



Vashon-Maury Island Land Trust

2015 Annual Report



Summer 2015: Stewardship Demolition crew



NEW IN 2015! Our first farmland conservation project: historic Matsuda Farm



Summer 2015: Dynamo Maria Metler & our Land Trust Jr. Naturalists

LETTER FROM OUR 2015 BOARD PRESIDENT

During 2015 the Vashon-Maury Island Land Trust celebrated its 25th birthday. There was a lot to celebrate, and it was done in style at the Backwoods Black-Tie Gala on October 17th. We relished the opportunity to recognize our courageous Founding President, Emma Amiad, and her officers on the Founding Board; Rayna Holtz, Ellen Kritzman, Charlie Backus, and Yvonne Kuperberg.

We honored our infancy as a habitat protection organization and our very first project at Whispering Firs Bog. Then we watched ourselves grow into a mature organization that embraces trail building for public access, large scale protection and restoration projects on our streams and shorelines, and farmland preservation with the new project at Matsuda Farm. Emma's dream of protecting 1,000 acres has been achieved. This year we expect to double that by bringing under protection the 2,000th acre.

We are awed by the number of people who have helped to make all of this happen. You know who you are. Go ahead, smile. It's why we live here, why we do the work we do, and why you show your support with so much generosity and enthusiasm. Thank you.

Like Emma back in 1990, let's keep dreaming big. Stay tuned!

Sincerely,

Charlie Rosenberry

Board President, 2015

2015 STEWARDSHIP WRAP-UP

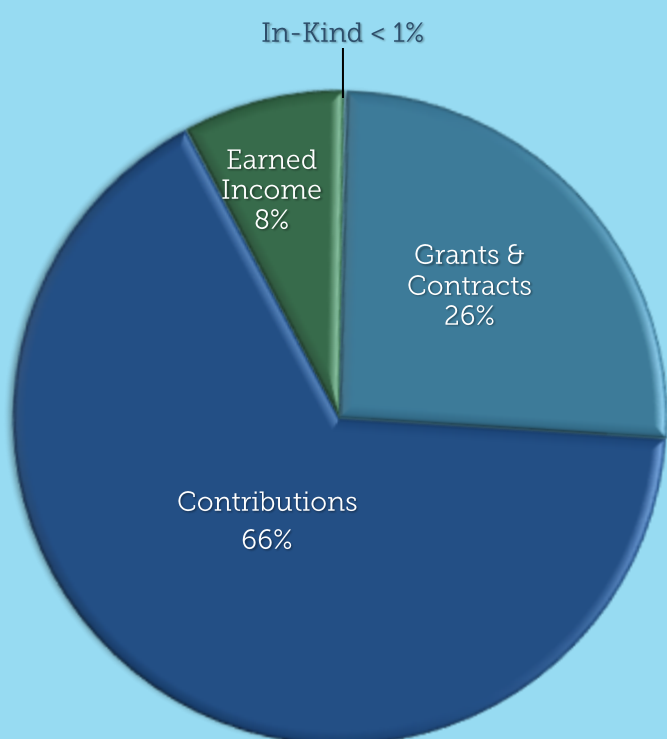
Vashon Land Trust Land Steward Abel Eckhardt, Stewardship Crew Leader Natalya Bender, our dedicated, hardworking crew of volunteers, and the Student Conservation Corps summer interns had a **VERY productive year.**

In 2015 we...

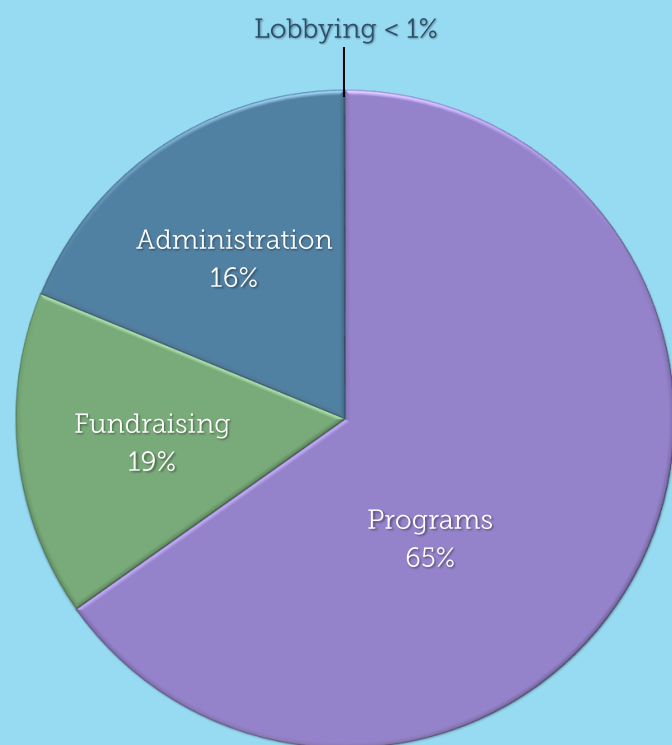
- Planted over 2200 native trees and shrubs
- Potted 1200 native trees and shrubs
- Cut and removed 1 acre of blackberry along Judd Creek
- Installed 30 logs for fish habitat in the mouth of Judd Creek & further upstream
- Demolished & rafted 1 derelict shoreline cabin
- Maintained 22 acres of restoration plantings
- Maintained 7 miles of trail
- Finished 1 mile of new trail
- Built 300 feet of bridges and boardwalks
- Held 9 volunteer work parties with over 75 volunteers
- Worked on the Elwha River dam removal & habitat restoration project, collecting seed and helping out in the native plant nursery

...And we bought a farm!

2015 VASHON-MAURY ISLAND FINANCIAL REPORT



INCOME \$602,905



EXPENSE \$468,061

