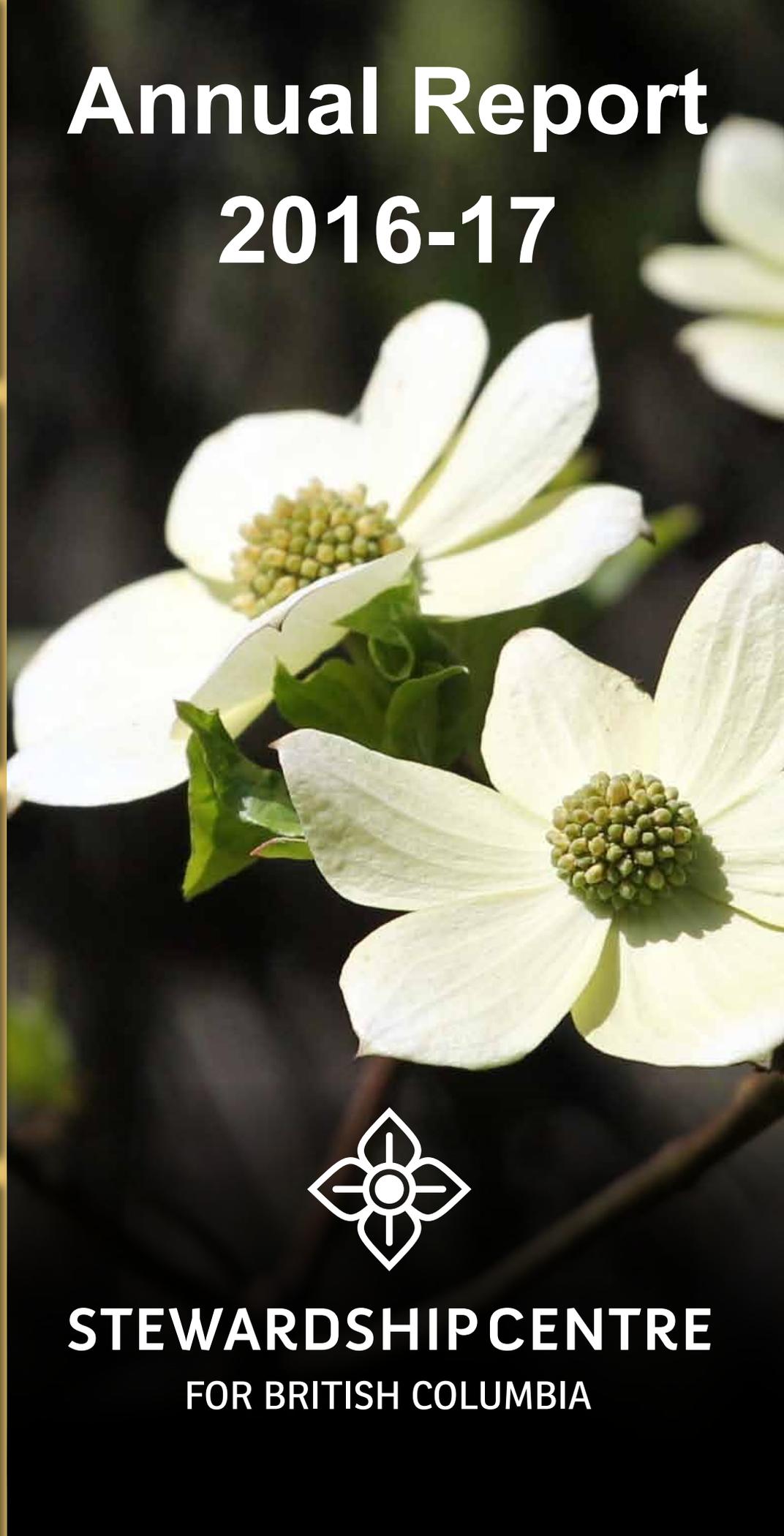


Annual Report 2016-17



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SCBC Board of Directors 2016/17

Vision of SCBC:

British Columbians understand, enjoy, and sustain healthy ecosystems through stewardship.

SCBC's Mission:

Our mission is to strengthen ecological stewardship in BC by providing educational, technical and capacity programs and resources to organizations, governments, the private sector and the general public through collaborative partnerships.

