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# 2019 Annual Report

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# Note from our Executive Director



As Great Peninsula Conservancy celebrates our 20th anniversary, we see firsthand our community's resilience in the face of change and challenge. Now, in the midst of the 2020 pandemic, our members' extraordinary commitment to protect vital lands and waters shines through brighter than ever. I find it inspirational. Words alone can do little to express the deep sense of gratitude felt by our staff and board. Thank you!

I hope this annual report provides a glimmer of light as we all deal with the challenges posed by COVID-19. Last year hundreds of community members joined GPC in land protection campaigns like Hahobas and Miller Bay. Folks got their hands dirty at stewardship events and volunteered with the NextGen

Outdoor Camp. All of these components of GPC's mission — conservation, stewardship, and connecting people with nature — expand our reach to carry on the tradition that our founders began 20 years ago.

As we look to the future in our rapidly growing region, GPC needs to become an even greater champion of our forests, shorelines, streams, and open spaces. I'm excited to continue our vital work and forge new partnerships to conserve the best of our cherished lands. Thank you for making the last two decades of conservation possible and please join us as we start our journey into the next 20 years.

Thank you,

Nathan Daniel  
Executive Director

## Fulfilling our Mission

### Saving the Places You Love

Our mission is to **conserve** vibrant forests, streams, shorelines, and community greenspaces. We commit to **caring for the lands** we protect to ensure wildlife and people enjoy the many benefits of nature well into the future. And we **enrich lives** by offering opportunities for people to experience nature close up.

### Conserve



### Engage



### Steward



# Meet the Staff



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## A Decade of Conservation



Leadership of Great Peninsula Conservancy passed hands from Sandra Staples-Bortner to Nathan Daniel in June 2019. Sandra's ten years of dedicated work expanded GPC's conserved lands, grew the membership, and increased stewardship and restoration efforts across the peninsula. Now, Nate is excited to carry the momentum into the next decade. Thank you for your years of service, Sandra!



# 2019 Conservation Projects

## Your Dollars Protect Land



### Hahobas Shoreline Preserve: 162 acres

Six partners, over \$400,000 in GPC member donations, and an expected \$511,000 in grants helped protect the Hood Canal shoreline and upland forest of this former Boy Scout camp forever! The preserve protects vital habitat for forage fish that are important prey in the food chain for orcas and salmon. The forest and streams protect bears, birds, and other wildlife. Signage will be installed to make the preserve more open and accessible to the public.



### Miller Bay Preserve: 13 acres

Working with the Friends of Miller Bay, GPC acquired this preserve at the end of 2019 to connect a wildlife corridor in the Miller Bay Watershed that now exceeds 300 acres. A community campaign raised over \$150,000 from GPC members and dedicated Miller Bay residents. *(Aerial photo contributed by Bonnie Chandler.)*



### Parker Forest Easement: 17 acres

Kim Parker donated 17 acres on his lovely "La La Land" property that he purchased and homesteaded with his wife years ago. He wanted to ensure that the mature North Kitsap forest would never be developed and displace the wildlife he loves to observe.



### Big Beef Shoreline: 12 acres

Thanks to a partnership with the Hood Canal Coordinating Council's In-Lieu Fee Mitigation Program, GPC will forever protect the outlet of Big Beef for salmon, shellfish, and majestic eagles that feed on the intertidal habitat each summer.

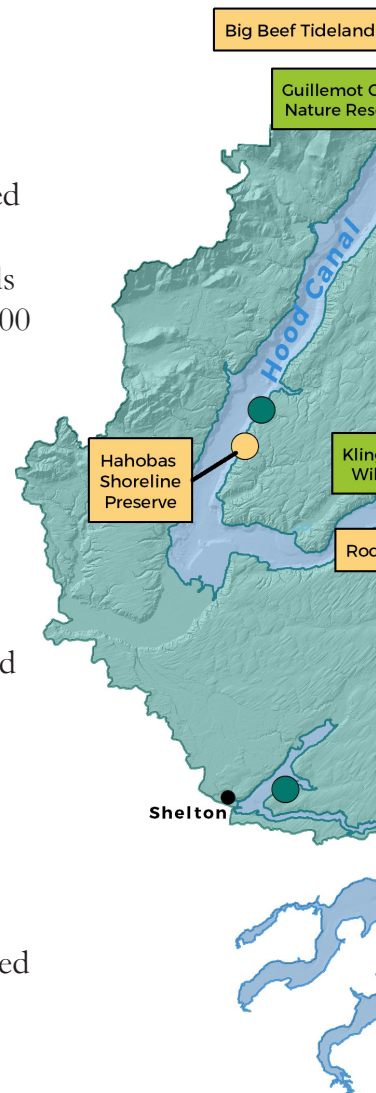


### East Rocky Creek Preserve: 34 acres

Starting in the 1980s, Roy Lampson worked to create a salmon sanctuary in his 34-acre forest on Key Peninsula. Two salmon streams run through the property, so he did water quality tests and fish passage barrier removals over the years. Now in retirement he's happy to know that the property will forever protect the fish and wildlife that call it home.

