FROM THE DIRECTOR

Hectares…Stream Miles…Budgets…Deliverables…Strategic Plans…Audits…

Is this conservation work? Yes. Not glamorous.

But the results are:


Last summer, I stood in one spot on the north coast of Oregon near the lines for Tillamook and Clatsop County and saw all of this at once. An almost unimaginable array of habitats, species, elevations and topography in one place: The Oregon Coast. The view is a landscape radically different from the one that Lewis and Clark explored two hundred years ago. Yet I choose to live and work here because of what the landscape is today. There is no going back, and when you can see what I was seeing from that one spot it is easy to be okay with that. What we all have is now and the future, and what binds us all, our common ground, is the ground itself.

The North Coast Land Conservancy is letting the land tell us what to do. Our staff and volunteers take time to get to know this place, these communities. The conversations we are able to have, and the moments in nature that we are able to experience illuminate the opportunities. We begin to understand the potential to build towards a future where communities, populations, species and individuals thrive and live in a functioning and connected landscape.

We will continue to write our reports using Hectares…Stream Miles…Budgets…Deliverables…Strategic Plans…Audits…

But we know that the real results are simple: The Coast

Katie Voorhees
Executive Director
Our Mission:

The North Coast Land Conservancy will serve as a resource for Northwest Coastal communities and landowners to protect land in perpetuity for its ecological and cultural values.

We are all a part of Oregon’s coastal landscape: people, wildlife, farmers, small businesses, developers, corporations, schools, municipalities, and private landowners all coexist with trees, plants, soil, water, roads, buildings and bridges. We are all active participants in the complex community of the coastal bioregion we live in, and we all share the responsibility of its stewardship now and into the future.

At North Coast Land Conservancy, we focus our stewardship actions with a mission that holds conservation at its core. Whether we are working on land acquisition projects, facilitating habitat development or participating in outreach programs with the community, our feet remain firmly rooted to the land as we look ahead to our goal: a fully functioning coastal landscape where healthy communities of people, plants and wildlife all thrive.
**2009 Conservation**

North Coast Land Conservancy celebrated a new landmark at the end of 2009. With the help of our generous supporters and partners, NCLC now owns and manages in perpetuity nearly 1,700 acres of land in the Coast Range Ecosystem.

**Highlights**

Many thanks to our partners who were essential in making these acquisitions possible:

- **Lewis & Clark National Historical Park**
- **The Nature Conservancy**
- **The Trust for Public Lands**
- **City of Seaside**
- **Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board**
- **U.S. Fish & Wildlife**
- **Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife**
- **McCracken Woodlands LLC**
- **Tillamook Estuaries Partnership**
- **Marjorie Stevens**

**Coal Creek Swamp 80 acres**

Identified as high priority conservation land in the Nehalem watershed, the 80 acres that make up Coal Creek Swamp provide essential high-functioning habitat for fish and wildlife. With the help of The Nature Conservancy, NCLC worked with Paul McCracken, manager of McCracken Woodlands LLC to ensure that this jewel of the North Coast would be protected in perpetuity for its cultural and ecological values.

**In early 2009, the North Coast celebrated NCLC’s acquisition of a gem along the Neacoxie Wildlife Corridor: 104 acres of coastal dunes west of Sunset Lake, including .75 miles of shoreline. In 2010, ownership will be transferred to Lewis & Clark National Historical Park, which plans to use the area as a national conservation training center for youth.**

**Yeon Property 104 acres**

**In December of 2009, NCLC finally closed on a most special property: the Shangrila Wetlands in Seaside. Located near the top of the Necanicum estuary, these 70 acres of forested wetland swamp were one of the first properties NCLC identified as a key anchor point for the estuary in 1986. Now, 26 years later, its conservation adds to over 600 acres of land that NCLC and its community partners have already preserved along the Necanicum estuary.**

**Shangrila Wetlands 70 acres**
An abundant year for NCLC’s Stewardship Program

2009 was a year of great change on the Neacoxie Wildlife Corridor along the Clatsop Plains. Hundreds of acres of land were added to the network of conservation ownership, and thanks to many dedicated volunteers, hundreds of acres of Scotch broom were removed as well.

Even more exciting was installing 5,000 Viola adunca plants on NCLC’s Reed Ranch property. The early-blue violet is a native coastal prairie species that was once abundant on the Clatsop Plains, and is the single host plant to the Oregon Silverspot Butterfly, a threatened species. We are so looking forward to the spring bloom this year!

NCLC’s Circle Creek property is beginning to flourish after five years of conservation ownership. In 2009, more than 1,600 native shrubs and 3,840 deciduous and coniferous native trees were planted across ten acres of floodplain wetlands and one mile of riparian corridor frontage.

That’s thousands of new plants for birds to perch on, bugs to eat, and amphibians to seek shelter under.

Our Stewardship Program welcomes volunteers who want a more hands on experience of the lands we help to conserve. For more information on our 4th Saturday Work Days and other stewardship opportunities, please visit our website at: www.nclctrust.org.

Connecting people to the land on Oregon’s North Coast

In 2009, we saw our community outreach programs grow in number and popularity as people from all over the state of Oregon (and the world) got to know Oregon’s North Coast Bioregion and the lands that NCLC helps to conserve here.

From our Earth Day celebration tour of the spruce forest at our Circle Creek Conservation Center through a summer of Gateway to Discovery field programs, North Coast residents and visitors learned more about this amazing region that is host to so many wonders of the natural world.

In the autumn, NCLC’s celebration of National Estuaries Day at Neawanna Point in Seaside provided an opportunity to get up close to some hidden gems of the Necanicum estuary, and our community barbecue after the field programs was another resounding success.

Winter brought the beginning of a new outreach program. NCLC has partnered with the Necanicum Watershed Council to present Listening to the Land, a series of evening lectures and related daytime field programs that provide an opportunity to explore our coastal landscape, whatever the weather.

See you outside in 2010!
There is nothing like a pie chart to take a lot of dry numbers and make them meaningful. Our main focus as a non-profit land trust is private land acquisition for the sake of conserving the north Oregon coastal bioregion’s most treasured natural places. Seeing the work of North Coast Land Conservancy laid out graphically shows more than 80% of our annual budget going directly into land acquisition and stewardship.

In 2009, NCLC doubled its staff numbers in response to the unprecedented opportunities that now exist for protecting this amazing coast. We recognize that these increasingly complicated projects can’t happen without the professional staff to pull them together. We are committed to leveraging your investment in us wisely to accomplish our shared goal: a connected and healthy coastal bioregion on Oregon’s North Coast.

Many Thanks to the following Foundations who supported the work of North Coast Land Conservancy in 2009. Our vision for a healthy and connected Oregon coastal bioregion would not be possible without your help.

- The Autzen Foundation
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