PRINCIPLES:

- Information presented is credible, knowledge-based, accessible and responsive to the needs of stewards in BC.
- Programs are partner-based, inclusive, and non-partisan.
- Initiatives respect the interests and rights of all participants.
- Operations are conducted in an effective, efficient and accountable manner.



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Message from the Stewardship Centre

At the Stewardship Centre, we're inspired each and every day by our amazing community of supporters. Their diverse contributions are reflected in the achievements profiled in this report.

In our work during 2016-2017, two themes emerge: broadening our engagement across multiple sectors; and celebrating the work of the BC stewardship community.

Broadening engagement

In the past year, our work continued to reach more people across BC, in terms of both quantity and diversity.

Over 4800 people are more aware of stewardship and how to practice it after participating in many different SCBC events, presentations, workshops and training activities. This is a growth of 33% over the last year's number of participants.

The diversity of participants also increased. For example, through our Green Shores program, we experienced an increasing engagement of professionals and businesses—from engineers to contractors to plant nurseries—as well as homeowners and private developers. Participation in our Green Shores Local Government Working Group also expanded beyond expectations.

Celebrating Stewardship

Leading up to Canada's 150th birthday, we initiated a celebration of BC's

Stewardship community and a number of inspiring champions who are making a lasting difference in their area.

This initiative is increasing the understanding of what "stewardship" means and what it looks like in practice. It also provides people with concrete information on how they can make a lasting difference in their own backyard.

Our Stewardship Practices project also celebrates a growing number of farmers, ranchers and other landowners who are actively practicing stewardship on their lands, successfully protecting habitat and many species at risk.

Three program areas

Additional successes and outcomes are highlighted throughout this 2016/17 Annual Report. Our three core program areas provide a framework for the report:

1. Green Shores
2. Wildlife and Species at Risk
3. Strengthening Stewardship

On behalf of the Stewardship Centre, we send out a big thank you to all of our partners and supporters who are working together to strengthen ecological stewardship in BC.

While perusing the following pages, please enjoy a look back at major accomplishments this past year – we couldn't have done it without you!

2016-17 Highlights

4832 Participants

at community events, presentations, workshops and training activities.

79 Volunteers

providing technical skills and knowledge, leadership, help on the ground, and more.

5 projects

Green Shores; Cats and Birds; Stewardship Practices Demonstration (2 projects); Creating Stewardship Legacies.

14,765 Users 59,425 page views

on three Websites: main SCBC site, Green Shores & Species at Risk.

4 publications

Marine Waterfront (Canadian Edition); Happy Cat Brochure (edit); Green Shores Policy & Bylaws; Stewardship Practices analysis report.



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Green Shores

Overview

Green Shores™ provides science-based tools, workshops and educational resources to landowners and managers to encourage the restoration and sustainable use of shoreline ecosystems.

Over the past year, Green Shores showed strong growth in project certification enrollment, training offerings, policy updates and projects in communities across BC.

We established a Green Shores Local Government Working Group which meets monthly via teleconference.

We also established a Green Shores for Homes (GSH) Verifiers committee to work on certification for GSH projects. Additionally, the Green Shores Technical Advisory Committee has been expanded and includes both BC and Washington technical specialists.

We also completed a business development plan aimed ensuring the sustainability of the Green Shores program. We will begin implementing it in the coming year.

Training

We hosted three Level 1 Green shores workshops and one Level 2 workshop, all in partnership with the University of Victoria. 80 people attended in total.

We also delivered a Green Shores for Coastal Development project planning workshop in the Cowichan Valley Regional District to 10 participants.

We also offered two free one-hour webinars in collaboration with the Fraser Basin Council and the BC Climate Action Secretariat which involved over 140 participants on the day they were presented. More people continue to access the webinars via YouTube.



Participants at the Level 1 training in Powell River get out of the classroom to learn about shoreline development and restoration.

GreenShores.ca
1850 Users
6,938 page views

LinkedIn
454 members on our Green Shores Group

2 webinars
+ 5 workshops
+ 11 presentations
= Thousands of people reached.



We offered to free webinars on Green Shores tools and resources.

