

The Griffin Neighborhood Association and Capitol Land Trust have formed the Steamboat Conservation Partnership. This is a unique partnership created to help conserve special natural areas in the Steamboat Peninsula region.

Capitol Land Trust is an Olympia-based nonprofit group with an impressive track record of working amicably with private land owners to protect essential wildlife habitat and natural areas. During the past twenty years, the Trust has permanently secured more than 3,000 acres and ten miles of South Sound shorelines through purchase or easement agreements.

By investing in this partnership with Capitol Land Trust, residents will ensure that the Trust will focus considerable time and expertise on exploring the best ways to protect wild shorelines, forests, meadows and wetlands particularly critical to the environmental health, rural charm and beauty of the Steamboat Peninsula region. This region is defined as the watersheds of Eld and Totten Inlets, with an emphasis on areas within the Griffin School District boundaries.

To help make the Partnership as successful as possible, the Griffin Neighborhood Association has committed to solicit contributions of at least \$15,000 a year for the next five years to help cover Land Trust costs. Any donations will be welcomed, but the Griffin Neighborhood Association is particularly seeking generous donors willing to commit at least \$300 a year for five years. Each person making a contribution of \$300 or more will receive a commemorative gift. This opportunity is unlike most tax-deductible donations in that the money you give goes directly toward your community.

Capitol Land Trust can be trusted to use the money wisely. It is a small, efficient organization with a reputation for making big things happen. The benefits of its work can already be felt out here, seeing how it has protected more than a thousand acres in the Eld Inlet watershed, and several hundred more in Totten Inlet.

Capitol Land Trust operates in a friendly, non-confrontational way that simply works. As a result, it has what few environmental organizations have -- the blessings of both Republicans and Democrats.

Capitol Land Trust will consult with the Griffin Neighborhood Association on strategies and priorities, inform the Association about its progress, obtain assistance, and notify neighbors about volunteer opportunities. As opportunities are identified, the Griffin Neighborhood

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Association and Capitol Land Trust will develop a strategy to finance the purchases of properties or conservation easements.

Visit Capitol Land Trust at www.capitollandtrust.org Visit the Griffin Neighborhood Association at www.griffinneighbors.org

Steamboat Conservation Partnership

"Conserving the Rich and Diverse Natural Landscapes of the Steamboat Peninsula Region"

If you are willing to join this effort and contribute at least \$300 each year for five years, complete the form below and return it with your first year's tax deductable donation of \$300 to:

The Griffin Neighborhood Association 3403 Steamboat NW #330 Olympia, WA 98502

Make the check out to "Capitol Land Trust" and note under "for" in the lower left hand corner "Steamboat Conservation Partnership."

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