



North Olympic Land Trust



Our Mission

To protect the North Olympic Peninsula's biodiversity, natural resources, and cultural heritage for present and future generations.



Preserving Our Future Now!



As populations grow and residential and commercial development expands throughout our region, our forests and farms, natural shorelines, and open spaces are rapidly disappearing forever. A voluntary gift of land or a donation of a conservation easement is one of the most significant contributions a family or an individual can make for the future of the North Olympic Peninsula.

Tools for Protection:

What is a Conservation Easement?

A conservation easement is a voluntary legal agreement between a landowner and North Olympic Land Trust that protects the significant features of the property in perpetuity. Each agreement is written to reflect the needs of the owner and the conservation objectives of the land trust.



Friends of the Fields

1,000 Acres Lost Each Year

Over the past 50 years, we have seen more than 75% of our farmland lost to development. **Once converted, it is gone forever.**



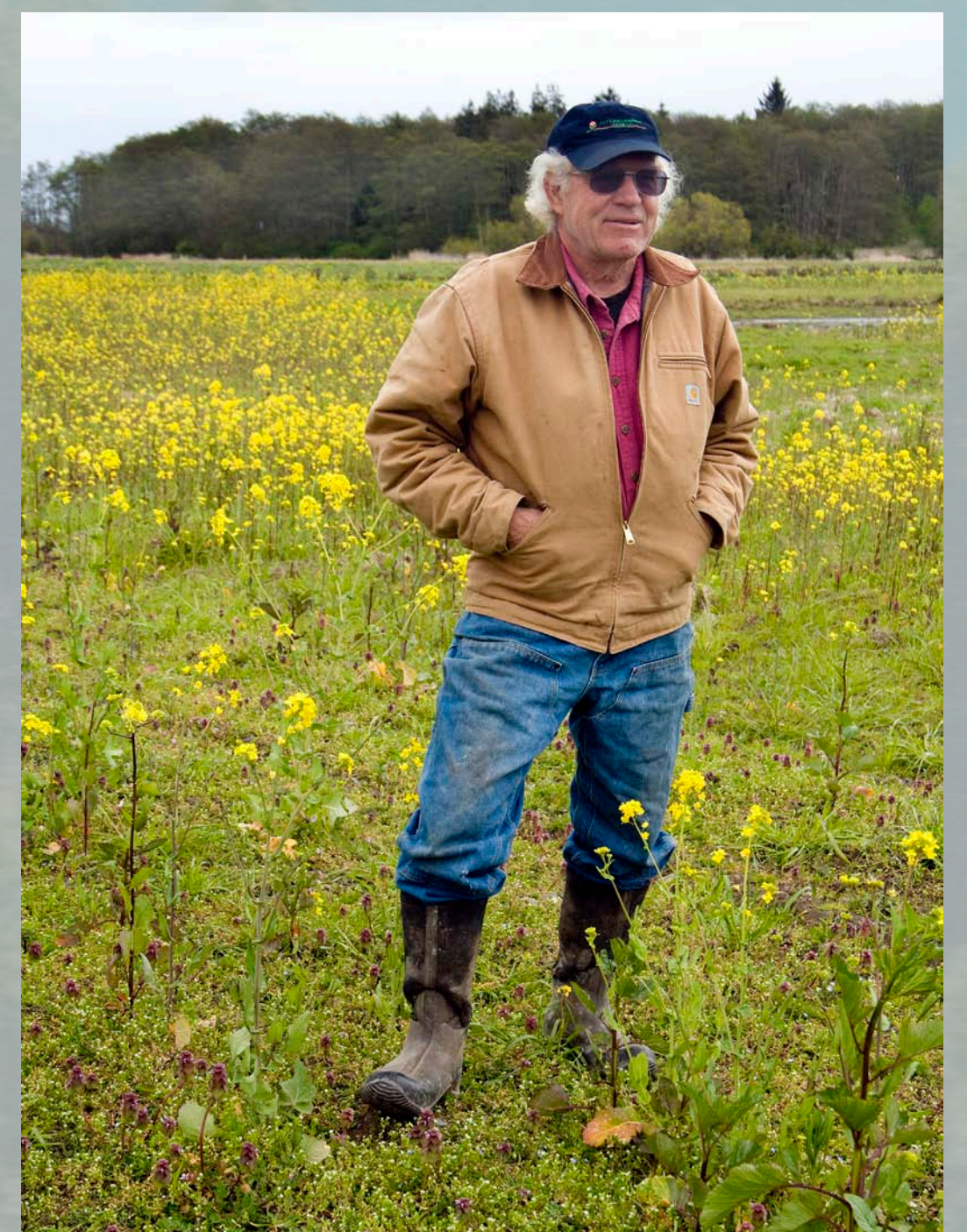
The Bounty of Dungeness



The Sequim-Dungeness Valley, in eastern Clallam County, is blessed with the only year-round growing season in Washington State. Rich soils and a mild climate help local farmers feed our community and bring home revenue from Seattle-area markets.

