



Newsletter

Fall 2004

Saving The Best We Have

The Stewardship Foundation's focus this year has been to help protect the places we all care about. By forging a city-wide connection that preserves and protects the splendors of our community we can create a future we can all be proud of. We must do whatever it takes to build strong partnerships, inspire community responsibility and action, apply common-sense scientific findings, and attract new conservation constituencies, including children.

This past June the Directors of the Stewardship Foundation attended an all day retreat to celebrate our successes and focus on the next 5 years and beyond. In preparing for the retreat, interviews were conducted with the directors, advisory board members, and members of our community including elected officials, city staff, business owners, citizens in our own and neighboring communities, environmental experts and others. In all, feedback was received from 40 individuals.

These interviews provided valuable

recommendations that the board is now using to identify what's most important over the long term. In addition to our main focus on environmental stewardship, these include financial resources, sustainable funding, membership and volunteer base, land acquisition and preservation, public involvement, watershed-based environmental education, and collaboration with governmental and regulatory entities.

The Board members are now in the process of identifying near-term priorities and establishing major goals and action plans. We want to build a conservation strategy that links water, land, and life. The overall goal that will be guiding us over the coming years is to "save the best we have." I can't help feeling hopeful about the future.

We need your help to build on the momentum of the past and shape the years to come. We can't do it alone. That's why we are creating small

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Save the Date: 6th Annual Benefit Auction and Dinner

Saturday, October 23, 2004, Lake Forest Park Civic Club

Did you miss this event last April?

Guess what - we decided to move it to this fall and it promises to be even better. You'll have a great selection of live auction items - vacation and weekend retreats, entertainment packages of sports and cultural events, works of art, and more. Add to that an enticing new raffle opportunity, mystery balloons, caricatures, live music, entertainment, delectable dinner, wines, soft drinks, and good conversation with friends.

It's a fun-filled evening that you won't want to miss!! Invitations will be mailed early in October. Please respond quickly to assure your place at what promises to be a memorable event.

We're still looking for auction items. This is a great opportunity to donate goods or services that will make a big difference for the Stewardship Foundation. Please call us at 206-361-7076.

Stewardship Foundation Receives Land Donation

The owners of a small forested wetland in Lake Forest Park have given land to the Lake Forest Park Stewardship Foundation.

About two years ago, David Bolin, a board member of Prime Pacific Bank, contacted a family relative in Lake Forest Park, regarding the land. His relative, Council member Mary Jane Goss, suggested the bank contact the Stewardship Foundation. In June, Prime Pacific Bank, a locally owned bank with offices in Kenmore and Lynnwood, transferred to the Foundation a half-acre site in a wetland on 28th Avenue NE, an area marked by upland springs, where small streams originate in boggy woodlands.

The President of Prime Pacific Bank, Glen Deutsch, said his bank “sees this as an opportunity to give something back to the community that will benefit the environment and the long term community quality of life.” This is the first time the Stewardship Foundation has accepted ownership of any property, although we have actively supported public ownership of wetlands, bluffs and stream corridors. Our long-range goal is to have more property owners follow the leadership of Prime Pacific Bank.

Jean Reid, a founding Board Member who led a neighborhood effort to preserve the newly acquired wetland, called the donation “such a public spirited and generous act by Prime Pacific Bank and its Directors.” Reid says the Foundation will work with local volunteer wetland biologists to identify the most sensitive and educational aspects of the wetland, hoping to construct a low impact nature trail to the wetlands for use as an educational resource. Having students visit the site to learn about an ecosystem and its educational features is one of our specific goals. “This will dovetail with the work the Foundation is already doing in the schools,” Reid said, “while helping to preserve this delicate stream system.” “It’s been such a pleasure

working with Prime Pacific bank officers at every level,” she added. “What good neighbors!”

Two small streams, Hillside Creek and Brookside Creek, originate near the property, and the South Fork of Hillside Creek flows through it. The local topography is unusual in that the two creeks originate at almost the same location and flow in opposite directions. They eventually join in the lowlands near Brookside Elementary School and flow into McAleer Creek, Lake Forest Park’s largest stream and one of the few remaining creeks in the area with a notable population of migrating salmon.

Carol Dahl, Stewardship Foundation President, calls the land gift “an exciting milestone for the Stewardship Foundation. It indicates the trust people have that the Foundation will take good care of these urgently important urban wild areas.” The property has not yet been named but will be called the Prime Pacific lot for the time being.

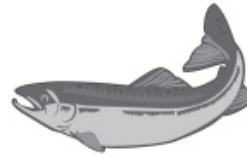
Deutsch expressed admiration for the Foundation, for being willing to take on the task of preserving and restoring historic waterways. “From looking at the map and the landscape, they’ve got a ton of work to do,” he said.