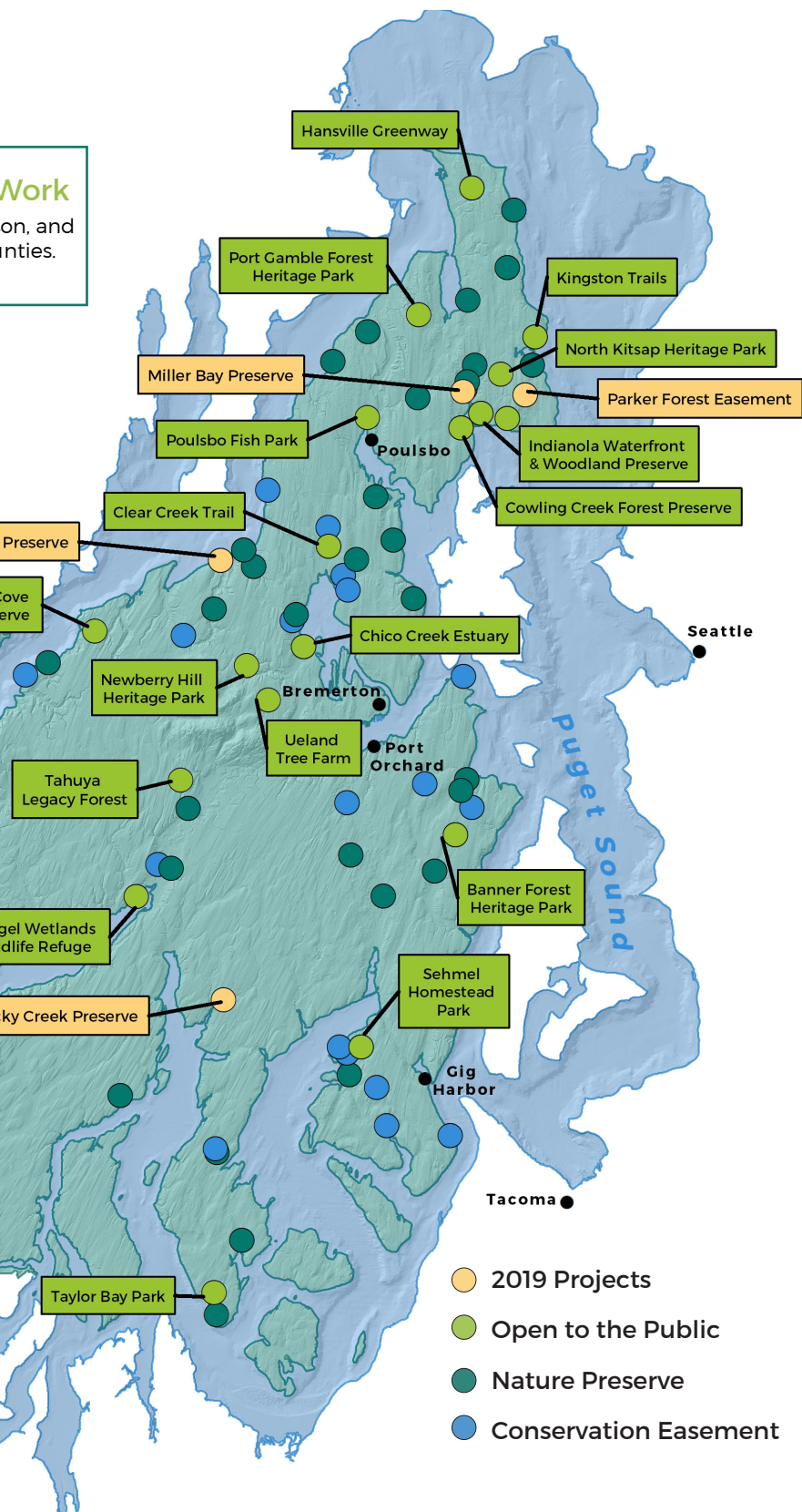
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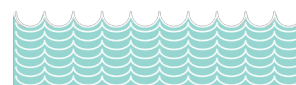
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# Lifetime Conservation



10,612 *total acres conserved to date*



200 *acres of estuary and tidelands &*  
9 *miles of shoreline safeguarded*



71 *miles of stream conserved*



4,873 *acres of forest protected*



4,906 *acres of community  
greenspaces created or expanded*

233 acres protected  
in 2019



# Stewardship Successes

## Volunteer Work Supports Long-term Preservation



Ali joins the team to monitor properties, write management plans, and coordinate volunteer stewards



