



## HABITAT ACQUISITION TRUST



*A local land trust for  
the Capital region...*



*...helping people  
understand and care  
for nature.*



# HAT

# 2012 Annual Report

## ABOUT HABITAT ACQUISITION TRUST

**MISSION:** We help people understand and care for nature in the Capital region.

**VISION:** Ours is a vision for the future of this region, where:

- The full array of natural ecosystems are healthy and protected;
- The rate of loss of natural ecosystems has been significantly slowed;
- A knowledgeable, engaged public is caring for nature, in all of its diversity;
- The public's commitment to caring for nature is supported by local governments and community organizations;
- Conservation partners are working together effectively with HAT as a leader, and,
- HAT is functioning and appreciated as a strong organization that invites participation.

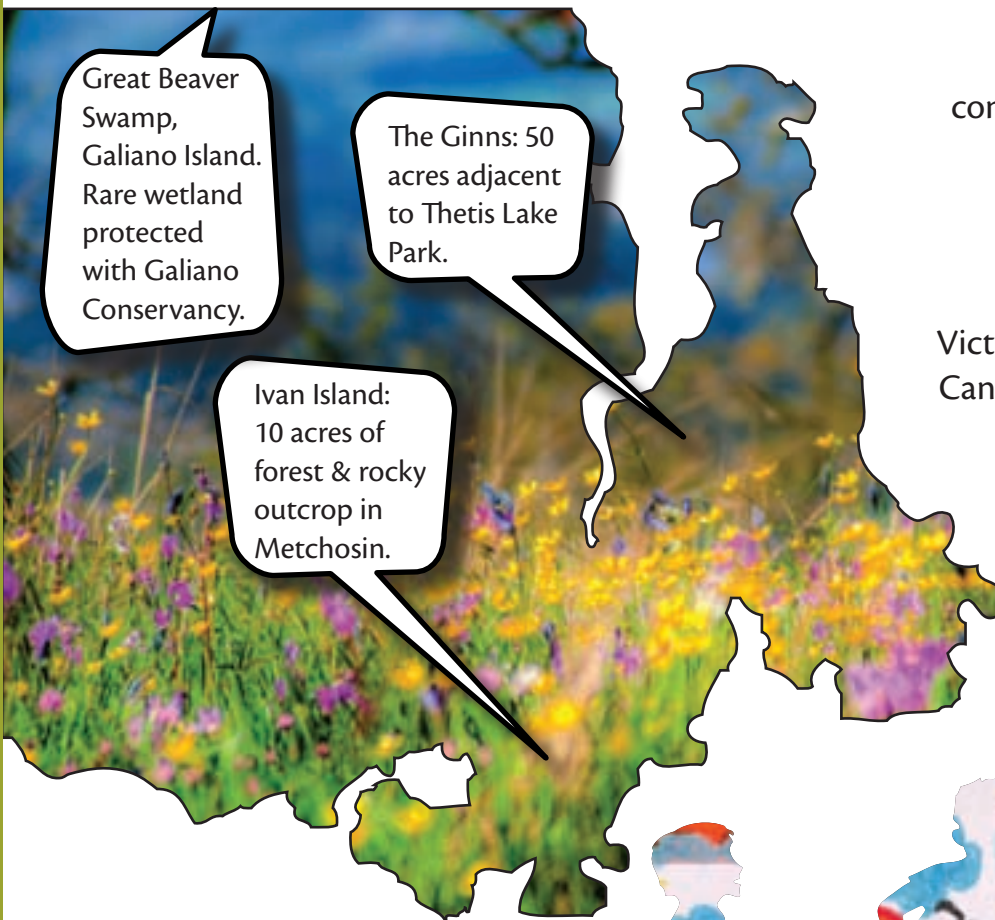
## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Thank you for helping us conserve nature in the Capital region over the past year, and for the last 16 years. We are a local land trust, and our work helps protect, educate, and steward nature in the Capital region, which just happens to be one of Canada's biodiversity hotspots. It is a challenging area to work, so we have to develop strategies specific to this region. Whether its saving iconic, and indispensable, Goldstream Salmon Run school programs, stewardship outreach to local land owners, or protecting the unique South Island rocky outcrops and Douglas-fir forest, HAT is a part of our community.

**GEOFF HUBER**  
President

**ADAM TAYLOR**  
Executive Director

## Land Protection: *Protecting nature now forever*



As a local land trust, HAT helps conserve natural areas in the Capital Regional District in perpetuity. With the help of Nancy Powell, Anne & Jim Ginns, the Galiano Conservancy, the Metchosin & Victoria Foundations, & Environment Canada, HAT protected over 85 acres of natural landscapes in 2012.

*"I believe that my daughter's involvement in this project marks a significant milestone in her healing journey..."*  
-A 2012 Green Spots Parent



### Green Spots:

*Growing Minds Outdoors*

Outdoor play & learning helps people learn, stay healthy, & understand the natural world around them.

In 2012 HAT helped SJ Willis School, Glanford Elementary & Landsdowne Middle School clear invasive species, & plant native species gardens at their schools.



### Goldstream Chums:

*Helping students experience nature*

HAT is proud to help local children experience & understand one of our greatest annual natural events.

Community sponsors have helped HAT send 5000 students to Goldstream Salmon programs in both 2011 & 2012. *Thanks Chums!*

## Creating Connections: *Helping our community work together to care for the environment*

HAT & Open Cinema launched the Victoria Premiere of the film "Play Again." We were joined by Power to Be, Sooke Nature Kindergarten, & Dr Rick Kool of Royal Roads.



HAT hosted the 13th annual Conservation Connection Forum at Royal Roads University, with over 30 other environmental organizations.

## Protecting Habitat

**85** acres protected in 2012

Total acres protected: **4600**

## Fostering Stewardship

**40** households committed to be Habitat Stewards in 2012

Over **500** Habitat Stewards are caring for nature in our community

*"I went over everything with my husband & he was so impressed... with the specific information you were able to provide. We are going to follow up with several of the things we discussed." - J.B., Habitat Steward*

## 16 Years by the Numbers

people  
and care  
nature

## Good Neighbours: *Helping people care for species and habitats*

HAT helps people care for habitat & species-at-risk on their land as stewards of nature.

In 2012, HAT visited 60 homes in the Craigflower watershed, led 2 plantings, & reached over 300 people with information on stewarding sensitive habitats.

Our species-at-risk outreach helped build or restore nesting sites for 25 Western Painted Turtles, & found 2 new Blue-grey Taildropper populations in 2012.

## Providing Education

**5000** students attended Salmon Run programs

Over **40,000** students sent to salmon programs since 2002

**3** school naturescapes created in 2012

**16** Native plant gardens created at local schools since 2001.

## Building Community

Over **30** groups attended Conservation Connection 2012

**13** Conservation Connection Forums since 1999



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