions to the challenges of making the Greenway landscape safe, secure and permanent.



Looking east above Interstate 90 toward Snoqualmie Pass from the John Wayne Pioneer Trail.

2005 – 2006 LANDS ADDED TO PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

- 2574 acres were protected at Branch Creek, Salmon La Sac, Little Salmon La Sac and Kachess Ridge.
- The 15-acre Kees parcel was purchased and added to the West Tiger Mountain NRCA.
- A 10-acre parcel adjoining Cougar Mountain was acquired by the City of Issaquah.
- King County purchased 28 acres near Fall City on the Snoqualmie River for salmon habitat
- The Girl Scout River Ranch Camp's 438 acres near Carnation were protected by conservation easement by King County.
- 1063 acres at Dandy Pass were purchased for the US Forest Service using Land and Water Conservation Funds.
- The Washington State Department of Natural Resources protected 10 more acres on the upper west slopes of Mt. Si NRCA.
- Four parcels near Lake Easton and Bullfrog Flats were protected in Kittitas County.

2005 – 2006 HISTORY AND RECREATION

- Washington State Legislature allocated \$1.55 million to five major Greenway projects.
- Kittitas County formed its first Park and Recreation District to protect historic trail corridors and recreation areas.
- The third annual Greenway Days brought hundreds of people out to celebrate the scenery and recreation along the 100-mile Greenway. Over 500 people participated in the 100-mile Mountains to Sound Relay from Snoqualmie Pass to Puget Sound.
- Engineering and construction began on Snoqualmie Point View Park, just south of I-90 exit 27 at one of the most accessible, scenic view settings in the Greenway.
- The new Middle Fork Valley Campground was opened by the US Forest Service with 41 campsites and a nature trail.
- Hikers and mountain bikers now share the Middle Fork Trail in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley on alternating days.

2005-2006 VOLUNTEERS AND EDUCATION

- Greenway summer program, Mountain Works, brought 78 young people out in the summer for camping, environmental education, and volunteer work to build trails on Rattlesnake Mountain and in the Middle Fork Valley.
- 2700 volunteers donated over 25,000 hours to outdoor restoration projects in the Greenway, and planted 12,000 trees.
- Volunteers built or maintained Greenway trails on Mt. Si and Little Si, Rattlesnake Mountain, Mercer Island, Squak Mountain, Tiger Mountain, the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley and Twin Falls.
- Volunteers removed invasive weeds, planted native trees and shrubs and restored stream banks and natural areas in Mercer Island, Preston Mill, along Issaquah and Tibbetts Creeks in Issaquah, Lake Sammamish State Park, Squak Mountain and along the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River, Three Forks Natural Area and Ribary, Gardiner and Kimball Creeks in the Snoqualmie Valley.
- Greenway Environmental Education program, "Seeking Solutions," teaches 3000 students each year in King County about the importance of recycling, salmon and wildlife, soils, and forests through in-class activities and field trips.
- A brochure about how to plan, design and build to complement the natural landscape, "Building in the Mountains to Sound Greenway: Strategies for Creating Value," was published and sent to development companies and landowners.



Greenway staff, field crews and volunteers have now rebuilt the popular, 4-mile trail to the summit of Mt. Si, just outside North Bend. A favorite training route for mountain climbers, Mt. Si has over 100,000 visitors each year. The new trail is designed and built to withstand heavy use.

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The new US Forest Service campground opened May 2006 in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley.

THE MOUNTAINS TO SOUND GREENWAY LEGACY FUND

This year kicked off a \$5 million campaign for a new endowment fund to benefit the Mountains to Sound Greenway in perpetuity. Major donors of the first million dollars in this fund, presented at an event to celebrate our founding President Jim Ellis' 85th birthday, included:

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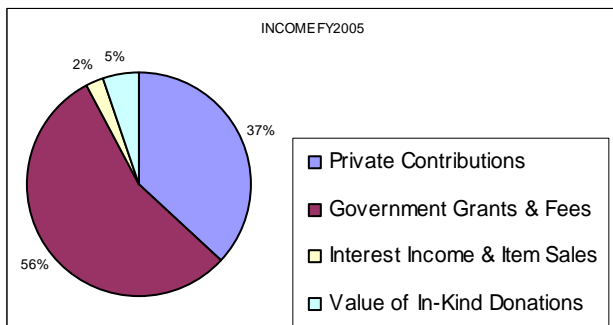
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MOUNTAINS TO SOUND GREENWAY TRUST INCOME & EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING 6/30/06

INCOME

Private Contributions	\$	526,988
Government Grants & Fees	\$	783,876
Interest Income & Item Sales	\$	35,094
Value of In-Kind Donations	\$	76,061
TOTAL INCOME	\$	1,422,019



EXPENSES

Program Expenses	\$	1,049,736
Fundraising	\$	108,682
Management & General	\$	172,344
Value of In-Kind Goods & Services	\$	76,061
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	1,406,823