The newly acquired property is near the city’s Grace Cole Nature Park, a 15-acre wild area that comprises the headwaters of Brookside Creek. The Stewardship Foundation helped acquire and plan the newly established nature park, and is actively working to remove fish barriers and open the creek to coho salmon, from McAleer Creek to the headwaters. The Stewardship Foundation has received successive grants totaling nearly one hundred thousand dollars from the Community Salmon Fund to carry out the stream restoration.

Attention all Washington State Employees and Retirees

The Lake Forest Park Stewardship Foundation is very pleased to be a part of the Washington State Combined Fund Drive (CFD)! The Combined Fund Drive provides state and public agency employees and retirees the opportunity to contribute to qualified charities through payroll deduction. We have met the CFD's requirements and will now be listed as one of the charities to which you can donate directly through automated deductions.

The CFD annual campaign is held each fall. If you are a Washington State or public agency employee or retiree involved in the fall campaign, we would appreciate it very much if you would consider the LFP Stewardship Foundation as one of your recipients. Should you do so, please be sure to indicate on the form where provided that you want to be identified to us. We will personally acknowledge your generosity.



Salmon Watchers

Here's an opportunity for you.....if you really want to learn about Salmon and how to help! The Salmon Watcher Program trains volunteers to identify and record species and numbers of spawning salmonids in streams around the Lake Washington Watershed. Seeing salmon spawning is an exciting experience while helping track their journey. The data collected are used by local cities, tribes and others in many ways, including determining fish presence and possible stream blockages.

To participate in this program, plan to attend one of the following training sessions:

Tuesday, September 14 at Woodinville City Hall, Woodinville

Thursday, September 23 at the Good Shepherd Center, Seattle

Field training sessions will also be held during the fall to assist you in identifying the different salmonid species. These sessions are fun, exciting informative ways to learn about fish!

For questions about the Salmon Watcher site, please contact Katie Sauter Messick at:

<http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wlr/waterres/salmon/volunteer.htm>

Grant secured for work on Lower Brookside Creek

The Community Salmon Fund Grant for work on the Wilcox property on lower Brookside Creek has been finalized. This will pay for removing two waterfalls and restoring the creek bed and banks. We have applied for a second grant in order to replace the Wilcox's driveway culvert at the same time. Both projects are scheduled for the summer of 2005. In the meantime, we'll be working on the plans and securing permits from the City of Lake Forest Park, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and the US Army Corps of Engineers, all of which are necessary before we can do any work in the creek.

A work party on July 10 at the Hoys, site of the Foundation's first restoration project, involved a significant blackberry attack and accomplished the planting of approximately 25 trees, snow-berries, vine maples, and wild rhododendron. Two juvenile barred owls kept a watchful eye or two on us from their perches in the treetops for the entire day (see photo). A great big thanks to all participants, young and older for helping! The end of this month will mark the end of the grant period for the restoration on that property. There may be some work parties to tackle weeds a little later. We will continue to address the issue of storm water runoff coming onto the property as well.

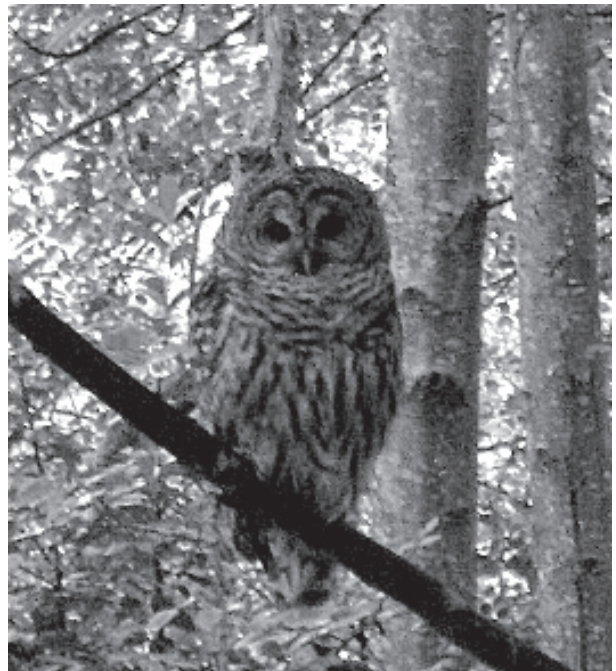
Occasionally folks inquire about our restoration projects. They wonder if we'll be doing projects on other streams. Some express concern that our projects have all taken place on Brookside Creek.

