



SOUTH OF THE SOUND COMMUNITY FARM LAND TRUST 2017 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP

Oyster Bay Farm, 2017 Farmland Preservation Project

Message from the Board of Directors

Dear Friends,

It has been another successful and growing year in our combined efforts to preserve local farmland and to help the next generation of farmers have access to land they can afford. I am grateful to the many individuals, organizations and corporations that make this work possible through the donation of their time and financial resources. Together, we make possible a future where abundant, productive, sustainable local farmland provides healthy food for our community and contributes to a vibrant, viable farm economy forever.

This year the organization achieved another milestone by acquiring our first agricultural conservation easement. Our easement includes stipulations designed to keep Oyster Bay Farm in production, forever.

At Scatter Creek Farm and Conservancy, the joint work aimed at bringing back cleaning and milling locally grown grain for animal feed continued to move ahead. Like last year, SSCFLT again played host to the Grain Equipment Field Day within the annual Grains Conference. The event focused on equipment for post-harvest processing. We are continuing to partner with WSU Extension, the Thurston Conservation District, and the Port of Olympia to test the feasibility of bringing back feed mill operations vital to driving down the cost of local poultry and hog production.



Clipper Super 47B Seed Cleaner

Field Day photo courtesy of
Swaying Trees Photography



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The 2017 SSCFLT Board of Directors continued to build organizational capacity, strengthening our financial oversight and the effective operations of our five committees. We are grateful to the dedicated work of four part-time staff members in 2017: Mary Ann Swain, Director of Farmland Preservation; Celeste Wade, Operations Manager; Courtney Peetz, Development Manager; and Neil Weinberg, Farmland Preservation Associate.

Like you I appreciate being able to be a part of this local, membership-based nonprofit dedicated to preserving local farmland and keeping it affordable and accessible for the next generation of farmers. We connect with the goal of farmland preservation for many different reasons. Parents, grandparents, neighbors, and teachers join SSCFLT to ensure that future generations will continue to enjoy access to local food. Employers, investors, students, entrepreneurs, and local business leaders join SSCFLT because they know that a strong local food system is part of a thriving local economy. People who care about the planet join SSCFLT because when farmers have the right support, they are able to focus on soil health and sustainable practices that result in a better environment for everyone. Farmers and ranchers join SSCFLT because they want to make their life's work, with all its joys and challenges, possible for those who would continue their legacy. Thank you for being part of this diverse community.

Sincerely,



Loretta Seppanen, Board Chair

Farms Preserved by South of the Sound Community Farm Land Trust

- ◆ Oyster Bay Farm – home to farmers Nate Lewis and Melissa Barker who purchased the farm in 2018.
- ◆ Scatter Creek Farm and Conservancy - home to Kirsop Farm, the Incubator Farm Program of Enterprise for Equity, and farm storage owned and used by Wobbly Cart Farm.
- ◆ Garden Raised Bounty Urban Farm – West Olympia

Agricultural Conservation Easements: Another tool for farmland preservation

This year, SSCFLT and Kathleen O'Shaunessy and Pat Labine, owners of Oyster Bay Farm entered into a legal agreement that protects their historic 39 acre farm from development and assures that the land continues in farm production forever. This is the first time SSCFLT has partnered with farmland owners to develop this type of an agreement. Our previous preservation work involved purchasing the land when the owner wished to sell the farm, then entering into a long-term lease with the farmers who would not otherwise have been in a position to afford access to the land.

The agricultural conservation easement identified the various attributes of the land that owners want to see maintained for the future. At Oyster Bay Farm that includes 17 acres of woodland that will be maintained as stands of alder, maple and fir trees, and 20 acres of pasture land, currently home to sheep and cattle. With the easement, Pat and Kathleen continue to own the land and use it according to the agreement. The agreement will apply to future owners as well.



Historic Barns at Oyster Bay Farm (early 1900s)

Oyster Bay Farm was originally a homestead grant from the late 1800's. It has been farmed continuously ever since. It has gone through many transformations including being a dairy farm that once sold cream to the Olympia creamery. The current farm buildings were erected in 1949 including a large two story barn that was originally designed to house up to 1,000 laying hens. Oyster Bay Farm also includes 300 feet of Totten Inlet waterfront on Burns Cove extending 100 feet into the tidelands. The woodlands and tidelands are home to 99 species of birds including 8 species of birds of prey and 38 species of waterfowl and shorebirds.

First Ever Matching Gift Land Acquisition Campaign

In late 2017, SSCFLT began pursuing an opportunity to purchase a historic farm near Littlerock with the hope of getting the land into the hands of two farm families by 2019. In the past, we would have sought funding for an acquisition like this through Conservation Futures, but since those funds are not currently available we had to go a different route. With a generous match from a major donor and an outpouring of support from so many of you, our community raised \$212,000 over three months! We have been deeply grateful to experience firsthand how generous our community is and how strongly people in our region support local farms and local farmers.

However, as negotiations unfolded, we have reached the point where the historic farm is no longer available for sale to us. We have made contact with everyone who donated to this project so that we can continue to steward the resources we have been given in full transparency and deference to our donors' intent. Most of our donors have chosen to keep their investment in either our Farmland Acquisition Fund for future farm purchases or as funds to be used by the Board of Directors where most needed to preserve farmland.

