



American White Pelicans made appearances at Crockett Lake and Dugualla preserves last summer. Restoration is ongoing at both preserves. Photo by David Wright.

2018: A Remarkable Year for Island Conservation

Discover What Your Financial Support Accomplished

What is it that you appreciate most about Whidbey and Camano islands? Perhaps it's the quiet natural beauty. Or that feeling of refuge from the fast-paced world of the mainland. Maybe it's the abundance of wildlife. Quite possibly it's the incredible quality of life we enjoy.

Whatever matters most to you, more of it was permanently protected in 2018 because of your ongoing support. Here's a summary of what you helped accomplish last year:

Conserving Vital Island Lands

In 2018, 10 properties, totaling 485 acres, were permanently protected throughout Whidbey and Camano islands, including:

- The 127-acre Donald Borgman Nature Preserve on North Whidbey with its mosaic of wildlife habitats, including freshwater wetlands, conifer and deciduous forest, shrubs and open fields.
- A conservation easement protecting 100 acres at the Whidbey Institute on South Whidbey, which safeguards the upper Maxwellton Creek watershed and adds miles of trails open to the public.
- A 34-acre conservation easement on Dr. Sievert Rohwer's South Whidbey property with numerous ponded wetlands benefiting native waterfowl and amphibians.
- Four more properties at Barnum Point County Park, expanding

the park six-fold to 170 acres, including a mile of beach and a network of trails.

- The 38-acre, Elger Bay Estuary Preserve on Camano Island, made

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Dr. Rohwer's wetland wonder on South Whidbey was permanently protected in 2018.

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Mission

We actively involve the community in protecting, restoring, and appreciating the important natural habitats and resource lands that support the diversity of life on our Islands and in the waters of Puget Sound.

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up of tidal wetlands that are critical habitat for fish and wildlife.

- Another 87 acres of working farmland in Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve, placed under conservation easements, including farmland abutting Crockett Lake.
- A conservation easement on 31 acres of healthy forest and rhododendrons in Greenbank that have been lovingly tended for half a century by Don and Jan Allen.

Caring for the Lands You've Protected

Just as important as protecting key lands is our responsibility to care for those lands and enhance their conservation values. A few of our key stewardship accomplishments in 2018 were:

- Restoring and enhancing ecological health on 250 acres at 10 Land Trust properties. Local contractors, staff and volunteers removed countless invasive species and reintroduced native plants on prairies, wetlands, and forests.
- Having wonderful volunteers attend more than 35 work parties to remove weeds, plant native trees and shrubs, pick up litter, build trails, cut downed trees from trails, and so much more.
- Witnessing salmon fry at the new Dugualla Bay Preserve, two new



Volunteers put in more than 3,600 hours of service in 2018, most devoted to restoring and enhancing the land.

breeding western toad populations, and White Pelicans at our Crockett Lake and Dugualla preserves – all places that are actively being restored.



Members mingle at the Conservation Partner Celebration at the Roaming Radish in June.

Connecting You to Nature and Community

It's also important for you to celebrate these successes and enjoy what you've helped to protect. In 2018, to make that happen, we:

- Opened a new wheelchair accessible loop trail and parking lot at Trillium Community Forest in partnership with Island County. It's a great place to take kids or to go on an easy walk.
- Completed improvements at Glendale Beach on South Whidbey that includes a landscaped parking lot and easy access to the beach.
- Made progress on developing the Walking Ebey's Trail system on Central Whidbey and the Fakkema Farm trail near Oak Harbor.
- Held our annual Conservation Partner Celebration, summer picnic and popular holiday open house, allowing you to commune with old friends and meet new ones.

These phenomenal successes that preserve vital open spaces on our islands happen because of you. Places where fish and wildlife can survive and thrive and future generations will enjoy. Places that provide clean water, clean air, local food, and economic viability. **Places that enhance our love for Whidbey and Camano islands.**

THANK YOU!



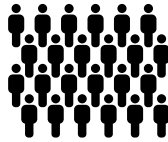
In 2018, the Land Trust offered 25 tours to connect people to the land. Above, stewardship specialist Kyle Ostermick-Durkee talks to a group at Trillium Community Forest.