Fresh from the Farm to Your Table

Produce doesn't have to travel the current average of 1500 miles to get from the farm to your table. Right here in the fertile Dungeness Valley, Nash Huber (pictured right) grows organic seed and produce on more than 400 acres. The North Olympic Land Trust protects forever over 200 acres in the Dungeness Valley which has



helped Nash Huber become one of the largest organic farmers in Washington State, contributing to our economy as well as scenic vistas.



With your help, farming will be a way of life in Clallam County for generations to come.

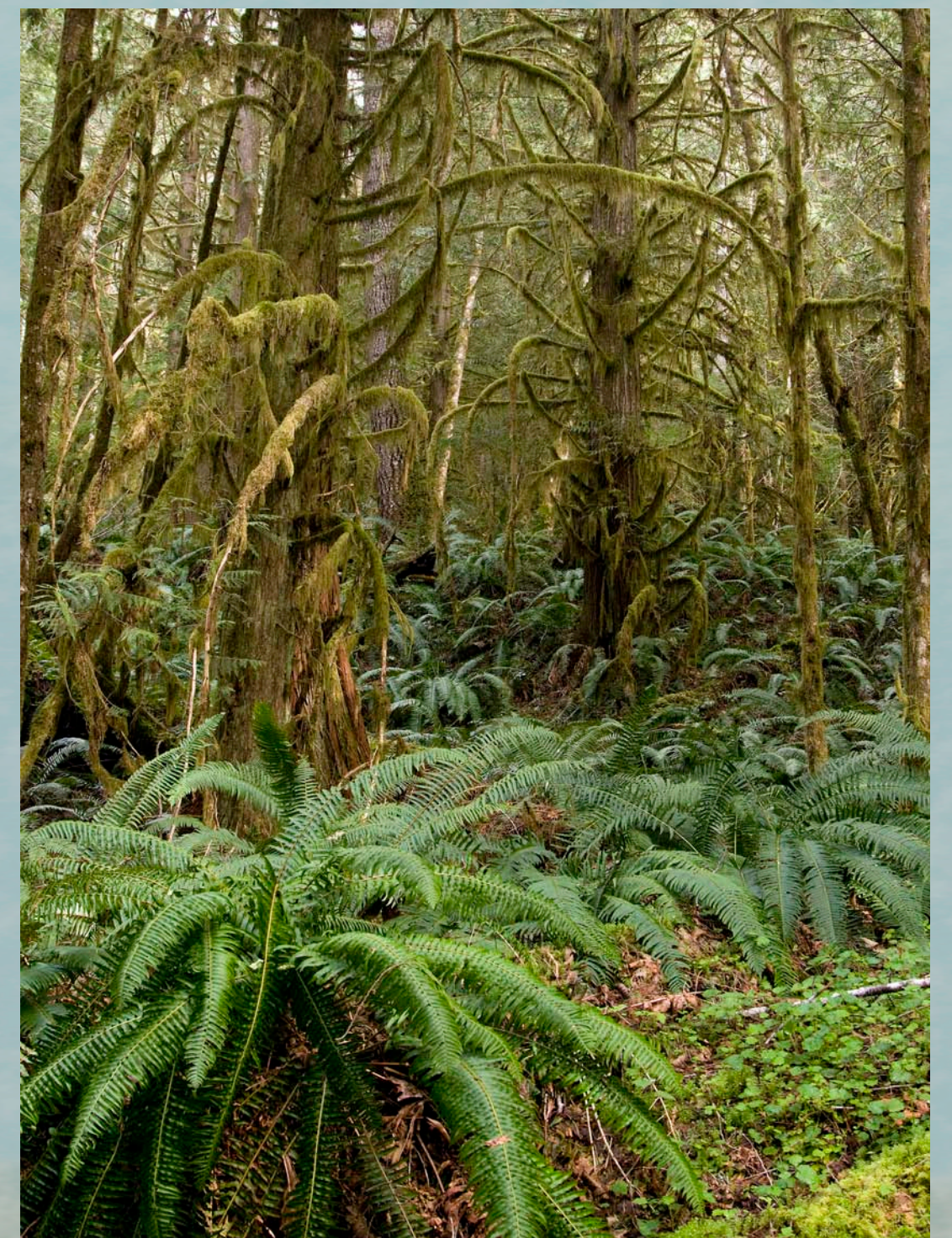
Friends of the Forests

Our Dwindling Forests...

Every year, more than 1.5 million acres of forestland in the lower 48 states are converted to other uses and we lose precious plant and wildlife habitat as well as potential sources of sustainable timber. Fortunately, the land trust works together with private landowners to conserve forever the biodiversity and natural resources that our forests provide.

The Little River Tenancy 132 Acres are Now Protected

In 2009, Little River Tenancy partnered with the land trust to protect over 132 acres of forestland with a conservation easement. This forestland (pictured right) is part of an essential foundation that provides us with fresh water, fish and wildlife habitat, wilderness, working landscapes and a well-balanced climate. Thanks to a conservation easement, these invaluable resources, as well as the natural beauty the forest provides us, are now permanently protected.



Harry Lydiard's Legacy

Harry Lydiard and his family have donated conservation easements that are now protecting almost 340 acres of forestland that will continue to be managed with a sustainable forestry plan. On the Olympic Peninsula trees grow at a rate far greater than most of the U.S. This makes a perfect location for both working forests and forest preserves.

