



2019
Annual Report



SUPPORT SKAGIT AGRICULTURE!

MAKE A ONE-TIME GIFT

When you donate to Skagitonians to Preserve Farmland you are adding your voice to the over 1,200 SPF supporters committed to defending and preserving the best remaining farmland in the Puget Sound region. Check donations can be mailed to our office at PO Box 2405, Mount Vernon, WA 98273 or credit card donations can be made online at www.skagitonians.org.

BECOME A SUBSCRIBING MEMBER

Spreading your gift out over time is an easy way to support Skagit agriculture. Set up your donation once through our online donation page and the payment will be processed monthly without you having to do anything until you either cancel or change your gift.

DONATE VIA AN IRA QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION

When planning your IRA withdrawal strategy, if you are at least 70½, you may want to consider making a charitable donation through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). You can make a QCD directly to Skagitonians to Preserve Farmland without the gift counting as income for federal income tax purposes. Contact your IRA plan provider to learn their procedures.

STOCKS, BONDS & MUTUAL FUNDS

Donating stocks, bonds, and mutual funds can be an easy way to give to Skagitonians to Preserve Farmland. If itemizing, you'll generally take a tax deduction for their full fair market value. Please contact the SPF office for forms you can give your broker.

CONSIDER A BEQUEST

Imagine the satisfaction of knowing that because of your generosity and planning, you are a major part of maintaining Skagit Valley as the most important agricultural valley in Puget Sound. There are many planned charitable gifts with tax advantages that also help preserve Skagit Valley for future generations. If you are considering a bequest to SPF, we encourage you to consult with your tax advisor and attorney to determine how best to structure a gift for your needs.

SUSTAINING THE VIABILITY OF SKAGIT VALLEY AGRICULTURE

SKAGITONIANS

TO PRESERVE FARMLAND

LONG TERM GOAL: PROTECT 20,000 ACRES OF FARMLAND IN THE DELTA BY 2032

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Convened and hosted Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) Director Derrick Sandison, Puget Sound Partnership (PSP) Director Laura Blackmore, PSP Leadership Council President Jay Manning and PSP Leadership Council members Dennis McLaren and Jim Wilcox, to meet with Skagit agricultural leaders on issues related to farmland preservation and Chinook recovery.

Successfully lead a public campaign to stop a Skagit County Comprehensive Plan Amendment that would have allowed the advancement of the Avalon Fully Contained Community, the highest density development ever proposed for unincorporated Skagit County with over 4,000 homes and commercial businesses sprawled onto 585 acres of land.

Convened an Agriculture Water Roundtable with State Representative Debra Lekanoff and Skagit agricultural irrigators to discuss and explore the complex issues related to the long-term sustainable use of water and agriculture.

Worked with Skagit County Conservation District, the Board of County Commissioners and the local agricultural community to find balance for a Special Assessment that could support the Skagit Conservation District's ongoing work at taxing rate agricultural landowners could financially support.

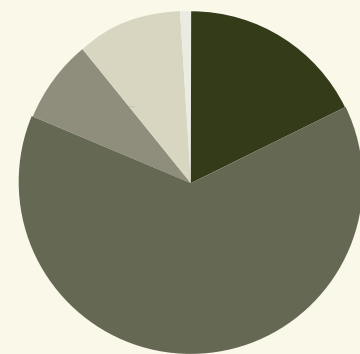
Convened and hosted a Skagit Ag Associations Breakfast Retreat to improve coordination and collaboration among local agricultural organizations whose work focuses on working land and natural resource issues.

Hosted two Youth InFARmation Farm Tours with Lyman School District and Island View Elementary School with over 65 students served.

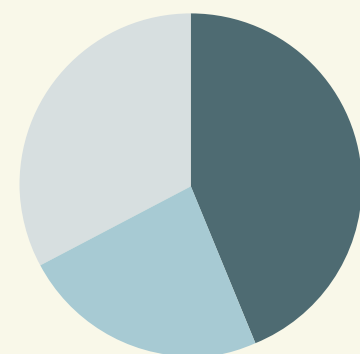
Hosted our 5th annual Our Valley Our Valley breakfast even to a standing room only crowd at Maplehurst Farm to recognize achievement in the past, present and future of Skagit agriculture. Presented awards to honor Richard Smith (Community Legacy in Agriculture Award), Rhonda Gothberg (Innovation in Agriculture Award) and Caleb Boon, Mount Vernon Christian School (Achievement in Agriculture Award) and our first annual \$1,000 youth scholarship award to support continued study in an agricultural related field in college.

Partnered with Skagit Farmers Supply on first annual month long promo at their Country Stores to promote and support the work of SPF.

2019 FINANCIAL INFORMATION



- 18% Fundraisers & Activities
- 64% Membership & Donations
- 8% Restricted Funds (Land Protection)
- 10% Grants
- 1% Investment Income



- 44% SPF Program Implementation (Land Protection/Outreach & Education)
- 23% Fundraising
- 33% Program Support

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$1,072,775
Refundable Deposits	\$3,500
Total Assets	\$1,076,275
Liabilities	\$14,092
Farmland Legacy Trust	\$66,774 (Clear Valley funds)
Net Assets	\$995,410
Total Liabilities	\$1,076,275 & Net Assets

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Revenue	\$618,151
Expenditures	\$347,900
Net Revenue	\$270,250

OUR LEADERSHIP

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THANK YOU

To our members, donors, supporters, sponsors, grantors, businesses, individuals, families and volunteers for your trust and belief in our mission. YOU keep the Skagit Valley farming!



Welcome our newest Board Member, Jennifer Smith.

GET INVOLVED

OUR SPF MEMBERS ARE THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND OUR MISSION, and there is strength in numbers. With more than 1,200 individuals, businesses and organization as SPF Members, your participation sends a clear message that Skagit agriculture is valued in our community, now and for generations to come. Your support provides SPF the financial foundation that is essential for carrying out our important work. Learn more by visiting our website at www.skagitonians.org.

The preservation of farmland has been, and remains, one of the highest priorities of Skagit County residents. SPF looks forward to continuing our work to advocate for, enrich and protect Skagit agriculture, with YOU beside us! Thank you!

OUR MISSION

SPF exists to ensure the continued viability to Skagit agriculture and its required infrastructure through farmland protection, advocacy, research, education, and public awareness.



Skagit County 5th grade students enjoying a hayride during of our annual Youth Farm Tours.



2019 ACHIEVEMENT IN AGRICULTURE AWARD RECIPIENT

Mount Vernon Christian School Senior, Caleb Boon

MEMORIAL AND HONORARIUM

These donations are directed to our Farmland Preservation Fund to be used to protect farmland in SPF Board of Director designated priority areas.

IN HONOR OF: Alan Mesman

IN MEMORY OF: Brad Lenning, Donald Bowman Wells, Emil Allquist, Keith Playsted, Michael Good, Nancy Johnson, Nicholas Bronco, Phillip Newton, Robert Shaver Sr. & Tim DeGoede