

## HOW YOU CAN HELP:



- ❖ Support the Steamboat Conservation Partnership by making earmarked contributions to Capitol Land Trust. Your gifts will sustain staffing and professional resources needed to identify, acquire and manage critical natural areas within the Steamboat Peninsula region.
- ❖ Protect and restore natural habitat on your land.
- ❖ Contact Capitol Land Trust to discuss conservation options including:
  - ☞ conservation easements
  - ☞ donating or selling your land
  - ☞ estate planning and legacy gifts
  - ☞ potential tax benefits
- ❖ Become a member of Capitol Land Trust and the Griffin Neighborhood Association.

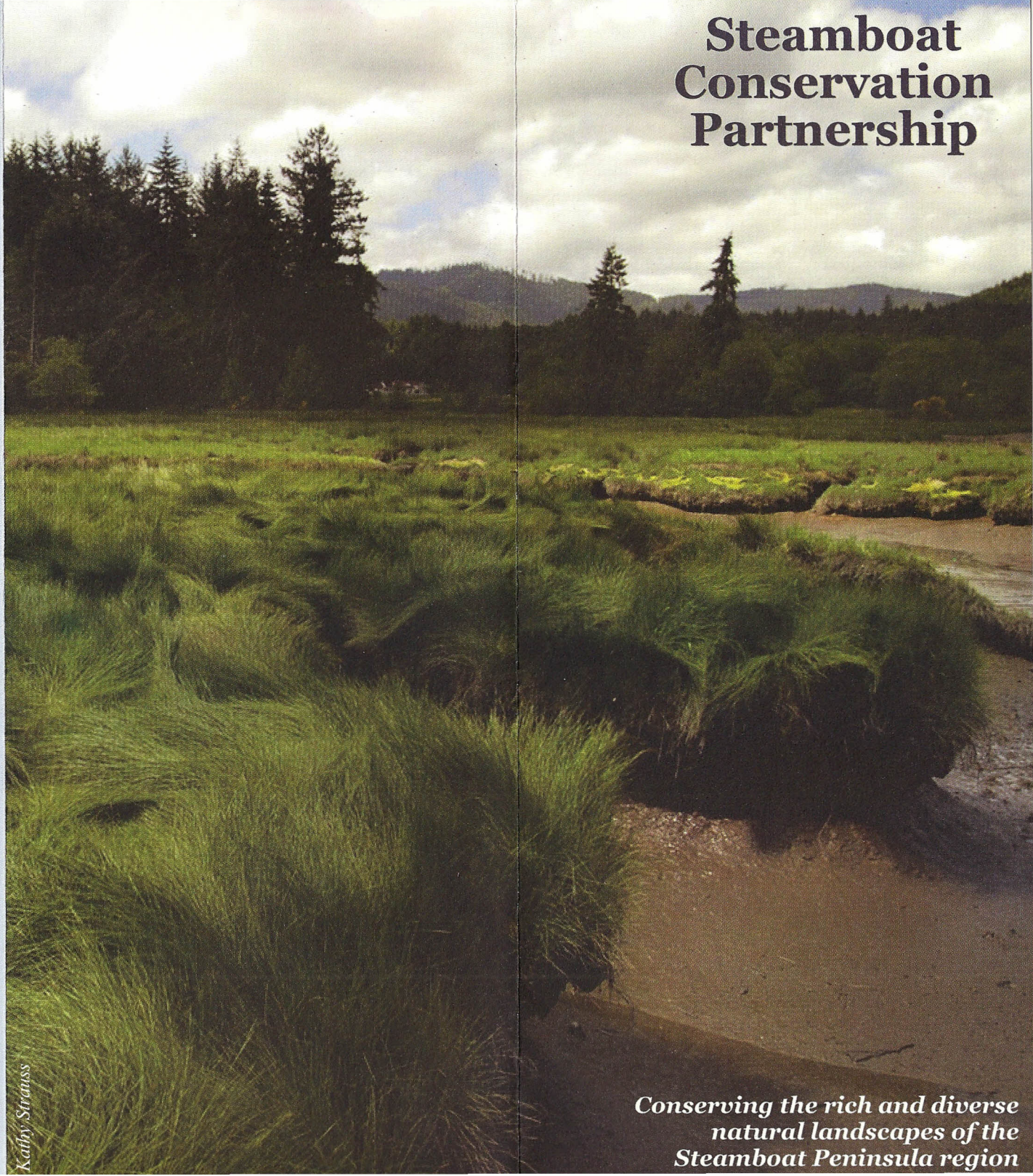
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To learn more about potential benefits  
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or the work of Capitol Land Trust contact:

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Kathy Strauss

*Conserving the rich and diverse  
natural landscapes of the  
Steamboat Peninsula region*

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Rural south Puget Sound is blessed with a diversity of natural areas and habitats, including wild shorelines, forests, meadows, estuaries, and wetlands, as well as working lands.

The Griffin Neighborhood Association and Capitol Land Trust formed the Steamboat Conservation Partnership in 2009 to assist the Land Trust's efforts in conserving these critical areas in the "Steamboat Peninsula region," defined as the watersheds of Eld and Totten Inlets. The Neighborhood Association committed to raise \$15,000 or more each year for at least five years. Capitol Land Trust may only expend these contributions for staffing and professional resources needed to identify, acquire and manage essential natural areas and working lands within the Steamboat Peninsula region.

Capitol Land Trust works with property owners to conserve their property using voluntary, non-regulatory methods. The Land Trust has a proven track record, conserving more than 5,000 acres in four southwest Washington counties, including 13 miles of Puget Sound shoreline. Conservation projects are essentially complex real estate transactions and can take years to complete. Capitol Land Trust is known for its collaborative approach and ability to leverage limited resources.

Recently protected areas in the Steamboat Peninsula region include the Adams Cove pocket estuary on Totten Inlet, an undeveloped shoreline property on Eld Inlet near Hunter Point, and the Lower Eld Inlet Preserve on Mud Bay south of Highway 101. Together with the Steamboat Conservation Partnership, Capitol Land Trust is working to conserve more critical areas in the region.

Please join in helping to conserve important natural areas and working lands in the Steamboat Peninsula region by making a tax-deductible contribution to Capitol Land Trust, earmarked for the Steamboat Conservation Partnership. While many of our donors contribute \$300 or more each year, gifts of any size are welcome. You can help us retain the uniquely beautiful rural character of our region!

"The best part of living here is being surrounded by nature and seeing how beautiful it can be. I've lived here almost all my life. From the time I was little, walking in the woods was a favorite activity of mine and still is. In the fall, I watch the maple trees drop buckets of leaves and in the winter I breathe in the fog as it hangs on the trees. Each spring I wait for the robins to come back and for the first Indian plums to bloom. The summers, most of all, are my favorite time of year, when I can pick the blackberries and huckleberries growing wild by the side of the road. Down at the beach, people dig for clams and watch the herons, bald eagles and Canada geese. There can be no place more beautiful to live than this."

*~Steamboat area resident Maia Erickson*

