

Report to Contributors July 2011

Established in 2009, the Steamboat Conservation Partnership is a collaborative partnership between Capitol Land Trust and the Griffin Neighborhood Association. The Partnership's mission is "to conserve the rich and diverse natural landscapes of the Steamboat Peninsula region."

Thanks to generous supporters like you, almost \$38,000 was contributed to the Steamboat Conservation Partnership over the past two years. Our goal is to raise at least \$15,000 per year for five consecutive years. These funds will help finance the operational activities of Capitol Land Trust's work conserving special natural areas within the Steamboat Peninsula region. The Steamboat Peninsula region is defined as the Eld and Totten Inlet watersheds.

Contributions to the Steamboat Conservation Partnership are held in a trust account by Capitol Land Trust and are restricted to funding a portion of the Land Trust's operational activities within the Steamboat Peninsula region. These activities include identifying and mapping priority conservation areas, developing conservation projects, negotiating with property owners, arranging for property appraisals, and managing acquisitions within the Eld and Totten Inlet watersheds. Close relationships with land owners often take years to develop and are maintained after a property is conserved. Capitol Land Trust monitors conserved properties at least annually to ensure that the important natural values for which it was originally protected remain intact.

Since the inception of the Steamboat Conservation Partnership, Capitol Land Trust has secured two major conservation properties within the Steamboat Peninsula region: the Lower Eld Inlet Preserve and the Adams Cove Preserve.

The **Lower Eld Inlet Preserve** was acquired in 2010. This property is located on lower Eld Inlet (Mud Bay), south of Highway 101, on the east side of McLane Creek. It includes 1.25 miles of high-quality, undeveloped estuarine shoreline, 40 acres of saltmarsh and freshwater wetlands, and 15 acres of mature forest.



Lower Eld Inlet Preserve

The **Adams Cove Preserve** was acquired in 2011. This 34-acre property is located off Adams Lane, on Totten Inlet. The property includes a small but unique pocket estuary and 1,400 feet of undeveloped shoreline. As many of you know, Gayle Broadbent-Ferris, who passed away, played a critical role in getting this property protected.



Adams Cove Preserve

Capitol Land Trust provides regular updates on its activities within the Steamboat Peninsula region to the Steamboat Conservation Partnership Committee of the Griffin Neighborhood Association. This Committee also works closely with Capitol Land Trust to identify priority conservation areas within the Eld and Totten Inlet watersheds. In recent months the Committee has been reviewing maps and speaking with landowners about their potential interest in conserving their property. If you are interested in conserving your property or know some who is, please contact us for more information.

During the past two years the Partnership has held two fundraising events at Prosperity Grange. In 2010, the musical group Gaelica provided a wonderful evening of music. In 2011, Elizabeth Hummell and Friends entertained a large audience with their eclectic music, including a special song in honor of the Steamboat Conservation Partnership. Both groups are based on the Steamboat Island Peninsula and happily donated their talents to help the Partnership.

We want to thank you for your support of the Steamboat Conservation Partnership and encourage you to renew your commitment for the current fundraising year, which is July 1st through June 30^{th} of each year. Some donors make monthly contributions that are automatically withdrawn from their accounts, while others make periodic contributions. All contributions are tax deductible, as they are made directly to Capitol Land Trust, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Please be sure to note that your gift is for the Steamboat Conservation Partnership.

Thank You,

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