Green Shores 2016-17 Key Partners & Funders

- Fraser Basin Council
- BC Climate Action Secretariat
- Vancity Foundation
- Sitka Foundation
- Real Estate Foundation BC
- Province of BC
- Washington Sea Grant
- Green Shores Local Government Working Group
- West Coast Environmental Law
- University of Victoria
- British Columbia Institute of Technology

Green Shores

Projects

The first BC Green Shores for Homes was certified October 2016 in Qualicum Bay. We have three additional residential projects enrolled in BC (on Thetis Island, Savary Island and in Bowser).

We also enrolled a new Green Shores Coastal Development project in Victoria, bring the total of enrolled Green Shores for Coast Development projects to three.

First BC Green Shores Home certified



The Qualicum Bay home's finished waterfront (above) will soon green up with the native species that were planted as part of the project.

This project was the first certified Green Shores for Homes project in BC. DG Blair, SCBC Executive Director (right) presented the certification marker to the homeowners (middle two). Ryan Christie (left) of Parkville Heavy Equipment, was the design and build contractor for the project.

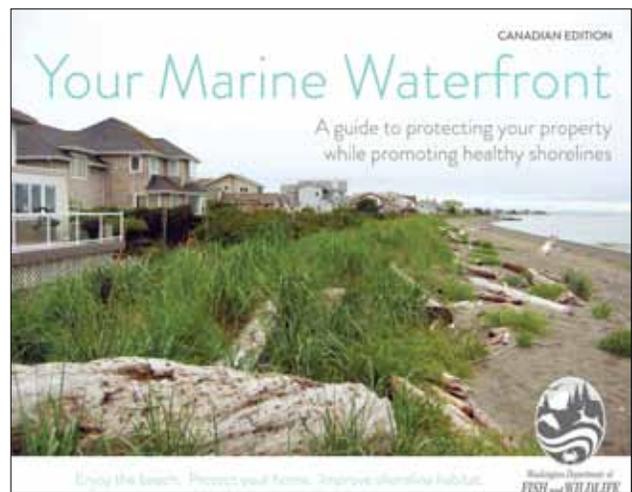
Read more about the project on our [website](#).

Publications

This year, Green Shores was featured in two new publications.

The first was a new Canadian Edition of *Your Marine Waterfront* guide. Originally developed by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) for the US, we worked collaboratively with DFW to create a Canadian edition that reflects relevant Canadian laws and policies.

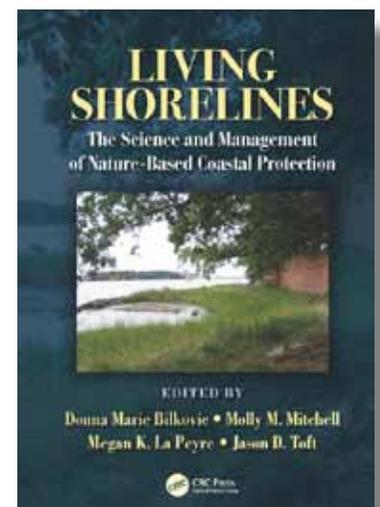
Your Marine Waterfront describes the first three steps to protecting a waterfront home, enhancing both the property and enjoyment of the beach.



The second publication, was *Living Shorelines: The Science and Management of Nature-Based Coastal Protection*.

Published by CRC Press, this valuable new resource includes a chapter on SCBC's Green Shores program called "Green Shores: Using Voluntary Ratings and Certification Programs to Guide Sustainable Shoreline Development."

Both publications will be great references for scientists, students, managers, planners, regulators, environmental and engineering consultants, and others engaged in the design and implementation of living shorelines.



Wildlife & Species at Risk (SAR)

SAR Stewardship Practices Demonstration Project

This project highlights agricultural producers who have adopted voluntary stewardship practices for riparian areas and watercourses – practices that protect and restore habitat for multiple species, particularly species at risk.

The farms and ranches we have documented have had 75 different species at risk on their lands.

In this second year of a three-year project, we developed five new [case](#)

[studies](#), bringing our total on the website to 14.

This year's case studies:

- Beaver Meadows Farm
- Holberg Farm
- Darke Creek Ranch
- Zehnder Ranch
- Okanagan Falls Biodiversity Ranch

A sixth case study will be available soon.



