

# BAINBRIDGE ISLAND LAND TRUST

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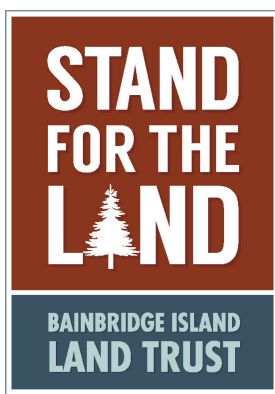
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See page 6 for more information!



## Together we can meet this challenge.

*Stand for the Land*—the most ambitious land preservation campaign in our 29-year history—is just six months old, but already making a real difference in our community.

**Consider:** With the generous support of more than 300 Island families, we've made down payments on three large, magnificent preserves containing prime forest habitat,

wetlands, streams, shorelines, estuaries and new publicly-accessible natural areas. With continued support we will pay off the loans, permanently protect the preserves and safeguard even more. Now is the perfect time to join us or increase your involvement—**thanks to a remarkable donor challenge.**

**Challenging the Island to act in the face of accelerating development.** A small group of generous Islanders is spurring *Stand for the Land* forward, with a challenge: They'll match every dollar we raise over the next six months, up to \$500,000. That means we have the opportunity to raise \$1M to protect more land.

**Community support required.** This challenge has strict parameters and a real deadline. If we don't meet the \$500,000 goal, we don't get all the matching funds. If we are successful, *Stand for the Land* will get a huge boost toward protecting more beautiful, ecologically-important lands before it's too late.

We're profoundly grateful to the supporters who created the challenge. Now we need everyone's help to realize its full potential. If you're wondering what the challenge could mean to *Stand for the Land*, consider what's already been secured via down payment:

**Miller-Kirkman Preserve, 13.27 acres.** The Miller-Kirkman Preserve includes rare and spectacular saltwater estuary habitat and undeveloped shoreline that hosts a range of important species, including coho salmon, cutthroat trout, kingfishers, heron, salamanders, and so much more! Paddling into the estuary portion of the preserve is like journeying into an untouched, wilder Bainbridge.

**Jablonko Preserve, 14.17 acres.** Boasting a healthy, multi-layer forest habitat and vibrant understory within the Island's largest intact forest, | *Continues on page 3*



## LEGACY GIFTS CAN CHANGE THE FUTURE

Legacy giving—remembering the Bainbridge Island Land Trust in a will—is a wonderful way to enjoy the Island’s verdant landscapes and spectacular shorelines and share that gift with others—forever.

### GIVING OPTIONS

The new tax reform act, passed at the end of 2017, makes it more attractive than ever for those over 70 ½ to donate to the Land Trust through their Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). Every dollar of your RMD that is given directly to a charitable institution such as the Land Trust is the equivalent of being fully deductible on your Federal income taxes. This is because a direct RMD contribution can potentially lower your taxable income by the amount of the contribution, freeing you from having to pay any taxes on that amount.

Donations of stock and other equities are also always welcome! A great way to contribute—using stock that has accrued in value can potentially save on capital gains.

If you wish to discuss additional Legacy Giving options, please consult your tax advisor or legal counsel, and contact Jane Stone, [jane@bi-landtrust.org](mailto:jane@bi-landtrust.org) or (206) 842-1216.

MILLER-KIRKMAN PRESERVE

COUGAR CREEK PRESERVE

JABLONKO PRESERVE

Important GIS Team (see page 5) products of the Conservation Plan update include a new modeling of where large forest core areas remain on the island, and where connectors link these into a forest network. You can see how the properties we protect, like the Miller-Kirkman, Cougar Creek, and Jablonko Preserves relate to these forested areas.



From page 1 | the Jablonko Preserve, adjacent to Gazzam Lake Nature Preserve, provides important trail connections, and supports a range of animal and plant species.

**Cougar Creek, 15.35 acres.** Home to some of the largest and most magnificent western red cedar trees on the Island, the Cougar Creek Preserve sits in close proximity to seven other Land Trust-protected properties. An existing neighborhood trail through the land offers new hiking and wildlife viewing opportunities for everyone.

**Let’s meet this challenge to save the last best places on Bainbridge Island.**

Donate to the *Stand for the Land* campaign today and double your impact at [www.bi-landtrust.org/stand](http://www.bi-landtrust.org/stand). Questions? Email Jane Stone at [jane@bi-landtrust.org](mailto:jane@bi-landtrust.org), or Laura O’Mara at [laura@bi-landtrust.org](mailto:laura@bi-landtrust.org). For a deeper dive, see below!

