



MOUNTAINS TO SOUND GREENWAY TRUST

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THE GREENWAY: The Mountains to Sound Greenway is the spectacular landscape that connects Seattle and Central Washington, including the natural lands, rivers and communities. The Greenway provides easy access to recreation and nature for millions of people in the Northwest, key to the quality of life in this region.

THE GREENWAY TRUST: The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust leads and inspires action to conserve and enhance this landscape, ensuring a long-term balance between people and nature. Since 1991, the Greenway Trust coalition has worked to preserve 140,000 new acres of land for the public with an additional 70,000 preserved by conservation easement, connect a continuous regional trail system, teach people of all ages about the importance of conserving forests and wildlife, improve recreation access, create new parks and trails and mobilize thousands of volunteers.

This year, the Greenway Trust launched a new initiative to study the feasibility of a federal National Heritage Area designation for the 1.4 million-acre Mountains to Sound Greenway.



Volunteers from Brighton Elementary School in Seattle enjoy the challenge of removing invasive blackberry roots at Lake Sammamish State Park. These students first participated in environmental education lessons and a field study trip, then added this ecological restoration day as part of a new Greenway program for schools.

2008 – 2009 LANDS ADDED TO PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

- 7,000 acres of forestland in the Raging River Valley were placed into public ownership in May 2009, after a decade of work by the Greenway Trust and its partners. The Washington State Department of Natural Resources will own the property with a conservation easement held by King County on 4,000 of those acres. Bordered by Rattlesnake Mountain, the Cedar River Watershed, Taylor Mountain Forest and Tiger Mountain State Forest this acquisition fills a major gap in the connected forestland in the Greenway and protects a salmon-bearing river.
- 70 acres of wildlife habitat at Swamp Lake were preserved by the Trust for Public Land with help from the Kittitas Conservation Trust, Washington Department of Natural Resources and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- 14 acres were added to King County's Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Area for recreation access in this popular valley.
- The City of Issaquah acquired ten parcels along Issaquah Creek to protect stream quality and expand a city park.
- 1,083 acres were conserved along the Pacific Crest Trail for both recreation and wildlife by the Trust for Public Land.
- Cascade Land Conservancy acquired 143 acres along a tributary of the Yakima River to protect fish habitat.
- A critical 8-acre property was purchased by King County at the intersection of I-90 and SR 18. Funding to enhance the viewshed of the Mountains to Sound Greenway National Scenic Byway was secured by Congressman Dave Reichert.

2008 – 2009 VOLUNTEERS AND EDUCATION

- The Mountains to Sound Greenway Education Program taught 3,018 students in classrooms and 2,861 students on field study trips this year about the importance of salmon and wildlife, soils, forests and recycling biosolids. Volunteers from 25 schools participated in additional ecological restoration events after their education activities.
- The Greenway summer program brought young volunteers to do trail maintenance on Rattlesnake Mountain and ecological restoration in the Snoqualmie Valley, combined with outdoor education, games and hikes.
- 4,428 volunteers donated 45,187 hours to outdoor restoration projects in the Greenway and planted 28,526 trees.
- Volunteers built or maintained Greenway trails on Granite Mountain, Mt. Si, Little Si, Rattlesnake Mountain, Squak Mountain, Tiger Mountain, on Mercer Island and in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley.
- Volunteers removed invasive weeds, planted native trees and restored stream banks at Snoqualmie Point Park, on Mercer Island, in 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.
- REI in the Greenway Month in June brought hiking clinics to four area REI stores as well as volunteer service projects on four local trails.
- New facilities at the Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center will provide increased capacity for hands-on learning in a spectacular natural setting.

2008 – 2009 HISTORY AND RECREATION

- Greenway volunteers and conservation corps crews built a new 1.8-mile trail to Teneriffe Falls just outside North Bend.
- National Trails Day marked the grand opening of the new and improved Little Si Trail, including a second parking lot to accommodate heavy recreational use, a trail between the parking lots and a new bridge over the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River. Little Si is a 2.5-mile trail that is popular with hikers and rock climbers.
- Squak Mountain received over 6,000 hours of labor to resurface trails, improve drainage and add new directional signage.
- The State Board of Natural Resources added approximately 2,100 acres of State Forest land in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley to the Mount Si Natural Resource Conservation area.
- Reprinting of the history book, *Snoqualmie Pass, from Indian Trail to Interstate*, by Ellensburg author Yvonne Prater, preserves the history of the Snoqualmie Pass corridor.
- King County built a new 1.5-mile trail through Marymoor Park at the north end of Lake Sammamish, creating a safe and convenient link for cyclists, joggers, walkers and other trail users. The Marymoor Connector Trail joins the Burke-Gilman and Sammamish River Trails on the west side of Marymoor Park with the East Lake Sammamish Trail on the east side, effectively joining Seattle, Bothell, Woodinville, Redmond, Sammamish and Issaquah by trail within the regional trail system in the Mountains to Sound Greenway.
- The sixth annual Greenway Days in June included the 100-mile Mountains to Sound Relay from Snoqualmie Pass to Puget Sound, Fenders on Front Street classic car show, Geoteaming, Greenway Challenge and many other hikes, bike rides and tours.

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National Trails Day marked the completion of two years of improvements at the popular Little Si Trail on June 6th, 2009. Washington’s Commissioner of Public Lands **Peter Goldmark** (center) joined **Bill Chapman**, President of Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust (right) and **Gwen Lewis** of King County’s Road Services Division (left) for the ribbon cutting of the renovated trail system and the grand opening of the new bridge across the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River at the site, new parking area and connector trail.

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MOUNTAINS TO SOUND GREENWAY TRUST INCOME & EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 7/08-6/09

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Private Contributions	\$659,537	Program Expenses	\$1,738,796
Government Grants & Fees	\$917,658	Fundraising	\$105,211
Interest Income & Item Sales	\$34,949	Management & General	\$158,277
Value of In-Kind Donations	\$15,488	Value of In-Kind Goods & Services	\$15,488
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,627,631	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,017,772