The [Holberg Dairy Farm](#) near Agassiz BC was one of this year's [case studies](#) about how to practice stewardship on the land.

Holger Schwichtenberg, pictured above talking to DG Blair, SCBC's Executive Director, says, "We're trying to show that agriculture and the environment aren't mutually exclusive; you can have both. For example, a narrow riparian strip can prevent top soil loss, act as a nutrient filter, shade out invasive plants, provide a windbreak, and improve the scenery."

Stewardship Practices 2016-17 Key Partners & Funders

- Environment Canada & Climate Change Canada
- Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC
- UBC BRITE program
- Canada Summer Jobs
- The Nature Trust of BC
- Ardcorp/Environmental Farm Plan
- BC Dairy Association
- BC Cattlemen's Farmland-Riparian Interface Stewardship Program (FRISP)

SpeciesAtRiskBC.ca

6953 Users

32,130 page views



Our *Stewardship Practices that Benefit Species at Risk* analysis report was completed this year. (See report on our [website](#)).

Based on interviews and tours of 15 operations that implemented stewardship practices, a number of positive outcomes were identified:

Common outcomes: an increase in habitat and biodiversity; educational opportunities; increase in ecosystem services; and an increase in public support.

Additional outcomes: financial benefits; decrease in invasive species; an increase in aesthetics; and better management options.

We will be using the results of this important analysis to guide development of further resources and next summer's field work.

Stewardship Practices Guides

We have initiated revision of three of our [Stewardship Practices Guides](#):

- Riparian Areas in Settled Landscapes
- Guidance for Restoration Activities in Riparian Areas
- Drainage Maintenance in Agricultural Waterways

This work will expand the knowledge of species at risk and the implementation of associated stewardship practices for riparian and drainage management with a specific focus on the agricultural sector.

Working with an advisory committee of technical specialists, producer organizations, NGO and government representatives will help us ensure these guides are up-to-date and more user friendly.



Tanya Brouwers and Brad Dearden own [Darke Creek Ranch](#) near Summerland, BC.

Before they bought the ranch, cattle had been allowed into the creek and large wetland areas on the property.

Tanya and Brad fenced off all the riparian areas to keep livestock out of the wetland that provides habitat for many species at risk. They continue to battle invasive plants, such as reed canary grass, that have infested some of the waterways.

The creation of so much protected riparian habitat on their property created a ripple effect. They have managed to create a corridor that stretches from their property onto Crown land.

Cats and Birds

Our *Stewardship Practices to Reduce Cat Predation Project* addresses the issue of free roaming cats killing between 100 - 350 million birds in Canada each year.

In partnership with Nature Canada, the project encourages local governments, veterinarians, humane societies, cat care groups, and cat owners to adopt a “no free-roaming” policy to benefit wildlife populations and improve cat welfare.

In 2016-17 we worked with a team of University of British Columbia Environmental Studies students to

design and implement a survey on attitudes and practices on the impacts of cats on birds and wildlife.

We also conducted phone interviews with local governments and animal welfare organizations to collect information on current policies and bylaws in place in their community.

Additionally, SCBC's [Briefing Note for Local Governments and Recommended Policy and Bylaws](#) documents, created last year, were updated by Nature Canada for a national audience and distributed across Canada.



The Happy Cat

Tips for Responsible Pet Ownership



This year we revised our highly successful “[Happy Cat](#)” [brochure](#) to include impacts on bats.

Cats & Birds 2016-17 Key Partners & Funders

- Nature Canada
- Environment & Climate Change Canada
- Partners in Flight

Strengthening Stewardship

Creating Stewardship Legacies



To help recognize Canada's 150th birthday, SCBC and Give Green Canada partnered to help celebrate Canadians taking care of our land and water.

The *Creating Stewardship Legacies* initiative was launched this year to help people learn about how to give different types of legacy gifts, such as gifts of land, money or time.

We are also celebrating the contributions of individuals. The initiative will feature seven Stewardship Champions and additional public nominees.

The Legacies initiative will continue into the next fiscal year.



"To me, stewardship is about taking responsibility for the nature around me. It is also a great way to build community and leave something for the future."