Jan and Don Allen, pictured here with Land Trust donor relations manager Danielle Bishop, protected their forested property in Greenbank in 2018.

2018 IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

Protecting the Land

43 local landowners we worked with on land protection projects



19 completed real estate transactions protecting 10 properties



58 conservation easements visited for required annual monitoring



485 island acres protected

Caring for the Land

35 volunteer work parties to care for our preserves that are open to the public



3,660 hours worked by 144 volunteers caring for our islands



30,000 native plants planted



250 acres of habitat restored

Appreciating and Learning on the Land



25 events and tours connecting people to the land



Thank You 2018 Contributors You Make the Difference!



As a donor-funded organization, your support is critical in achieving our shared vision for life on our islands, one that includes thriving productive farms, clean air and water, places of respite and recreation, and abundant habitat where wildlife flourishes.

Your donations – no matter their size – keep our islands amazing, beautiful, and naturally wild and we want you to know how much we appreciate your partnership. Thank you for supporting us, working beside us, cheering us on, and celebrating our shared successes.

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Thank you for protecting the natural lands and waters of our islands for generations to come. Pictured is a happy hiker at Admiralty Inlet Preserve.

Together We've Protected 9,467 Island Acres



TRAILS

55 miles
16 sites



FARMLAND

1,170 acres
41 projects



FOREST

3,943 acres
84 projects



OPEN SPACE

287 acres
24 projects



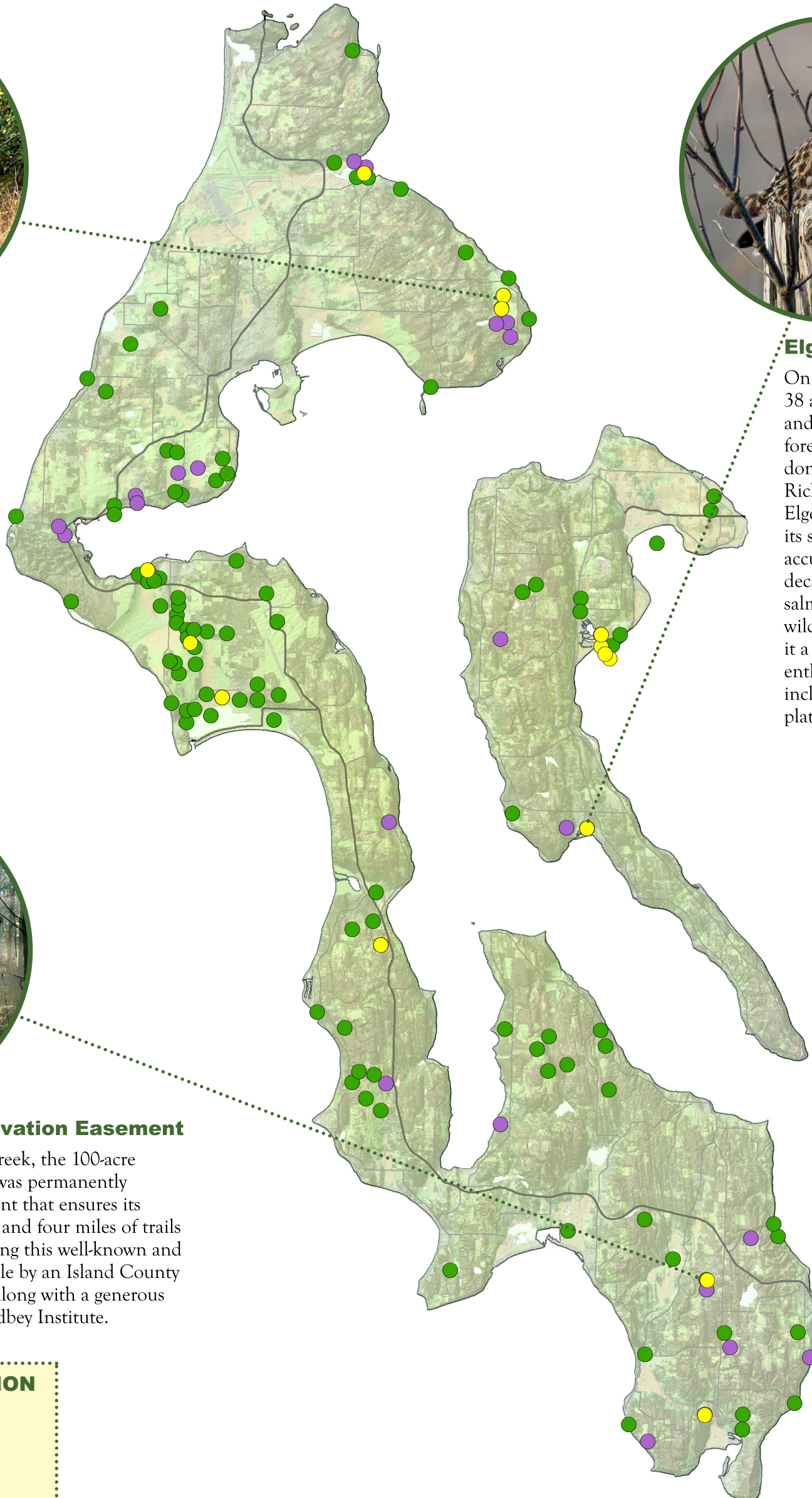
Donald Borgman Nature Preserve

On quietly beautiful Strawberry Point, a few miles east of Oak Harbor, fourth generation landowner Donald Borgman donated 88 acres to create the Land Trust's newest nature preserve. Home to the island's lone elk, Bruiser, the preserve is a mosaic of forest and wetland habitats that attract a diversity of birds and wildlife. Donald also donated a conservation easement on his remaining 39 acres to protect the Borgman family farm. Future plans include nature trails.



Elger Bay Estuary

On Camano Island, 38 acres of tidal creeks and wetlands and the forested fringe were donated by the Gough/Richmond families. Elger Bay is iconic with its sea of driftwood accumulated over many decades. It's a refuge for salmon, birds, and other wild critters that make it a delight for wildlife enthusiasts. Future plans include a nature-viewing platform.



Whidbey Institute Conservation Easement

