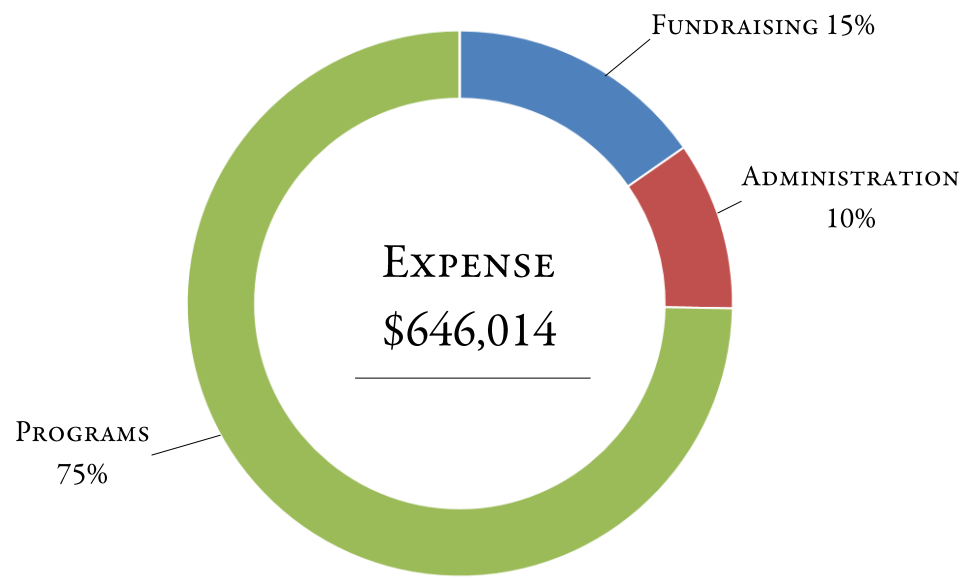
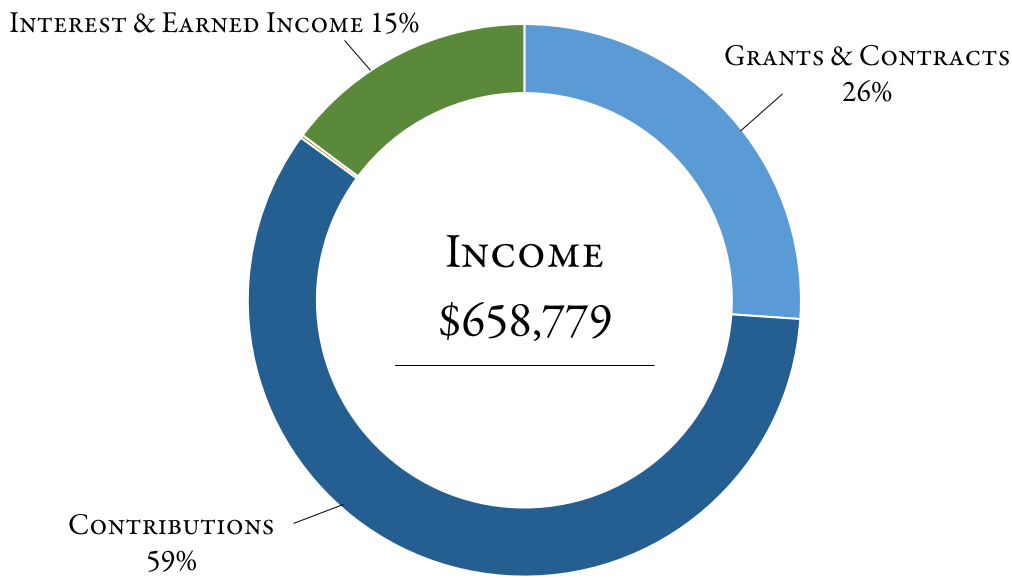


VASHON-MAURY ISLAND LAND TRUST

2016 Annual Report



2016 VASHON LAND TRUST BY THE NUMBERS



STEWARDSHIP WRAP-UP

Vashon Land Trust stewardship team, our dedicated volunteers, and the Student Conservation Corp summer interns had a VERY productive year!

In 2016 we ...

- Planted over 2000 native trees and shrubs
- Potted 700 native trees and shrubs for 2017 restoration projects
- Installed 45 logs for fish habitat in the mouth of Judd Creek
- Restored the Matsuda farmhouse
- Organized the buffer planting around the Matsuda pond
- Maintained 22 acres of restoration plantings and 7 miles of trail
- Created Bill's Trail, adding 1.5 miles of trail to Shinglemill Preserve
- Built a 100 foot boardwalk to Fern Cove
- Held 4 volunteer work parties with 78 volunteers
- Collected native seeds and removed invasive species at the Elwha dam removal & habitat restoration project.



2016 CONSERVATION REPORT

A new 60 acre community forest, and key additions to existing Island preserves have made for a very busy year. The close of our 26th year felt like mile 26 of a marathon, but we are energized and ready to make even more progress on Island conservation in 2017!

We are proud to have passed our 2,000 acres protected milestone in December, thanks to the generous support from our members and partners at King County.

PROGRESS MADE IN 2016

SPRING BEACH: Added three parcels, 24 acres, 677 feet of shoreline

POINT HEYER: Added two parcels, 15 acres, 1,640 feet of shoreline

DOCKTON FOREST: Added one parcel, 20 acres

JUDD CREEK: Added two parcels, 11 acres, 1,100 feet of Judd Creek

LOST LAKE: Added one parcel, three acres, 112 feet of shoreline

MATSUDA FARM NEWS

The Land Trust sold a conservation easement to King County, enabling us to retire our debt on the purchase and protect the farm in perpetuity. Thanks to the Conservation Fund for the original bridge financing. We received a King Conservation District start-up grant for deer fencing, fixing the irrigation system, and for cover crops. Just watch us grow in 2017!

OUR NEW COMMUNITY FOREST

FROG HOLLER FOREST: One parcel, 60 acres

We are excited to open these once-private multi-use trails to the larger community. Leashed dogs, horseback riding, and mountain biking are all welcome.

A special thanks to Richard & Sheila Doane for their support of the Frog Holler Forest acquisition, & for the largest cash gift to the Land Trust during our first 26-year marathon.