Jenna Falk is passionate about conservation in the Gulf Islands and BC. In her work with Galiano Conservancy, she focuses on partnership development, species-at-risk recovery and legacy fundraising. Jenna is also an active part of the innovative new Millard Learning Centre which focuses on connecting youth to the land.

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Stewardship Champions

Jenna Falk (top) and Heather Pritchard (bottom) were the first Stewardship Champions featured as part of our Canada 150 *Creating Stewardship Legacies* initiative with Give Green Canada.

Each Champion is featured on our website (www.stewardshipcentrebc.ca/legacies/stewardship-champions/) and has a postcard developed to celebrate their contributions to stewardship.



"I believe in growing sustainable, community-based systems that will provide us with healthy, local food for generations."

Heather Pritchard has been a farmer, local food hero and a pioneer in the organic food movement for decades. She is dedicated to ensuring future generations of BC farmers will have the skills, land, sustainable practices and biodiverse seeds they need. Heather co-founded *Glorious Organics Co-op* and *FarmFolk CityFolk*. She is currently working on developing a Foodland Trust Cooperative.

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Learn more on our website!

Our Creating Stewardship Legacies website (www.stewardshipcentrebc.ca/legacies/) has a lot of information on our champions and also on how you can help make a lasting difference. Check it out!

WEBSITE MENU

- [Celebrating Legacies Home](#)
- [Stewardship Champions](#)
- [Nominate a Champion](#)
- [Ten things you can make happen](#)
- [Ways of Giving Green](#)
- [Create a legacy in your will](#)
- [Project Partners & Funders](#)
- [Additional Resources](#)

Strengthening Stewardship

2.25 Million Views

For 3 weeks In early 2017, we had large posters (right) displayed in 10 bus shelters around Vancouver. They received an estimated 2.25 million views.

Thanks to the City of Vancouver's Cultural Services program for donating the space.

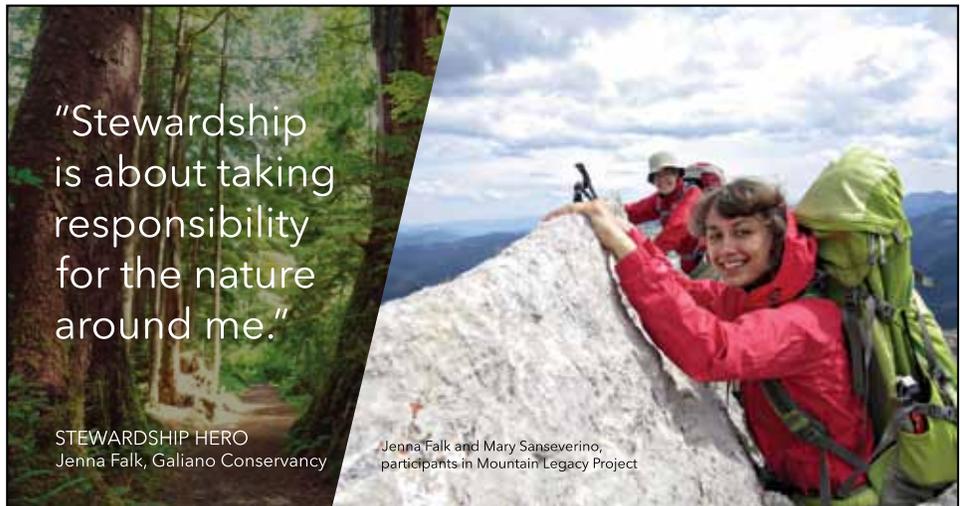
Public Nominees



In addition to selecting our own champions, we asked the public for nominations.

Brenda LaCroix of Christina Lake Stewardship Society (top) and Sam Quinlan of Harvesters of Organic Hops, were the first publicly nominated stewardship champions.

Visit our [champion page](#) on our website to read more about these publicly nominated Stewardship Champions!