## Stand for the Land Property Introductions

**Introducing the Miller-Kirkman Preserve!** The newest addition to the collection of lands we are acquiring under the *Stand for the Land* campaign. This 13.27-acre preserve includes a 1-acre estuary, ¼ mile of fish stream, and 910 linear feet of natural shoreline and its intact riparian vegetation. The Land Trust is committed to protecting these at risk habitats to ensure that use by fish and other land and aquatic species can continue. (The photo on the back cover of this newsletter shows the Miller-Kirkman Preserve.)

**Cougar Creek Preserve:** The 15.35-acre Cougar Creek Preserve is located between Blakely Avenue and Old Mill Road. A flowing stream and serene pond enhance the undisturbed forest and wetlands provide habitat for a number of local bird and animal species including river otters. A healthy understory of native vegetation creates a unique and wild atmosphere on this preserve.

**Jablonko Preserve:** The 14.17-acre Jablonko Preserve consists of healthy and diverse undeveloped forest land. It is a portion of holdings that the Peters/Jablonko families have owned since 1951. At one location on the preserve, sandy soils are visible on both sides of the trail. While most of the Island’s soil is Vashon-till that doesn’t allow water to sink through readily, the Esperance sand on this property allows water to seep down at a steady rate. Groundwater forms a perched aquifer here, and preservation of intact forest protects the important aquifer recharge functions these sandy soils provide.



### DEFINITIONS

**ESTUARY:** Transition zone between a river or stream and a marine environment

**FISH STREAM:** Streams that have the characteristics to support fish

**RIPARIAN:** Land along the shoreline of a river, stream, or other body of water

**WETLAND:** Natural area submerged in water, either permanently or seasonally

**UNDERSTORY:** Layer of vegetation under the main forest canopy

**TILL:** Unsorted material deposited and compacted by glacial ice, composed of clay and boulders of intermediate sizes

**ESPERANCE SAND:** Loosely packed sand and silt that is highly permeable

**PERCHED AQUIFER:** Underground supply of water between the top layer of soil and a deeper, impermeable layer of sediment

Left, on opposite page: Reflections of ferns dance on the seasonal stream that runs through the Cougar Creek Preserve. Photo: Sue Larkin

Left: Hikers stroll through the quiet forest on the Jablonko Preserve. Photo: Shaun Swalley



LAND TRUST CONSERVATION CREW  
AT IT AGAIN!

One of the ways that the Land Trust supports ongoing conservation and stewardship efforts on our protected lands is through the work of our Teen Conservation Crew (TCC). This was the 8th year that the Land Trust has supported a conservation crew. It provides a fantastic opportunity for students to learn about land conservation, and contribute to the health of our local natural spaces. This year the TCC brought together seven high school students to do invasive removal, weeding around newly installed native plants, property debris clean up, and other property stewardship jobs on seven protected conservation properties. Work took place over 4 weeks throughout June and July on both properties owned by the Land Trust and privately held Land Trust conservation easements.

By the numbers:

9.7 acres improved on Land Trust conserved properties  
86 ivy trees cleared  
0.9 acres ground ivy cleared  
0.5 acres of clearing around plantings on Agate Passage Preserve  
0.6 acres of Scotch broom cleared

676.25 Total hours worked!

On Land Trust conservation easements, the landowners participate in our cost-share program by hiring the TCC to perform important restoration or maintenance work as part of ongoing stewardship needs of maintaining conservation lands. Additionally, support for the crew comes from the Land Trust, Bainbridge Community Foundation, and private donors. We encourage students age 14-18 interested in the 2019 crew to email our Stewardship Coordinator Andrew, [andrew@bi-landtrust.org](mailto:andrew@bi-landtrust.org), for more information.



VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

The Bainbridge Island Land Trust has an incredible team of volunteers that donate over 2,300 hours of time annually. More than 200 individuals help with everything from bulk mailing parties and event prep, to invasive weed removal at our monthly First Wednesday Work Parties.

