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## STEWARDSHIP & OUTREACH REPORT

DECEMBER 2023

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Photos 1-2. Rain and shine, volunteer events occurred across Conservation Land Bank preserves and ranged from planting acorns on Mount Grant (left) to middle schoolers removing trash from Crescent Beach (right).



Photo 3: A collage of seeds at the nursery. In 2023, the Salish Seeds Project produced approximately 30 pounds of native plant seed.



Photo 4. Members of the Samish Tribe and the ICC plant native nursery plugs at Mount Grant Preserve, San Juan Island.



Photo 5. Rob Waldron is the long-term lessee at King Sisters Preserve, SJI.

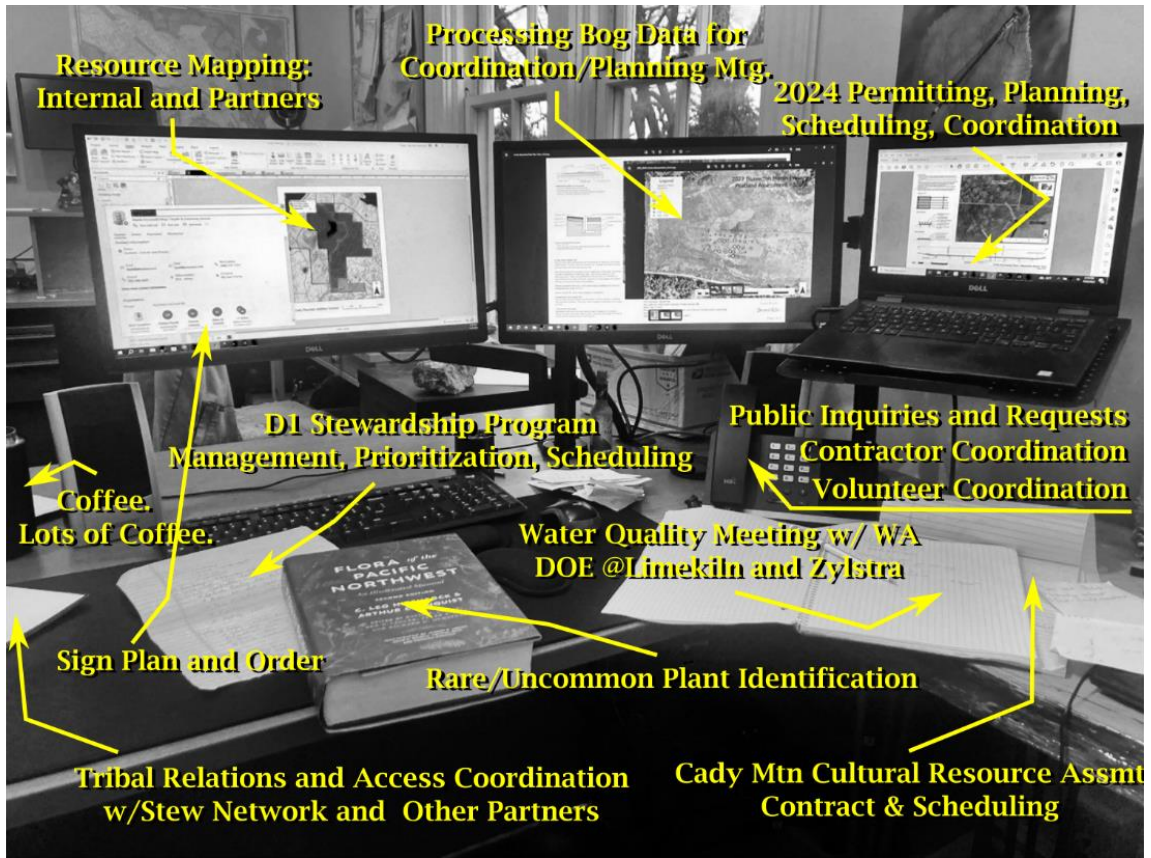


Photo 6. A snapshot of Doug's desk at the Drigg's Park office, SJI.



Photo 7. A pileated woodpecker feasts on madrone berries over the holiday season, SJI.



Photo 8. Jacob takes in the view during annual monitoring at Kellett Bluff Preserve, Henry Island.



Photo 9. Volunteer Elyse Woodruff stands among the junipers --picks up trash and provides boat transport-- during annual monitoring of a conservation easement (CE), Crane Island.



Photo 10. Pacific dogwood, uncommon and admired, at a CE property, Waldron Island.



Photo 11. Barn restoration and protected farmland on a CE property, Orcas Island.



Photo 12. A beaver dam, along with a newly established lodge, signal the return of *Castor canadensis* to the small watershed that includes Fowler’s Pond and Coffelt Farm Preserves, Orcas.



Photo 13. A happy hybrid crew – WTA, Blackcap Restoration, Land Bank staff and volunteers – put on the finishing touches of a new trail segment at Turtleback Mountain Preserve, Orcas



Photo 14. Tyler disposes of buried tires, and there's more to come as part of the upcoming wetland restoration project at North Shore Preserve, Orcas.



Photos 15 -16. On Turtleback Mountain Preserve, a Bigleaf maple leaf adorns a slash pile (left), as staff and the ICC work to plant over 8,000 native wildflower plugs (right), Orcas.



Photo 17. Staff inspect one of 20 new culverts following heavy rains. Several culverts returned flow to seasonal streams that'd been dry since the road was installed many decades ago, Turtleback Mountain Preserve, Orcas.



Photo18. Protected farmland on a CE property, Lopez Island.





Photo 19. Protected shoreline on a CE property, Lopez.



Photo 20. Members of the ICC at Richardson Marsh Preserve, Lopez.



Photo 21. A “sundog” brightens the sky during annual monitoring, Lopez.

*Land Bank staff would like to end the season with a big ‘Thank You’ to our Commission, especially to Christa Campbell and Sandi Friel for their enduring leadership, exceptional communication, and countless hours of service.*