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WITH OUR SPECTACULAR,
NATURAL BACKYARD



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Creating Stewardship Legacies 2016-17 Key Partners & Funders

- Give Green Canada
- Government of Canada / Gouvernement du Canada.
- City of Vancouver

Financial Summary

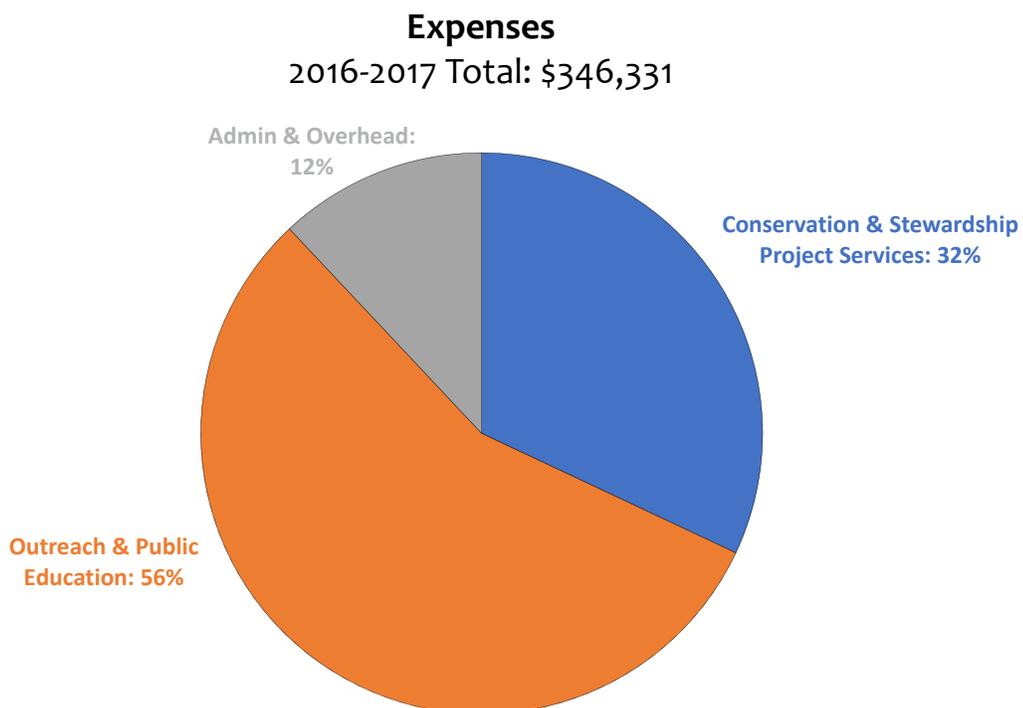
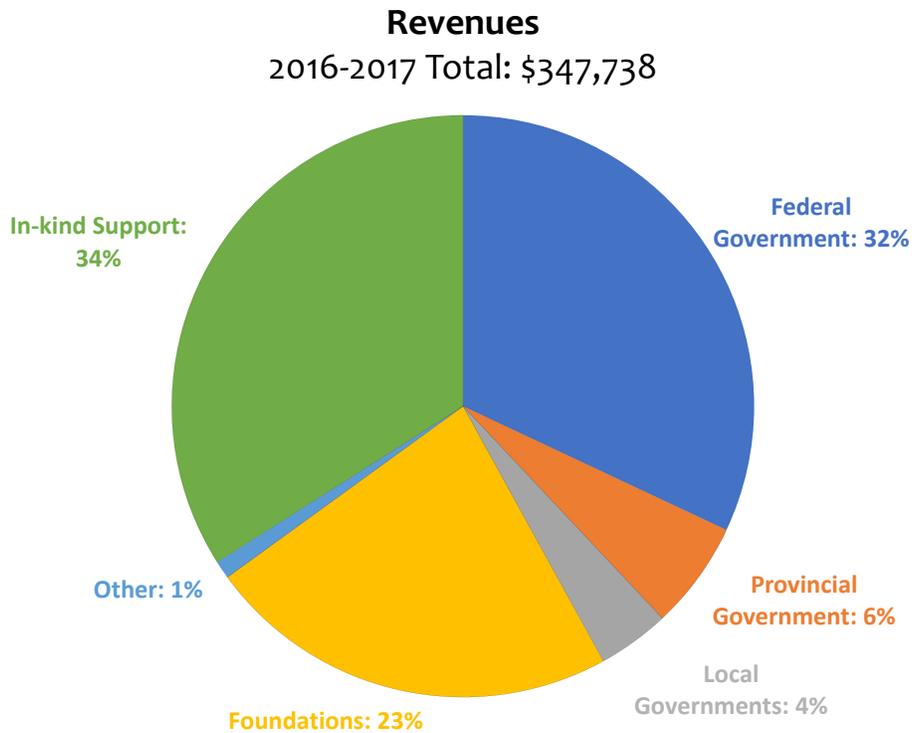
SCBC experienced a financially successful year in 2016/17.