We made the decision to restore Brookside creek to habitat quality for several reasons. (1) We have documented evidence that Coho Salmon used the length of this creek for spawn-

ing in the past. (2) The major fish barriers appear to be man-made and the timing of construction downstream corresponds with the loss of salmon population. (3) The source of this creek is within the Cole Nature Park. It would be exciting to see salmon return here. (4) This creek is located entirely within Lake Forest Park, and most of it is well away from development. (5) It flows into McAleer Creek, which has runs of Chinook, Coho and Sockeye salmon. Our goal is to complete the task we have begun before we embark upon another.

When this goal is realized, we'll look for other fields to plow (in a restorative sense). If you know of an environmental situation, which could benefit from some attention, we welcome your ideas. We also welcome folks who wish to step forward to lead a project they believe has merit.

Call the Stewardship Foundation at (206) 361-7076.



A Barred Owl spotted at the Brookside Creek work party, July 11

Lake Forest Park - A Certified Community Wildlife Habitat?

It can happen!!

In its efforts to preserve the best of Lake Forest Park's natural habitat, the Stewardship Foundation will be starting work this fall on the certification of Lake Forest Park as an official Community Wildlife Habitat

With continued growth, our urban habitat is in danger of crowding out many of the native species of birds, fish, plants and animals. It is vital that we preserve our watersheds, our critical habitats, and our existing shelters for wildlife. The certification process would have the benefit of focusing the community's attention on the importance of habitat creation and conservation. It would encourage the preservation and creation of contiguous backyard wildlife habitats, keeping corridors for wildlife. It would also provide opportunities for educational outreach and community involvement. Certification would give national recognition to the community's commitment to fostering an urban area where people, flora and fauna can co-exist and thrive.

The Community Wildlife Certification program is run by the National Wildlife Federation (NWF), which has a well defined program, a dedicated local staff and many materials in place to provide ongoing support during the certification process (see <http://www.nwf.org/backyardwildlifehabitat/certifyyourcommunity.cfm>). You can also go to <http://www.nwf.org/backyardwildlifehabitat/> and follow links to "Certify your Backyard" and "Certify your Schoolyard" to see how those parts of the process work. Nationally there are six certified Community Habitats, one of which is Tukwila, WA. Alki and Camano Island are both starting the certification process. Bellingham and Burien will probably be start soon. ***Our Northwest Washington region could become the first Regional Wildlife Habitat in the nation.***

The NWF is developing a partnership with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife which also has a program to certify Backyard Wildlife Habitats (see <http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/>

[byw_prog.htm](#)). They are hoping to combine the programs in such a way that people will be able to get both certifications at the same time.

The main part of the Community Habitat certification process involves certification of about 15% of single family dwellings as Backyard Wildlife Habitats (yards providing food, water and shelter for wildlife—we already have close to 100 certified Backyards!), certification of at least one schoolyard as a Schoolyard Habitat, at least one certified demonstration habitat at a workplace or other site (community center, place of worship, etc.), plus elective environmental and educational projects to be developed by the community (or ones which are ongoing).

We are looking for about 8 people to form a Habitat Team to lead this program. A good team could make this very successful and relatively easy to organize. We are hoping to eventually involve all of our existing community environmental groups, garden clubs, individual property owners, businesses, schools, as well as to continue our involvement in our local environmental fairs.

Ideally the team would be composed of:

- 1 or 2 people working with the schools to create Schoolyard Habitats,
- 1 working with businesses,
- 2 helping individuals register their Backyards,
- 1 liaison with the City, the City's commissions and environmental groups
- 1 doing publicity and coordinating involvement in the local environmental events.

You can hear about the program from Gretchen Muller, the Regional Education Project Manager for the National Wildlife Foundation, who will be the guest speaker at the LFP Stewardship Foundation's Annual Meeting, September 29th, in the LFP City Hall, beginning at 7 pm. **Please come and/or contact Libby Fiene at lfwildlife@comcast.net if you would like to be involved or to get more information.**

LFP Stewardship Foundation Annual Meeting ***Wednesday, September 29th, 7:00 pm - LFP City Hall***

Our fiscal year ended June 30th. Now we want to invite you to celebrate our accomplishments, thank you for showing such strong commitment to **saving the best we have**. Please come hear about plans that will shape the year to come, elect directors to the board, and share some scrumptious desserts.

Our special guest speaker will be Gretchen Muller, the Regional Education Project Manager for the National Wildlife Foundation. She will show us how Lake Forest Park can certify as an official Community Wildlife Habitat. This certification process has the benefit of giving national recognition to our community's commitment of connecting people to the natural world and serving as effective stewards of our regions most vital lands and waters.