**Troop 1565 and Andrew Peterson:** Throughout the year we have volunteers who help with one-time projects to assist us in achieving our conservation and restoration goals. For example, in June of this year we had local Eagle Scout, Andrew Peterson, from Troop 1565 install two split-rail fences and signage for us on our new Cougar Creek Preserve. Fencing is an important step in getting a property ready for public access, ensuring respectful use and protection of sensitive areas. After working with Land Trust staff to determine the location and specifications for the fence, Andrew purchased the materials and organized a work party of 25 fellow troop members for the installation. We could not be happier with the end result—thank you Andrew and Troop 1565!



Above: Andrew Peterson and members of Troop 1565 install a split rail fence on our Cougar Creek Preserve.

Left: 2018 Conservation Crew members remove scotch broom from the Miller-Kirkman Preserve.

Right: UW GIS Certificate Program Bainbridge Island Conservation Plan Team and supporters celebrating completion (L to R): Alex Harris (spouse), Gina King, Katie Bentley, Blake Palacio (spouse), Trevor Williamson, and Adam Berman.

2018 Conservation Plan Update

In April, the Land Trust adopted our 2018 Conservation Plan Update. In the original Strategic Conservation Plan, adopted in 2012 and updated in 2014, the Land Trust identified two priorities for protection: building and connecting significant wildlife habitat networks and preserving critical shoreline. These priorities help guide our conservation and restoration activities. The Plan provides additional direction and guidance for the Land Trust's board and staff, and community leaders, helping to ensure we spend our limited financial and human resources to produce the greatest possible conservation gains for our Island.

The 2018 update was informed by 509 responses to our Community Conservation Survey and drew upon a wealth of new data and information about Island resources and land use. These included a highly-detailed 2015 mapping of land cover; an updated inventory of developed, protected, and undeveloped (and unprotected) parcels; and significant new information on location and quality of shoreline and inland resources gathered by regional agencies, non-profits, and tribes since the 2014 plan was finalized. Conservation Project Lead Gina King and three fellow students led the update as part of their Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Certificate Program at the University of Washington. They worked to gather all available GIS data and apply new mapping and analysis tools to greatly boost this aspect of our conservation planning.

Important GIS Team products included a new modeling of where the Island's large forest core areas remain and where connectors link these into a forest network. This was just one of many natural resource values combined into a spatial Conservation Value Index—a rating system for showing where valuable stream, wetland, fish, wildlife, and shoreline resources are most highly concentrated. This analysis helps inform prioritization of our conservation efforts. The results reinforced what we learned in our 2014 update and will aid land management entities in identifying areas in need of enhanced protection.

Our next phase involves gathering additional stakeholder feedback on the update and, thanks to a grant from the Land Trust Alliance, incorporating climate change effects into the Conservation Plan. More information is available at [www.bi-landtrust.org/protected-spaces/strategic-conservation-plan/](http://www.bi-landtrust.org/protected-spaces/strategic-conservation-plan/).



CHECK OUT THE MAP  
ON PAGE 2, CREATED  
BY THE GIS TEAM TO  
CLEARLY SHOW LINKAGES  
BETWEEN ISLAND  
FOREST AREAS!

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**OUT WITH THE OLD IN WITH THE NEW!  
2 DAYS OF FREE INVASIVE WEED DISPOSAL  
AHEAD OF FALL NATIVE PLANT SALE**

**Sunday, September 23 and 30 from 10 am to 4 pm  
at the Bainbridge Disposal Vincent Road Transfer  
Station, 7215 Vincent Road**

Due to the amazing success of April's free Invasive Weed Disposal event, we will host two additional free disposal days in September. If you have invasive weeds left over from April or you weren't able to make it to the dump, this is a great opportunity to do a bit more yard clean-up and make room for new native plants. It is important to re-plant areas where invasives have been removed so that the weeds don't come back even stronger than before.

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS! 2018  
NATIVE PLANT SALE**

**Friday, October 5:  
Members Only Pre-Sale  
5 to 6:30 pm**

**Saturday, October 6:  
Native Plant Sale  
(open to everyone!)  
9 am to 12 pm**

**Location: Bainbridge  
First Baptist Church,  
8810 Madison Ave NE**

Native plants are best suited to our unique Northwest environment. They are built to withstand our long wet winters and our dry summers, and are shown to be more resistant to disease. They require less maintenance overall and help improve habitat and water quality across the Island. [Visit our website](#) for a full list of available plants, and feel free to call Andrew for suggestions at 206-842-1216.

\*Not a member? Join or renew at [www.bi-landtrust.org](http://www.bi-landtrust.org) today for access to the Friday night event!