We raised money from all levels of government and saw an increase in foundation funding.

We continued to work with the Habitat Stewardship Program on multi-year commitments and secured

additional multi-year funding from the Real Estate Foundation and the Sitka Foundation.

One highlight is that our in-kind support represents 34% of our total revenues, the largest contribution to SCBC. Our diverse in-kind contributions help us secure additional revenues and amplify our impact.



Looking Forward

As we look forward into 2017/2018, we are planning for continued growth and expansion of our successful Green Shores program: more waterfront homes and developments will achieve certification as they apply Green Shores principles and practices; more GS training will expand the depth and breadth of knowledge about how to effectively and sustainably protect shorelines; and our Local Government Working Group will have an increasing number of local governments interested in actively protecting their marine and fresh water shorelines.

We will also be working more with local communities to implement policies and practices aimed at reducing the impact of free-roaming cats on birds, bats and other wildlife. In partnership with two pilot communities in BC, we will begin implementation of targeted education campaigns to improve bird and cat welfare by working together with municipalities, animal welfare organizations and bird lovers.

To help people continue to implement stewardship practices aimed at protecting species at risk and their habitat, particularly in riparian areas, we will be updating three of our Stewardship Practices Guides. We will also

continue to document case studies of agricultural producers who are implementing stewardship practices on their lands. In total, we expect to have 20 case studies available for others to learn from.

And we will continue to expand our outreach to ensure that more and more people are aware of the many resources that are available to help them practice stewardship in a diversity of ways and places.

All of our achievements wouldn't be realized without the support of a diversity of organizations, agencies and individuals.

Our supporters have provided us with amazing support through direct financial support and/or the valuable technical expertise needed to continue to move our initiatives ahead.

We also want to thank the many individual volunteers and organizations whose dedication to our mandate has made the work of the Stewardship Centre possible.

We look forward to a productive and active year ahead!



Thank-you!

We would like to thank the many individuals and organizations who have provided in-kind and/or financial support in 2016/17:

A Rocha Canada
Alert Bay Marine Research Society
Archipelago Marine Research Inc.
Ardcorp/ Environmental Farm Plan
Baker Creek Enhancement Society
BC Cattlemen's Association
BC Cattlemen's Association Farmland-Riparian Interface Stewardship Program (FRISP)
BC Climate Action Secretariat
BC Dairy Association
BC Ministry of Agriculture
BC Ministry of Environment
BC Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resources
BC Nature Kids
BC SPCA
Bird Studies Canada
Bowen Island Municipality
British Columbia Institute of Technology
Canada 150
Canada Summer Jobs
Canadian Wildlife Service
Capital Regional District
City of Maple Ridge City of Seattle
City of Surrey
City of Vancouver
Community Mapping Network
Confluence Environmental
Cowichan Valley Regional District
Ecosystems and Species at Risk Local Government Working Group
Environment and Climate Change Canada
Evolve Multimedia
Farmland Advantage
Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Fraser Basin Council
Fraser Valley Conservancy
Fraser Valley Watersheds Coalition
Georgia Strait Alliance
Give Green Canada
Government of Canada
Gretchen Harlow
Greater Nachako Animal Welfare Society
Herrera Environmental Consultants
Holger Farm
Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC
Islands Trust
LADR Landscape Architects
Lake Windermere Ambassadors
Lees & Associates
Modus Consulting
Murdoch de Greeff Inc.
Nanaimo SPCA
Natural Resources Canada
Nature Canada
Okanagan-Similkameen Conservation Alliance
One Sky
Pacific Streamkeepers Federation
Partners in Flight
Pearson Ecological
Powell River Regional District
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SNC-Lavalin Inc.
South Coast Conservation Program
South Okanagan-Similkameen Conservation Program
Stanley Park Ecological Society
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Vancity Foundation
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