The Lydiard family's partnership with the land trust ensures that this land will continue to provide a rich legacy of family forestry and sustainable timber for generations to come!

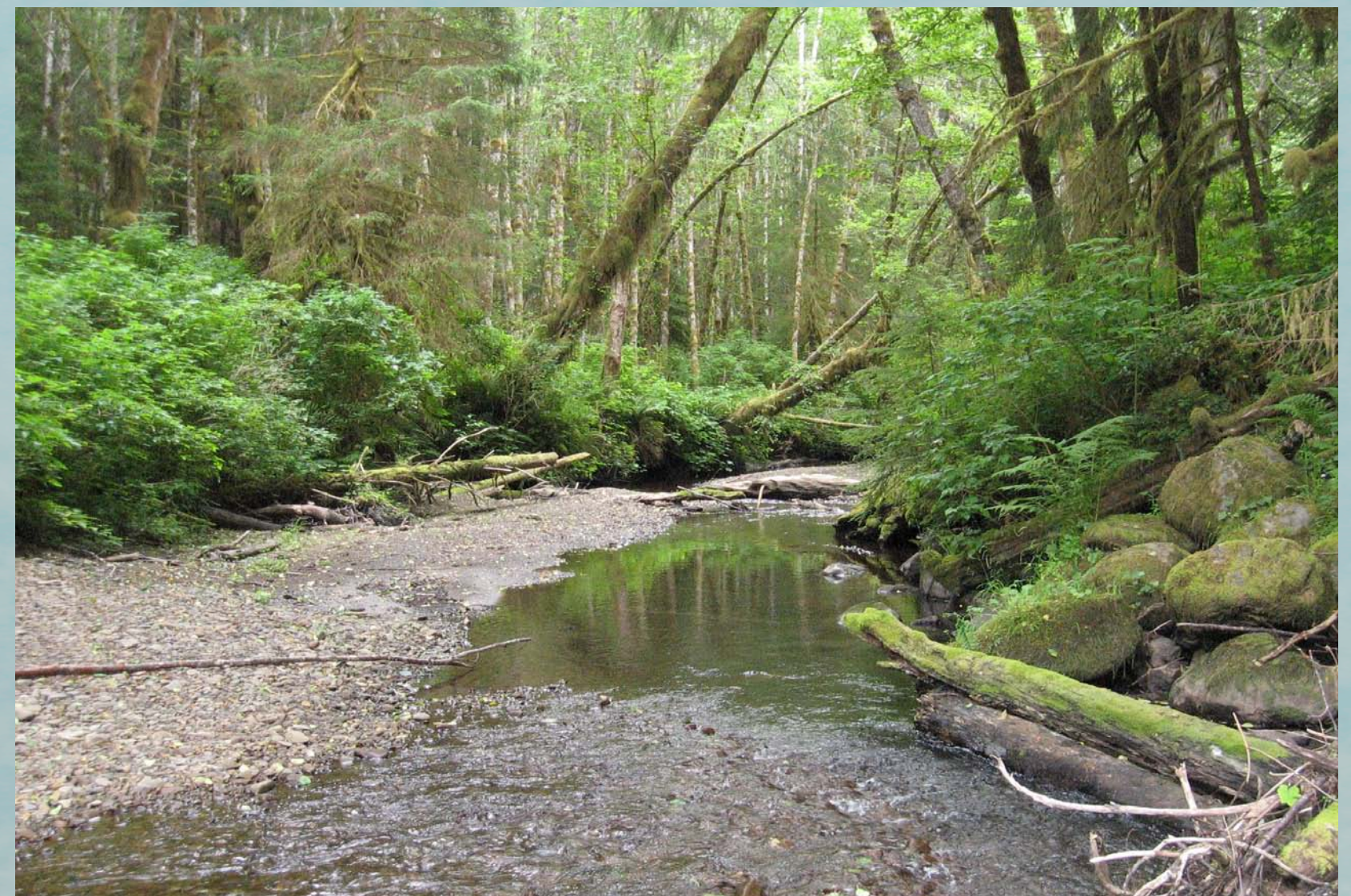


Friends of the Waters

Elk Creek Salmon Habitat: 255 Acres are Now Protected

In 2009, Wild Salmon Center, an international nonprofit organization dedicated to identifying, understanding and protecting the best wild salmon ecosystems of the Pacific Rim, transferred ownership and management of this important fish habitat to the land trust.

Wild coho, steelhead, coastal cutthroat trout, and occasionally fall Chinook salmon are among the many species that thrive in the 11 miles of Elk Creek and its tributaries that run through the property. One-third of all the coho in the Calawha River system spawn here.



Josephine Pedersen (pictured left) has conserved 25 acres of her property with a conservation easement that protects timber, wetlands, fish and wildlife, and the floodplain of the Elwha River forever.

Josephine's conservation easement helps:

- Provide a valuable migration corridor
- Conserve riparian vegetation that protects banks from erosion
- Protect vegetation that supplies shade, maintaining the cool water temperature that fish need to survive