Please mark this date on your calendar - Wednesday, September 29. We hope we can count on you to join your friends and neighbors in the City's Council Chambers.

Another First for the Stewardship Foundation

The Stewardship Foundation has an intern! We are proud to introduce to you an amazing individual who is donating a part of his summer and fall to helping us further our goals. **Jacob Gown** is a senior at the University of Washington pursuing a degree in Environmental Studies. His internship will fulfill the program requirement of completing a Capstone experience. During his internship, Jacob wants to learn how an environmental non-profit organization is organized, funded and how it operates. To do this he is attending as many Board and sub-committee meetings as his schedule allows and working with those actively involved in grant proposals, property reevaluation, and the Public Benefit Rating System (PBRs). In addition, Jacob will be an

integral part of our auction on October 29th, and you'll also have a chance to meet him at our annual meeting.

Jacob grew up in Seattle. His future plans involve opening an environmental retreat center for all ages in the Pacific Northwest. He strongly believes that education and experiential understanding of nature are the keys to a sustainable future. Go, Jacob!



City Under Pressure to Rezone to Higher Densities

A group called 1000 Friends of Washington has been sending letters to several City governments in the Puget Sound area, claiming that the Cities are not in compliance with the Growth Management Act due to the presence of land which is zoned for fewer than four single family houses per acre. 1000 Friends, which claims to be pro-environment and anti-sprawl, has a history of bringing lawsuits against Cities before the Growth Management Hearings Board (GMHB), the body which enforces Washington's Growth Management Act.

While there are well-established precedents for residential zoning of fewer than 4 houses per acre in cities such as ours, the first reaction by our City was apparently to cave in to the demands of 1000 Friends and to amend the current revision of the Comprehensive Plan, supposedly rezoning all lots which do not contain sensitive areas to the newly minted "Single-Family Residential, Moderate/High" zone, which is rather loosely defined in the draft Comprehensive Plan as "Correspond[ing] to the RS-10000 and RS-9600 zoning classifications".

There were a couple of problems with this proposed rezone, not the least of which was the fact that at least 21 of the lots being proposed for rezoning did indeed contain sensitive areas, according to the City's own maps. Also, the City's sensitive area maps are approximations; when a developer wishes to build in or near any of the areas which the City's maps indicate as containing environmentally sensitive areas, the developer must - at their own expense - conduct a detailed sensitive area study to determine exactly where the sensitive areas are. Development

codes preclude most building or alterations within these sensitive areas, so the exact extent of the buffers obviously must be known. Additionally, all sensitive areas are legally protected by buffers; for example development is prohibited within 50 feet of the edges of steep slope hazard areas.

The Stewardship Foundation strongly objects to this proposed rezoning. We presented written and oral testimony to this effect at the most recent hearing on the Comprehensive Plan, held by the Planning Commission on June 22, 2004. We held an open public meeting on July 13 at the Lake Forest Park Civic Club at which a representative of 1000 Friends was available to clarify the position of his group and to answer questions. About 45 concerned citizens attended this meeting. We also encouraged interested residents to speak out during the public comment period at the City Council Meeting on July 8; this was rather unusual because the Comp Plan had yet to reach City Council. Technically, the proposed rezone wasn't "in the Council's court"...but so many citizens were so frustrated by the failure of the Planning Commission to address their concerns, or answer their questions about the rezoning, at the June 22 hearing, that we felt it necessary to make sure these folks were heard and that our elected officials got the message, clearly if not loudly, that a sizable number of citizens were most unhappy with the proposed rezoning.

At press time the fate of the rezoning recommendation is unclear.

More information on this issue can be found at the Foundation's web site at www.lfpsf.org.

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leadership teams to help implement these major goals. Many of you have already expressed interest in helping to further the Stewardship Foundation's mission. One way you can help is to serve on one of the teams that will create the vision and provide the direction needed to accomplish the goal. Email or call us so we can match your skills and knowledge in an area that will help achieve conservation victories for our community.

Carol Dahl, President

Update to our Mission Statement

One of the tangible results which came out of the all-day retreat this past June was an update to our core Mission Statement. This was the first time since the Stewardship Foundation was created in 1998 that this Mission Statement has been modified.

The new Mission Statement is as follows:

To contribute to the well-being of our community by fostering awareness, understanding, appreciation, and stewardship of our natural environment; and by preserving and enhancing parks and open spaces.

The main change was in the phrase that includes the words "awareness, understanding, appreciation, and stewardship". We feel that all four of these attributes - in the context of our natural environment - are crucial to the Foundation and to the community at large. We hope you agree.

