MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dear Friends of SSCFLT,

I am pleased to report that 2014 was a year of significant growth for the South of the Sound Community Farm Land Trust.

Building on the successful preservation of Scatter Creek Farm & Conservancy in 2013, we worked diligently to grow our inventory of permanently affordable farmland. We were pleased to receive a Conservation Organization of the Year award at Capitol Land Trust’s 2014 Conservation Breakfast.

We applied for, and were awarded, funding from the Thurston County Conservation Futures program to acquire more farmland in South Thurston County. We also made a commitment to begin utilizing agricultural easements to preserve farmland, and set the stage for acquiring our first easement. We made large strides toward finalizing the preservation of the one acre of urban farmland that Garden Raised Bounty (GRuB) uses for its agriculture-based youth empowerment program.

At the same time, we made an investment in the growth of the organization. We recruited new board members, hired a second staff person, improved our internal administrative systems, and focused on expanding our outreach to you, our membership base.

Thank you for your continued support of our mission. We look forward to connecting in 2015.

Sincerely,

John C. MacLean, Board Chair

ONE YEAR IN:
SCATTER CREEK
FARM & CONSERVANCY

In October of 2013, SSCFLT made the vision of the community farmland trust a reality when, in partnership with Kirsop Farm and Creekside Conservancy, we permanently preserved 147 acres along the Chehalis River, in Rochester. Now called Scatter Creek Farm & Conservancy, the protected farmland has already proven itself to be an invaluable community resource.

During the 2014 growing season, Kirsop Farm planted several acres to carrots and brassicas, hosted a WSU oats trial, and harvested hundreds of pounds of produce from the land. Kirsop also collaborated with Liza Judge and Marianne Copene of August Farm, to convert the property’s old milking parlor into a WSDA certified poultry processing facility. The facility will allow both farms to expand their poultry businesses to meet

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...growing demand. They’ll each be able to process up to 20,000 birds per year, and tsell them at farmers markets and to local restaurants.

Meanwhile, Rochester-based 4H leader Kendra Meek leased one of the loafing sheds on the property, so members of her 4H club could raise animals for local fairs. Having access to the building and paddocks at Scatter Creek gave local youth a hands-on opportunity to learn about responsibility, leadership, and animal husbandry.

Other local farms, including Wobbly Cart Farm and Flying Cow Creamery, benefited from Scatter Creek Farm & Conservancy as well. Safe, dry storage is of premium value in the flood-prone farming community, and local farmers are leasing space in the Scatter Creek buildings to store equipment, hay, and more.

The community at large had several opportunities to visit and explore Scatter Creek Farm & Conservancy during the summer of 2014. In June, Creekside Conservancy celebrated the inauguration of their 48 acres that will be dedicated to wildlife and riparian habitat. In July, SSCFLT hosted an open house at the Farm, giving community members the chance to tour the farm, and chat with the farmers and 4-H youth. In September, Enterprise for Equity officially dedicated the land that will be home to their planned farm incubator program.

Chanele Holbrook of Creekside Conservancy and SSCFLT board member Marcie Cleaver visit with guests at SSCFLT's open house

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**2014 Strategic Goals**

**Assure that Scatter Creek Farm & Conservancy is a well managed resource**

One of the loafing sheds at Scatter Creek

SSCFLT successfully preserved Scatter Creek Farm & Conservancy in 2013, but our work there is far from over. The board is determined that the Farm should be used to its full potential.

The board formed a Farm Management Committee, which includes all partners and leaseholders, and which oversees management of the Farm and its resources.

We successfully leased out all of the buildings and the land on the property. This ensures that the Farm is being utilized, and also guarantees SSCFLT a revenue stream to cover the costs of property management and maintenance projects.

We worked to engage the local farming community in management of the Farm, inviting farmers to events, and soliciting their input. We also took steps to hire a part-time Property Manager for the Farm, who will join us in early 2015.

**Develop Strategies for Future Farmland Acquisition**

![Kirsop Farm's crops at the peak of the growing season](image)

Led by our Project Development Coordinator, Mary Ann Swain, and the Farmland Preservation Committee, in 2014 SSCFLT’s board looked ahead to future farmland acquisitions.

We applied for, and were awarded funds by the Thurston County Conservation Futures program to purchase more farmland in South Thurston County. So in preparation for a 2015 land acquisition, the board started the process of writing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for future farmer leaseholders.

In addition, we worked steadily to complete the acquisition of GRuB’s one acre urban farm. That project is expected to close within the first quarter of 2015.

Our board made a strategic choice to pursue the acquisition of agricultural easements, and we quickly identified several property owners interested in working with us to preserve their land.

**Ensure Organizational Capacity for Long-Term Stewardship**

SSCFLT staff and stakeholders at the Farm

Led by our new Philanthropy and Outreach Coordinator, Addie Candib, and the board’s Development Committee, in 2014 SSCFLT worked to grow the organization’s base of support.

In early 2014, we published and distributed 10,000 copies of our Direct Sales Farm Map, which continues to be one of our most important marketing tools.

Throughout 2014, we connected with new and existing supporters at local farmers markets, the Thurston County Fair, community gatherings, and our own outreach and fundraising events, including our successful Farms Forever benefit dinner in September.

We also brought our message to local Rotary clubs and other groups, initiated an exciting partnership with the Olympia Food Co-op, and created sophisticated new outreach and fundraising materials.

These activities helped us raise over $76,000 to support farmland preservation!
**Thank You to Our Community of Supporters**

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Waterstreet Café
Whitewood Cider Co.
Wobbly Cart Farm
Wiser Worm Farm
Working Girls Urban Bee Co.
**Financial Summary**

For the Year Ending December 31, 2014

**Beginning Unrestricted Balance, January 1, 2014** $32,223

**Income**
- Membership 2,472
- Donations 36,044
- Grants 6,500
- Farmland Rental Income 20,455
- Farm Map 7,850
- Events 21,805
- Misc. 2,132
- **Total Income** $97,258

**Expenses**
- Fund Development $33,018
- Administration 4,475
- All Programs
  - Farm Map 2,875
  - Farmland Preservation 48,009
- **Total Expenses** $88,377

**Net Income** $8,881

**Ending Balance, Dec 31, 2014** $41,104

**Restricted Assets**
- Scatter Creek Farm & Conservancy $711,035
- Farmland Acquisition Fund 18,872
- **Total Restricted Assets** $729,907

Preliminary pending completion of 2014 IRS 990 Report

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**Investing in the Future of Farmland**

You put the "community" in Community Farm Land Trust. Your support makes it possible for SSCFLT to continue preserving working, affordable farmland in the South Sound region. These are just a few of the ways you can ensure that our farmland stays farmland, forever:

- **Monthly Giving** - Set up an automatic monthly donation through Network for Good
- **Online Giving** - Visit www.farmsforever.org at any time to make a donation
- **Workplace Giving** - Donate to SSCFLT through the Combined Fund Drive or other workplace giving programs
- **Real Estate Gifts** - Donate real estate property to SSCFLT for resale to benefit farmland preservation
- **Securities Gifts** - Donate securities to SSCFLT; it benefits farmland preservation and may provide tax benefits to you
- **Planned Gifts** - Consider leaving a farmland legacy by including SSCFLT in your will

Farmland preservation is a community effort. On behalf of future generations of farmers and consumers, we thank you.
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