

Annual Report 2006

This year saw important growth in both the scope and focus of our land conservation work in the Mid-Willamette Valley. We acquired easements on two important properties in Benton County, Lupine Meadows and Thomas Paine Farms, protecting over 200 acres of rare habitats and species. We are increasing our land protection efforts to protect and restore some of the most endangered habitats in the valley including upland prairies, wet prairies and oak savannahs and woodlands.

We received a significant increase in requests for assistance from landowners who want to conserve and restore their properties. The passage of Measure 37, escalating land costs, and increasing population are providing new challenges and opportunities for our work.

Our stewardship work at Owens Farm to restore wet prairies and oak woodlands is showing success. This past fall we completed understory removal of an additional block within the oak



Owens Farm native grass wetland prairie

woodland area and are excited to see what comes up there this spring. We have completed our Owens Farm Management Plan with the assistance of

many of our members and the ecological knowledge of Dick Brainard at Salix and Associates. This plan is available on-line at www.greenbeltlandtrust.org/OwensFarmPlan.htm.

Our Lupine Meadows restoration work is also showing success. During the fall of 2006 we contracted with RJ Consulting to initiate our wetland prairie restoration at this site. With their skid-steer tractor they removed Oregon ash, invasive fruit trees and English hawthorn that had, over time, encroached into the native wetland prairie. This woody vegetation removal will enable us to conduct a prescribed burn during the fall/winter of 2007, weather permitting. We are working with Tom Kaye of the Institute for Applied Ecology to complete a management plan of this site by the summer of 2007.

We are continuing our efforts to work with the Institute for Applied Ecology and their RARE (Restoration And Re-introduction Education) Partnership program at Lupine Meadows and hope to include Owens Farm during the

2007-2008 school year. This program educates students from Elementary to High School on rare plant populations and their habitats in our region and how they can work to restore and enhance these populations. Throughout the school year, local students learn about prairie species, grow native species in

school greenhouses, then plant seedlings in restoration areas in the spring.

In order to carry on the important work

of land conservation we are reaching out to the newcomers and students in our region to introduce them to the wonderful natural areas in our communities. A generous grant from the Oregon Community Foundation and support from our donors allowed us to hire Steve Lilly as our Outreach and Membership Coordinator. He is working with our board to develop a more extensive outreach program, to increase support for protection of natural areas, and provide opportunities for residents to learn about the work of the Greenbelt Land Trust.

The Board and staff also began an important strategic and business planning process that will help us prioritize our land acquisition, stewardship and outreach efforts for the next 5 years. We held a meeting in April 2006 to take input from our members and partner organizations on where we should focus our conservation work and what are the greatest challenges and opportunities to our work in the Valley.

We continued to expand our funding for land conservation with over \$800,000 in grants received from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, the North American Wetland Conservation Act, and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service Landowner Incentive Program.

An investment in the ongoing success of the Greenbelt was made through a generous bequest from a long time member, Rita McDonald. We are continuing our efforts to grow this fund to \$1,000,000 through a focus on our planned giving program.

Please join us in this exciting work to protect and restore the natural heritage of the Willamette Valley and provide opportunities for communities to experience nature close to home. ❖

Statement of Financial Position 2005-06

Fiscal Year

OCT 1, 2005 – SEPT 30, 2006

INCOME

Major Donors (>\$250)	\$63,159
Donors	\$27,647
Memorial	\$10,740
Earth Share Of Oregon	\$5,172
Land Acquisition	\$3,980
Stewardship	\$3,350
Grants	
Land Acquisition	\$304,000
Other	\$89,442
Investment	\$21,276
Bequest	\$204,563
Total Income	\$733,329

EXPENSES

Management	\$34,262
Fundraising	\$12,229
Land Conservation	\$364,009
Open Space Partnering	\$13,058
Public Education	\$27,433
Stewardship	\$100,789
Total Expense	\$551,780

CURRENT ASSETS

Operations/Cash	\$29,011
Endowment	\$435,440
Land Acquisition	\$351,563
Legal Defense Fund	\$27,080
Stewardship	\$66,753
Total Current Assets:	\$909,847

FIXED ASSETS

Land	\$1,136,883
Equipment	\$3,259
Easement-Purchase Price	\$474,338
Other Assets: Easements (valued at \$1/easement for tracking purposes)	\$7

Total Assets: \$2,524,334

An elected board of directors who serve 3-year terms governs the Greenbelt Land Trust. A list of our officers and directors is included in this report. Our chief executive officer is our executive director, Karlene McCabe.

For the period October 1, 2005-September 30, 2006 we received funding from private donations, grants, interest on investments and sales of donated stock. We did not receive income from events or sales.

The majority of our unrestricted income came from private donors. We also received federal and state grant funding for acquisition of conservation easements and stewardship. We received a major bequest of \$ 204,563 from a long time donor.

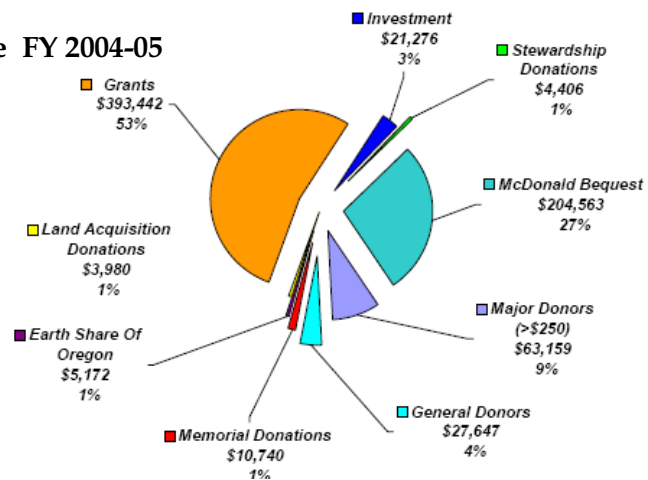
Ninety-two percent of our expenses went directly to our programs, including land conservation, stewardship, public education and open space partnering. As reflected in our IRS Form 990 for 2005 the Greenbelt spent 8.4% on administrative and fundraising costs.

It should be noted that the Greenbelt Land Trust changed to an accrual system of accounting in 2005.

The Greenbelt completed a Federal Audit of the previous year reviewing our income, expenses, and assets.

This report was presented to our members at our annual meeting on February 27, 2007 and is available in both our May 2006 newsletter and on our website. ❖

Income FY 2004-05



Operating Expense FY 2004-05