Improving Infrastructure at Scatter Creek Farm and Conservancy

Skyline Pump workers Installing pipe for the irrigation pump.
Photo by Marcie Cleaver



Together, a partnership involving Kirsop Farm, Dawkins Charitable Trust, NRCS EQIP and SSCFLT, provided the resources to change the irrigation system at Scatter Creek Farm and Conservancy to match new realities. The original irrigation system served for years when one farm family owned and farmed the land. Today the land is farmed not only by Kirsop Farm but by the various participants in the Enterprise for Equity Incubator Farm Program. What was needed was a variable pressure irrigation pump that could be adjusted to meet different farming water requirements. Late in 2017 a partnership formed to fund a new pump and pump house. The pump was recently installed by the hardworking folk from Skyline Pump & Machine. Cheers to water that now flows with variable pressure to sever varied needs and to the partnership of farmers, government agencies, foundations and a nonprofit organization!



New well house, by Marcie Cleaver

We are inspired by the stories our donors share with us. Here is one such story.

This donation is really for my father. From our home on rocky glacial moraine just above North Puyallup, we watched as relentless development consumed the rich floodplain loam of the Green River valley, down through Kent and Auburn and Sumner, through the Puyallup valley into the flats of Fife. All that rich soil supporting so many small truck gardens for the Pike Place Market, vegetables and berries, flower bulb farms and small dairies now under pavement. My dad constantly lamented this short-sightedness (when the surrounding hills could well support industry and housing but cost more to develop), saying "you can't eat concrete". You also can't dig it up and restore the loam if you change your mind.

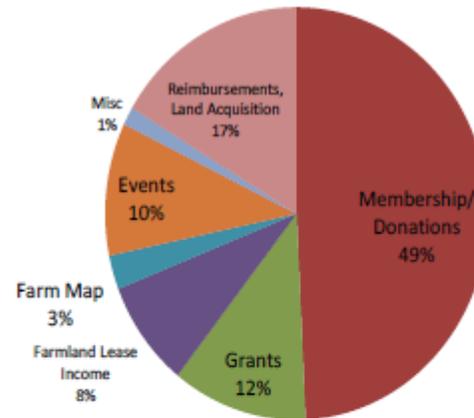
So if farmland is to actually be preserved, our economic and political policies seem to require opening our own wallets. The miracle is that young people still want to do this really hard, element-exposed work of farming. Preserving the farmland that still exists is the only way they can have the opportunity to feed the rest of us.

Linda Fraidenburg, SSCFLT Donor

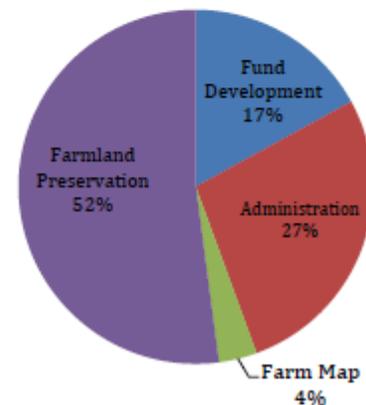
Financial Summary For the Year Ending December 31, 2017

Financial Summary*	
For the Year Ending December 31, 2017	
Beginning Unrestricted Balance, January 1, 2017	\$39,612
Income	
Donations and Membership	\$119,807
Grants	\$34,000
Earned Income	
Farm Map	\$6,780
Events	\$26,362
Farmland Lease Income	\$21,208
Reimbursement, Land Acquisition Costs	\$41,659
Misc.	\$3,603
Total Income	\$253,419
Expenses	
Fund Development	\$24,352
Administration	\$39,181
All Programs	
Farm Map	\$4,989
Farmland Preservation	\$74,474
Total Expenses	\$142,996
Net Income	\$110,422
Ending Balance, Dec 31, 2017	\$150,034
Other Assets	
Net from Sale of Farm Building	\$17,966
Investments & Restricted Donations	\$220,700
*Preliminary pending 990	

Total Operating Income, 2017



Total Expenses, 2017



INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF FARMLAND

You put the “community” in Community Farm Land Trust. Your support makes the preservation of working, affordable farmland in the South Sound region possible. Here are many ways to show your support:

Monthly Giving –set up an automatic monthly donation through Network for Good or the State Combined Fund Drive

Online Giving –visit www.farmsforever.org at any time to make a donation.

Shop and Support –look for SSCFLT on the charity list when you shop at Bayview and Ralphs with their Thiftcard, at Amazon through the Amazon Smile program, when doing a search on Goodsearch.com

Real Estate Gifts –donate farmland for permanent conservation or real estate for resale to benefit SSCFLT

Securities Gifts –donate securities to SSCFLT; benefit farmland preservation and potentially provide you a tax benefit

Planned Gifts –consider leaving a farmland legacy by including SSCFLT in your will

Volunteer your time –call our office to learn about current volunteer opportunities (360) 353-4838

Farmland Preservation is a community effort.

On behalf of future generations of farmers and consumers, we thank you.

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* Donated to the 2017 Matching Gift Campaign

In Loving Memory

Steve Wilcox made significant contributions to the local community. He was co-owner of Sea Blossom Seafood, a long standing vendor at the Olympia Farmer Market and a member of the Friends of the Olympia Farmers Market. Steve believed in the importance of sustainable local farming and he found various ways of supporting the work of SSCFLT.

It is with full hearts that we honor Steve Wilcox's passing on 7/28/2017. We miss. We thank him for sharing his love of life and belief that, together, we can make this world a better place for all.



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Artwork Courtesy of Mimi Williams

The poster features a central illustration of a farmer in a striped shirt and hat walking away from the viewer down a dirt path in a field. The field is filled with rows of crops, and there are large green leaves and white flowers in the foreground. Two strawberries are prominently displayed on the right side of the illustration. The background shows rolling hills under a light blue sky.