

Summer 2009

Conservation Initiatives Report

NCLC's Board of Directors has focused the work of the land trust on five key initiatives where we believe there is the greatest potential to preserve and protect the green infrastructure of the North Coast landscape, and to help maintain healthy ecosystem functions. The common ground we seek to find in partnership with landowners and communities is the ground itself.



Key land acquisition added to the Neacoxie Wildlife Corridor

Tillamook Head Ecosystem Project

- We assisted the City of Cannon Beach by applying to two grant programs for over \$3,000,000 to contribute to the expansion of the Ecola Creek Forest Reserve.
- We are celebrating the 5th anniversary of our purchase of the 365 acre Circle Creek property in Seaside, where this spring brought to life over 6,000 newly established native plants.

Natural-Cultural Lands Associated with National Scenic Byway

- We are working with the Arch Cape community to protect forested headlands adjacent to Hug Point State Park.



Sand Lake Estuary

Neacoxie Wildlife Corridor

- We recently purchased 106 acres of Coastal dune, forest and prairie for \$600,000 in partnership with the National Park Service, who will be the eventual land owner.

Columbia Quiet Waters Project

- We partnered with the Division of State Lands and a private landowner to protect 106 acres of critical forested wetland in the Skipanon Estuary.
- We are submitting a joint proposal with CREST to tackle invasive species in the Skipanon wetland system.



Volunteer planting day at Circle Creek with The Rainland Flycasters.

Coastal Edge- The Ocean-Estuary-Watershed Connection

- We are working with four private landowners to protect 212 acres and 1.5 miles of Necanicum River, wetlands and forest for \$1.3 million.
- We purchased 80 acres of the Coal Creek Swamp in the Nehalem Estuary for \$125,000.
- We are working with private landowners to acquire 167 acres that will connect four significant, protected parcels surrounding Sand Lake Estuary, near Pacific City.