



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 surrounding Interstate 90, ensuring a long-term balance between people and nature. Founded in 1991, the Greenway Trust coalition works to promote public land acquisitions, 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.

HERITAGE STUDY

After nearly 20 years of successful collaboration, the Greenway Trust is facilitating the Greenway Heritage Study to explore strategies for sustaining the Greenway landscape. Over 500 stakeholders are currently involved in a year-long process to inventory Greenway assets, identify associated threats and needs, and devise a framework for cooperatively managing them in the future.



Students from Emily Dickenson Elementary School in Redmond participated in a field study trip to Tiger Mountain with the Greenway education program that focused on the challenge of sustaining healthy forest lands near growing urban areas.

LANDS ADDED TO PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

The Greenway Trust coalition works with many partners to advocate for public land acquisitions by approaching private landowners who are willing to sell, finding funding for purchase and securing public land ownership and management by the appropriate agency. Acquisitions this year included:

- 546 acres at Gold Creek to protect wildlife habitat as part of the I-90 wildlife crossings project by the Washington State Department of Transportation and Cascade Land Conservancy.
- 42 acres in two separate transactions along the ridge-top of Mt. Si by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, with funding from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. These properties offer panoramic views from the heart of the Mount Si Natural Resources Conservation Area.
- Two acres by the City of Issaquah with a grant from the Salmon Recovery Funding Board to include in Squak Valley Park for aquatic and riparian corridor preservation. Ecological restoration and native tree planting are underway.
- A conservation easement on a historic 80-acre homestead donated by a Snoqualmie Valley family to King County.
- The first parcel of a 51-acre gift of land for a future park to the City of Sammamish from a private donor.

HISTORY AND RECREATION

The Greenway Trust plans for and helps communities link a world-class regional trail system, builds and maintains trails and recreation areas, promotes tourism and historic preservation and helps cities retain their cultural identities and urban vibrancy.

- Commissioner of Public Lands Peter Goldmark designated 10,273 acres of forest as the new Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Resources Conservation Area. The river valley, identified as ecologically significant, is nestled along Interstate 90 and flanked by the Mt. Si NRCA and federal forests, and offers forested slopes, scenic views and important fish and wildlife habitat along the Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie River.
- City of Issaquah built a 12-foot wide bike lane along Newport Way between Lakemont Boulevard and SR 900, partially filling a gap in the connected regional trail system in the Greenway and creating a safe route for walkers and bicyclists to downtown Issaquah.
- The U.S. Forest Service and the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust have begun a project that will close unneeded forest roads and create a new series of recreational trails in coming years in the South Fork Snoqualmie basin.
- The seventh annual Greenway Days in June had events for all ages including the summer-long Greenway Challenge, Fenders on Front Street classic car show, Geoteaming, and many other hikes, bike rides and historic tours. Greenway Summer kicked off with the 100-mile Mountains to Sound Relay from Snoqualmie Pass to Puget Sound, with many more festivals and events all summer long.

VOLUNTEERS AND EDUCATION

The Mountains to Sound Greenway serves as a magnificent outdoor classroom, engaging people of all ages in stewardship and outdoor education. Programs managed by the Greenway Trust connect people to this landscape:

- The Mountains to Sound Greenway Education Program taught 3,204 students in classrooms and 2,923 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.
- Greenway Summer Camps brought young volunteers to do trail maintenance on Tiger Mountain and ecological restoration at Lake Sammamish, Mercer Island and in the Snoqualmie Valley, combined with outdoor education, games and hikes.
- Volunteers donated 55,051 hours to outdoor trail and restoration projects in the Greenway and planted 30,853 trees.
- Volunteers and conservation corps crews built or maintained Greenway trails on Granite Mountain, Mt. Si, Little Si, Rattlesnake Mountain, Squak Mountain, Tiger Mountain, Coal Creek Park in Bellevue, Twin Falls Natural Area in Olallie State Park, on Mercer Island and in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley.
- Volunteers and conservation corps crews 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, at Gold Creek Pond in the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, along the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Ribary Creek in the Snoqualmie Valley.



A local volunteer team from international engineering firm GeoEngineers removed invasive weeds as part of a major ecological restoration project at Meadowbrook Slough in Snoqualmie.

INTERSTATE 90 NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY

- The Washington State Department of Transportation began construction on the first phase of the I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East project, which will expand the highway and incorporate some of the most innovative highway-crossing facilities for wildlife in North America. Conservationists and the Greenway Trust coalition have worked for decades to preserve connecting sections of land in the Central Cascades and find a way for wildlife to safely cross Interstate 90.

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MOUNTAINS TO SOUND GREENWAY TRUST INCOME & EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 7/09-6/10

INCOME	
Private Contributions	893,556.68
Government Grants & Fees	859,930.84
Interest Income & Item Sales	22,244.42
Value of In-Kind Donations	35,939.01
TOTAL INCOME	1,811,670.95

EXPENSES	
Program Expenses	1,714,640.12
Fundraising	120,334.65
Management & General	159,099.66
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,994,074.43