Annual Business Sponsorships

Here is an opportunity for local businesses to show their support for the Lake Forest Park Stewardship Foundation - it's through a new Annual Business Sponsor program.

The Foundation is offering a very classy decal for businesses to put on view in their window that shows their support for the Stewardship Foundation. Along with the decal is a gold or silver bar to be displayed under the decal indicating the year of the contribution. A gold bar indicates a \$100 contribution; silver indicates \$50. The bars can be changed each year as businesses renew their support. To purchase a sponsorship and/or get more information, please call us at 206-361-7076. We will be contacting local businesses prior to the new year in order to seek their support and to encourage greater investment in our community.



Hence, for all time to come, the fortunate residents of Lake Forest Park can listen to the wild birds' morning greetings; here the laughing waters will forever make gladsome the hearts of the sylvan dwellers; here for years and years, the business man, wearied by the sordid scenes of commercial and industrial life, will find surcease from worry and care in the magnificent sweeps of forest green and in the vista of beautiful Lake Washington sparkling in the sunshine before him; here the balmy breezes of summer will be laden with the sweet perfumes of flowers and the natural balsam of the woodland will drive away dull care and make life more worth while to the dwellers of this Natureland.

From Ole Hanson's brochure promoting the development of Lake Forest Park, 1912

Five New Members Join The Board

The Foundation has had the incredible good fortune to have five new members join the Board of Directors since the last newsletter was published.

Katrina Barlow

Katrina is a senior at Shorecrest High School, and is actively involved in several environmental groups. She is serving as co-president again of the Shorecrest S.A.F.E (Student Action For the Environment) club, which promotes environmental awareness among high school students. In the past, Katrina has coordinated events such as the Student Lobby Day, where several environmental clubs in Western Washington traveled to Olympia to tour the capital, and speak with Senator Darlene Fairley of upcoming environmental legislation. She has been on the board of the Lake Forest Park Stewardship Foundation for nearly a year now, working as a youth representative board member

Libby Fiene

Libby has lived in Lake Forest Park for 27 years. A graduate of Smith College, she currently works at Shoreline Community College. Her 10 years in Aspen CO and Jackson WY gave her a strong interest in preserving the environment. For the past six years she has been converting her family's secluded backyard on Lyon Creek to native plants, and now has it registered as a Backyard Wildlife Habitat with both the National Wildlife Federation and the WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife. Her goal is the certification of Lake Forest Park as a Community Wildlife Habitat. Her husband, Don, is active in StreamKeepers and on the EQC. They have 2 grown daughters.

Natasha Grossman

Natasha grew up in the lower Horizon View area of Lake Forest Park and moved back to this City in 2002. She manages the "Walk-a-Mile" program at the UW School of Social Work, which matches policy makers with low-income constituents.

Natasha also staffs a small foundation which provides funding to families, children, and communities of color. In addition, she serves on the board of GIRAFF, an international organization that honors people who "stick their necks out". She and her husband have two sons, one three years old and one just born this past June.

Jackson Kellock

Jackson is a 16 year old junior at Shorecrest High School. Jackson has been an avid hiker and camper his entire life; he enjoys summer hiking in the Northwest Olympics and Cascades. As a local volunteer, he has worked on various parks and wildlife conservation projects, and last Spring he helped with demonstration booths at DIG IT, the first LFP Green Gardening Fair.

At Shorecrest, Jackson is an honors student and member of the boys' tennis team. He plays piano in the senior Jazz Band, bassoon in Wind Ensemble, and saxophone in Marching Band. He studies piano year-round and participates in various extra-curricular music programs through University of Washington, Centrum Jazz, Seattle Youth Jazz Ensemble, and the Shoreline All-Star Jazz Band. Lately, he is getting calls to play with a local jazz combo at events and parties.

Grace Bell Killorin

Grace Bell Killorin moved to Lake Forest Park in 2000 from Seattle, where she grew up. A north-west native, she has years of experience learning about the natural environment including Outward Bound expeditions, hiking, bicycling, and outdoor programs at the Evergreen State College where she earned her B.A. She has worked as a freelance editor for the past 10 years and also works in Health Services quality of life research at UW. She has an M.A. in Applied Behavioral Science from Bastyr University and learns all she can about environment and physical health. She and her husband have settled into LFP very happily; their two children attend Brookside Elementary School.



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Welcome!

The Foundation welcomes these new
members: Sarah Zerkel, Tom and Grace
Killorin, Mary Healy, Bonnie Duncan
Peters, Libby and Don Fiene, Jackson
Kellock, and Suzie Grey.

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