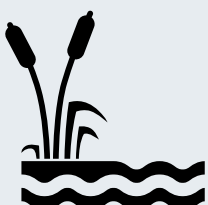
At the headwaters of Maxwellton Creek, the 100-acre property of the Whidbey Institute was permanently protected by a conservation easement that ensures its forests and wetlands remain intact, and four miles of trails remain open to the public. Protecting this well-known and deeply loved place was made possible by an Island County Conservation Futures Fund grant along with a generous donation of land value by the Whidbey Institute.

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- 2018 Protected
- Protection in Progress

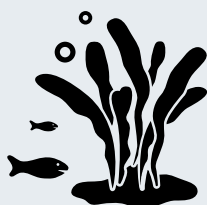
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WETLANDS

673 acres
23 projects



TIDELANDS

3,394 acres
16 projects



SHORELINE

12 miles
16 sites

"I grew up in a place where kids could play in the woods all day. It fostered a connection to and love of nature. I've never forgotten that feeling. Children today need a chance and a place to make a connection to nature. Thank you for all you do to preserve our beautiful islands, not only for today, but for generations to come."

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We're thrilled to have a new and improved website! Check it out at www.wclt.org. It has a great new look and lots of exciting new features. We'll be adding more throughout 2019 to make it even better.

The centerpiece is the upgraded interactive map with easy-to-use search tools. Discover where on Land Trust properties, you can hike, take your dog on a leash, birdwatch, launch your kayak,

and more. Directions and, often, hiking maps are provided. Or search for information about properties we've protected throughout Island County.

The redesigned website is easier to navigate and is much more visually appealing. You'll also find it easier to get updates on our current and past conservation work, volunteer opportunities, ways to donate, and lots more!



The Land Trust's new website, seen through different devices, offers useful tools to learn about island conservation.

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A trail nearly a mile long connecting farm to beach on North Whidbey is one of two exciting trail projects that will begin construction in 2019. Photo by Dave Wechner.

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- Enlarging a North Whidbey nature preserve
- Protecting another 100 acres of native forest in Central Whidbey
- Conserving important working family farms
- Working with eight land owners on valuable donated conservation easements
- Beginning trail construction in Central and North Whidbey
- Restoring wetlands, prairies, and forest to improve fish and wildlife habitat
- Developing pocket trail maps and new strategic plan