Orca Recovery Day volunteers restore estuary habitat



Community tree planting events implement forest management plans



GPC collaborates with REI and Kitsap County Parks to increase Howe Farm Park accessibility



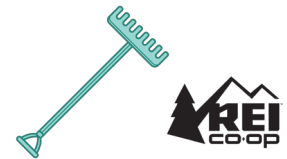
**98** properties monitored



**4,166** volunteer hours



**356** trees planted



**17** acres restored

### Clear Creek Trail

The past year on the Clear Creek Trail brought community scientists out in full force. In March,

**1,000** school children released **2,100** salmon fry into Clear Creek with the help of **78** volunteers during Salmon in the Classroom.

With a grant from the Russell Family Foundation and the Keta Legacy Foundation, a 5-year-old water quality monitoring program was ramped up to include **100** local middle schoolers in the field testing the waters of Clear Creek.

Constant trail maintenance involves many from the community. This year **3,576** volunteer hours restored and maintained the Clear Creek riparian area for all to enjoy.



### Volunteer of the Year



Naturalist enthusiast and artist John Foltz recently got back into volunteer stewardship work thanks to WSU Extension. In the last year, John's volunteer work with GPC has found him braving rainy work parties where he's invested his time to build trail, restore an estuary, and pull invasive species.

John also designed and handmade GPC's beautiful wooden event signs. You may have seen them at our Chico Creek site during Salmon Tours, where John volunteered as a salmon docent. Thank you, John!



# Community Connections

Member Engagement Advances Our Conservation Mission



**738** *community members attended a GPC event*



**304** *Spring Dinner guests*



**1,107** *GPC members made a donation*



**288** *new members joined GPC*



**\$23,000** *from lead partner*

**19** *campers*

**90** *hours outside*

**15** *field trips*

**24** *community partnerships*



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- Invites and discounts to special events
- Pride that you're helping protect the lands you love for future generations!

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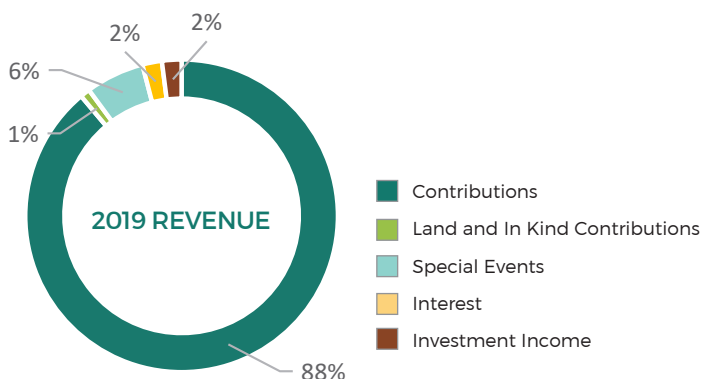
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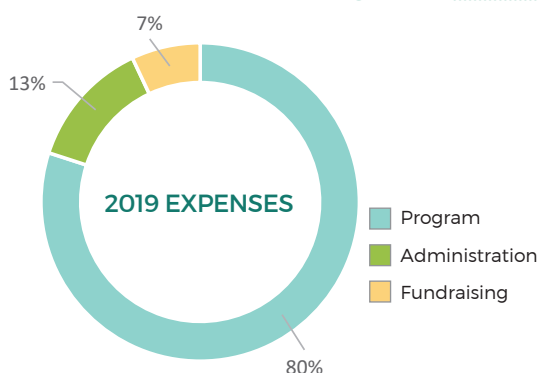
## REVENUE

Contributions.....	\$1,151,242
Land and In Kind Contributions .....	\$16,320
Special Events.....	\$82,716
Interest .....	\$27,671
Investment Income .....	\$23,887
<b>TOTAL REVENUE .....</b>	<b>\$1,301,836</b>



## EXPENSES

Program .....	\$677,118
Administration.....	\$111,450
Fundraising.....	\$56,227
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES .....</b>	<b>\$844,795</b>



## ASSETS

Cash & Investments.....	\$1,868,439
Property .....	\$12,095,089
<b>TOTAL ASSETS.....</b>	<b>\$13,963,528</b>

<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS .....</b>	<b>\$606,767</b>
<b>NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR.....</b>	<b>\$12,911,082</b>
<b>NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR .....</b>	<b>\$13,517,849</b>

<sup>1</sup> These abbreviated financial statements are derived from fully annotated financial statements audited by Aiken & Sanders, Inc., PS in whose opinion they "present fairly," in all material respects, the financial position of Great Peninsula Conservancy for the year ended December 31, 2019.





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