



MOUNTAINS TO SOUND GREENWAY TRUST ANNUAL REPORT 2004-2005

THE LANDSCAPE: The Mountains to Sound Greenway is a scenic, 100-mile corridor of connected open spaces, trails, working farms and forests and historic towns along Interstate 90 from central Washington to Seattle. Just outside a major metropolitan area, this natural playground for recreation and wildlife could have easily become another strip city.

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 to create a shared vision of a protected landscape, which has grown to over 700,000 acres of publicly-owned lands. Regional trails are being connected so that someday a hiker or biker may travel, safely off-road, from the Seattle waterfront and head east all the way across the state. Volunteers are out every weekend in the Greenway planting trees, building trails, restoring damaged natural areas and removing eroding logging roads in the Cascade Mountains.



In the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley, Greenway projects include environmental restoration, improving access for kayakers and other recreation, and public acquisition of riverfront and forest land.

2004 – 2005 LANDS

- Snoqualmie Forest conservation easement was purchased by King County to protect 90,000 acres in the Cascades foothills. The area of the Snoqualmie Forest is nearly twice the size of the city of Seattle.
- 465 acres near Lake Easton State Park and along the John Wayne Pioneer Trail were protected by Washington State Parks and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources.
- 302 acres were protected on Roslyn Ridge by Suncadia and the City of Roslyn, to protect the scenic backdrop of the historic town of Roslyn.
- 7.7 acres were added near Cougar Mountain along Lewis Creek in Issaquah.
- The last remaining 120 acres in the upper Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley were protected by MidFORC, the US Forest Service, the Osberg Family Trust and the Mountaineers Foundation.
- 28 acres near the popular High Point trailhead at Tiger Mountain were added to Washington State Department of Natural Resources ownership with funds from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program.
- 19 acres were protected by King County on Patterson Creek for salmon habitat near Carnation.

2004 – 2005 HISTORY AND RECREATION

- In the Snoqualmie Valley, the Northwest Railway Museum completed rehabilitation of the historic Bridge 35 over the South Fork of the Snoqualmie River.
- The South Cle Elum Depot added an historic rail caboose and interpretive trail to the restoration efforts of the Milwaukee Road depot, built in 1909.
- The second annual Greenway Days brought hundreds of people out to celebrate the scenery and recreation along the 100-mile Greenway.
- Design and engineering work is under way for construction of visitor facilities at Snoqualmie Point, just south of I-90 exit 27 and one of the most accessible, scenic view settings in the Greenway.

2004-2005 VOLUNTEERS AND EDUCATION

- Greenway summer program, Mountain Works, brought 74 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
- Greenway volunteers planted 20,000 trees this year
- 3000 volunteers donated 17,000 hours to outdoor restoration projects in the Greenway
- Volunteers built or maintained Greenway trails on Mt. Si, Rattlesnake Mountain, the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley, Lake Sammamish State Park and Tiger Mountain.
- Volunteers removed invasive weeds, planted native trees and shrubs and restored stream banks and natural areas in Mercer Island, Issaquah, Lake Sammamish State Park, Three Forks Natural Area, Meadowbrook Farm in the Snoqualmie Valley and along Kimball Creek.
- Greenway Environmental Education program, "Seeking Solutions," taught 3000 students this year in King County about the importance of recycling, salmon and wildlife, and keeping forests on the edge of the city, by means of in-class activities and field trips to Tiger Mountain State Forest. Seeking Solutions added a new curriculum unit this year on the relationship of soils to forest health.

2004 -2005 MAJOR DONORS

- The Boeing Company
- Jim Ellis
- Tom and Jean Gibbs
- Gretchen Hull
- Intracorp
- Sally and Warren Jewell
- Microsoft Corporation
- Osberg Family Trust
- The Peach Foundation
- Puget Sound Energy
- Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI)
- Gretchen and Ted Thomsen
- Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation



Volunteers installed new signs, gates and bridges to improve Tiger Mountain trails.

**MOUNTAINS TO SOUND GREENWAY TRUST
INCOME & EXPENSES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING 6/30/05**

INCOME

Private Contributions	\$	461,563
Restricted Grants - Public / Private	\$	555,396
Program Service Revenue	\$	65,174
Promotional Sales & Interest Income	\$	21,369
TOTAL INCOME	\$	1,103,502

EXPENSES

Program Expenses	\$	991,581
Fundraising	\$	29,337
Management & General	\$	173,193
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	1,194,111

