



MOUNTAINS TO SOUND GREENWAY TRUST

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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 championed the conservation of this scenic landscape and led a broad, public and private coalition in successfully protecting an additional 200,000 acres of this natural landscape. Today, the Trust continues to convene diverse interests to solve contentious issues along the scenic highway and work to make this "breathing room" accessible to people by mobilizing thousands of volunteers to restore habitats and build trails.



Students from Vista Academy at Open Window School took part in a new program to add hands-on restoration days to the existing Greenway environmental education program for schools.

2007 – 2008 LANDS ADDED TO PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

- 40 acres in the Cougar Mtn./Squak Mtn. Connector/Wildlife Corridor were protected by the City of Issaquah. Funding for this acquisition was through the Parks and Open Space Bond, King County Conservation Futures Tax Levy funds and Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program.
- 320 acres of wildlife habitat at Keechelus Ridge were protected by Cascade Land Conservancy.
- 446 acres were protected at Cabin Creek by Cascade Land Conservancy and the Dept of Fish and Wildlife for hiking, cross country skiing and wildlife habitat connectivity.

2007 - 2008 VOLUNTEERS AND EDUCATION

- The Mountains to Sound Education Program taught 3,193 students in classrooms and 2,053 students on field study trips this year about the importance of salmon and wildlife, soils, forests and recycling biosolids. New this year, teachers may add hands-on environmental restoration days for their classes to the existing education program for schools. This new program was awarded a competitive "No Child Left Inside Grant" from Washington State Parks.
- Greenway summer program, M₂S, brought young people out in the summer for environmental education and volunteer work to build trails on Tiger Mountain and to do environmental restoration at Lake Sammamish and in the Snoqualmie Valley.
- 5,872 volunteers donated 34,921 hours to outdoor restoration projects in the Greenway and planted over 16,500 trees.
- Volunteers built or maintained Greenway trails on Mt. Si, Little Si, Rattlesnake Mountain, Mercer Island, Squak Mountain, Tiger Mountain and in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley.
- Volunteers removed invasive weeds, planted native trees and restored stream banks in Mercer Island, Preston, along Issaquah and Tibbetts Creeks in Issaquah, at Lake Sammamish State Park, along the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Ribary Creek in the Snoqualmie Valley.



Mountains to Sound Greenway field crew members Michael Martinez, Martin Geier, Ryan McDonnell, Natalie Gough and Jackie Ford do some heavy lifting to build a rock turnpike on the Little Si Trail just outside North Bend. Greenway crews and volunteers completed a major renovation and improvement project at Little Si this year.

2007 – 2008 HISTORY AND RECREATION

- Snoqualmie Point Park opened to the public on October 27, 2007. Visitor facilities at the 8.5-acre park include a view shelter, restrooms and contoured stone walls and paths with a sweeping view of the Snoqualmie Valley and into the Cascades. Construction of this magnificent view park was a partnership between the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust and City of Snoqualmie, with funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, National Scenic Byways program, Washington State Legislature and private donors.

- The popular Little Si Trail has been improved and partially rebuilt by Greenway field crews and volunteers. The 2.5-mile trail leads to a sweeping view of the Snoqualmie Valley.
- At Tiger Mountain, the Swamp/Big Tree Trails have been improved by Greenway field crews and volunteers, including groups from the U.S. Men’s Under-19 Lacrosse Team, REI, Boeing, Microsoft and University of Washington.
- A missing regional trail link was filled in Issaquah. The new Issaquah-High Point Connector is a one-mile regional trail for bicycles and pedestrians that runs from the south end of the East Lake Sammamish Trail, along the north side of Interstate 90 to the Sunset Interchange (exit 18) where it links to existing trails to High Point and Issaquah Highlands.
- The fifth annual Greenway Days in June was a celebration of the scenery and recreation along I-90. Major events included the 100-mile Mountains to Sound Relay from Snoqualmie Pass to Puget Sound, Cowboy Rendezvous, Fenders on Front Street classic car show, Geoteaming and many other hikes, bike rides and tours.

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Snoqualmie Point Park, a community gathering place just south of I-90 exit 27, boasts sweeping views of the Snoqualmie Valley and Cascades. Original plans for the site included 8 office buildings. Instead, the park and surrounding forests have been permanently protected for the public.

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- YarrowBay Group

MOUNTAINS TO SOUND GREENWAY TRUST INCOME & EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 7/07-6/08

INCOME	
Private Contributions	\$ 734,953
Government Grants & Fees	\$ 1,044,853
Interest Income & Item Sales	\$ 60,622
Value of In-Kind Donations	\$ 60,172
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 1,900,599

EXPENSES	
Program Expenses	\$ 1,528,461
Fundraising	\$ 110,278
Management & General	\$ 205,964
Value of In-Kind Goods & Services	\$ 60,172
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,904,875