Fall is the best time to plant! Come stock up on nursery-grade plants for your yard, garden, or other natural space. Photo: Paul Brians

**WELCOME, ANDREW FRASER,  
STEWARDSHIP COORDINATOR**



Andrew can be spotted on many of our properties removing invasive plants and caring for the land.

A Pacific Northwest local, Andrew Fraser grew up spending his summers out along the coast and weekends throughout the year volunteering at invasive species pulls and tree plantings. After a four-year detour in Atlanta, Georgia, Andrew returned to the Northwest to attend graduate school at the University of Washington and earn a Masters degree in Restoration Ecology and Environmental Horticulture.

Since graduating, he has worked and volunteered with a number of non-profits, county, and federal agencies throughout Oregon and Washington. Having fallen in love with the Island during grad school, Andrew is thrilled to join the Bainbridge Island Land Trust and help preserve the unique Island landscape for future generations. In his free time, he enjoys cooking, propagating plants, reading, telling bad puns, and volunteering at restoration projects.

Since starting in March, Andrew has been busy conducting annual monitoring visits on our conserved properties, meeting landowners, managing restoration events, and getting to know the fun characters and volunteers who support the Land Trust. This summer, he worked with Johanna Rosenboom, the Land Trust's summer intern, to run the Teen Conservation Crew.

**ACCREDITATION RENEWAL: LAND TRUST  
EARNS NATIONAL RECOGNITION**



The Bainbridge Island Land Trust is pleased to announce that we have successfully renewed our accreditation through the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance.

The accreditation process assures our community that the Land Trust operates to high standards, with demonstrated sound finances, ethical conduct, responsible governance, and lasting stewardship. We provided extensive documentation and were subject to a comprehensive third-party evaluation prior to achieving this distinction. The Land Trust Accreditation Commission awarded renewed accreditation, signifying its confidence that the Bainbridge Island Land Trust's lands will be protected forever.

"Renewing our accreditation shows the Bainbridge Island Land Trust's ongoing commitment to permanent land, habitat, and water resource conservation on Bainbridge Island," said Jane Stone, executive director. "We are a stronger organization for having gone through the rigorous accreditation renewal process. Our strength and continued community support mean special places—such as the Gazzam Lake Nature Preserve, Hilltop and the Grand Forest, and the Agate Passage Preserve – will be protected forever, making Bainbridge Island an even greater place for the benefit of all."

Thank you to all the board, staff, and volunteers who were involved in completing the rigorous renewal application! For more information about the Accreditation process and its benefits, visit [www.landtrustaccreditation.org](http://www.landtrustaccreditation.org).



**2018 PRESERVATION PARTNERS PARTY**

In late July, we spent a beautiful evening celebrating conservation with 350 guests "out on the land". The 10th annual Preservation Partners Party, or "PPP", took place at Hilltop—the 35-acre parcel connecting the East and West Grand Forest. The Land Trust acquired Hilltop in 2011 and fundraised to pay off the mortgage over 4 years. All of this land has now been transferred to the Park District with 23 acres preserved forever by a Land Trust conservation easement, ensuring that conservation values are retained, while balancing the property's use as a park. Hilltop offers one of the Island's most expansive, publicly-accessible vistas while providing profound benefits for humans and wildlife. It is truly the Island's "crown jewel"!

We are deeply grateful to the Bainbridge Island Park District for their cooperation, and for the event committee's devotion and hard work. The 2018 Party was chaired by Barb Robert, Zan Merriman and Helen Waggoner. We also want to thank our 2018 sponsors and supporters (see below), and all of our guests and contributors. Because of their extraordinary support, the Land Trust not only met, but exceeded its fundraising goal! If you would like to join us in 2019, please contact Sinclair Ball, [sinclair@bi-landtrust.org](mailto:sinclair@bi-landtrust.org).

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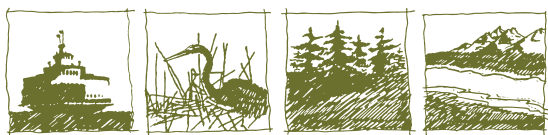
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big fundraising  
event. The proceeds  
allow us to act  
when conservation  
opportunities arise,  
and provide capacity  
to maintain a strong  
land preservation  
and stewardship  
program.**

Left: Longtime Land Trust members Jim and Lynn Pippard share a smile at our 2018 PPP—a change in scenery from their regular participation at our First Wednesday Work Parties. Photo © Silver Island Photography.





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