

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.



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TRIBUTE GIFTS

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: Dave Hedlin & Serena Campbell, Hedlin Farms, Kim Rubenstein, & Terry Sapp

IN MEMORY OF: Betty Benton, Don Kruse, Donald Bowman Wells, Elizabeth Hedlin, Emil Allquist, Esther Pearson, Jim Kirk, Joanne Lenning, Lavone Newell-Reim, Lonn Benson, Lyla Bjorgan, Neil Hall, Phillip Newton, & Roger William Johnson, Jr.

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2021 Annual Report



Photo: Pelican Northwest

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

AS OUR ORGANIZATION ENTERED INTO 2021, continuing to adapt our work and mission with a pandemic, we came together in significant ways to protect the character and resources of the valley that we hold dear: our farmland.

While we continued our work primarily in a virtual world, tackling difficult challenges facing our farmers and our policy leaders, you continued to support our work, participating in our online community forums, virtual and self-guided farm tours, responding to our calls to action and supporting us through our second virtual auction. The number of new and existing supporters who converted their gifts to a regular, monthly donation grew and we received planned estate gifts that increased SPF's capacity to remain resilient and adaptable.

As we move into 2022, we continue to face the challenges that Agritourism presents. Preserving farmland is our highest mission, and Agritourism has the potential to both benefit and harm farming operations.

We also continue to face a significant threat in a proposal to allow the development of Fully Contained Communities on Skagit Valley's rural lands. These are the size of small cities and would cause significant impact to our rural and working lands. Together with other interests in the valley, SPF co-founded the Right Growth Right Place coalition to work toward permanently preventing this possibility.

Threats like these are not new. This is why SPF formed in the first place, and it's why your ongoing support to our mission is so critical. We have been at this work for more than three decades, and the commitment of our community to the on-going work never ceases to amaze me. I'm looking forward to continued success in 2022, for our farmers and our community. Thank you.



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

Successfully partnered with Skagit County's Farmland Legacy Program and the Pierson Family to permanently protect 285.73 acres of prime farmland next to the Cook Road freeway interchange. The property was the genesis of SPF when, in 1989, a developer attempted to build an agricultural-themed amusement park on the Pierson farmland. Five farm families allied to forge a lasting legacy of farmland preservation. To successfully put these nearly 300 acres into permanent protection is a crown jewel of an accomplishment, ensuring the Pierson family farm will be "farmland forever."

Aided in the preservation of 172 acres of La Conner farmland owned by Nancy Dunton. The property contains exceptional soils in the scenic valley and is now in permanent protection via Skagit County's Farmland Legacy Program.

Launched, in coalition with multiple grassroots organizations in Skagit County, the Right Growth Right Place campaign in response

to an out-of-town developer's proposal to change over 30-years of planning policies in order to build Fully Contained Communities (FCCs) in the rural and working lands of Skagit County. FCCs are massive tracts of sprawl with no local government to manage services and impacts.

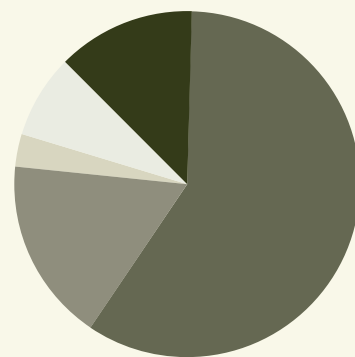
Successfully launched our Youth InFARmation Farm Tour program's first annual Virtual Farm Tour reaching over 100 elementary students in five classrooms across three schools in Skagit County. The Youth InFARmation Virtual Farm tour includes interactive QR Codes linked with videos of the participating farm stops, which in turn are tied to learning activities in the provided student workbooks and STEM learning kits.

Provided a \$1,000 scholarship to award-winning, honor-roll student Emily Johnson, a Sedro-Woolley High School senior. Emily plans to attend Skagit Valley College then Washington State University to further her passion for all things agricultural with a teaching career.

Welcomed Tim Terpstra and Hollie Del Vecchio as our newest board members. Tim is the product development manager at Osborne Quality Seeds, and Hollie is an attorney and a Christmas tree farmer. Both bring valuable perspective and skills to our Board of Directors.

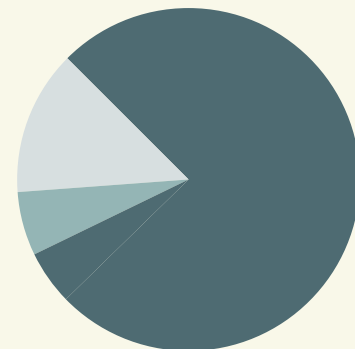
Continued co-hosting, in partnership with the Skagit Drainage and Irrigation Districts Consortium (Consortium), the Skagit Ag. Water Advisory Group, a stakeholder group made up of small and large scale agricultural farmers and irrigation districts representatives, to bring credible feedback and information on the practices, issues and future water supply needs of agricultural operators to the Joint Legislative Task Force.

2021 FINANCIAL INFORMATION



REVENUE

- 13% Fundraisers & Activities
- 59% Membership & Donations
- 17% Restricted Funds (Land Protection)
- 3% Grants
- 8% Investment Income



EXPENDITURES

- 80% SPF Program Implementation (Land Protection/Outreach & Education)
- 6% Fundraising
- 14% Program Support

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$1,127,685
Refundable Deposits	\$2,596
Total Assets	\$113,4037
Liabilities	\$13,256
Farmland Legacy Trust	\$49,978 (Clear Valley funds)
Net Assets	\$1,070,802
Total Liabilities	\$1,134,037
& Net Assets	

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Revenue	\$602,389
Expenditures	\$550,666
Net Revenue	\$51,723

OUR LEADERSHIP

BOARD

- John Anderson
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- Kim Rubenstein
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- John Roozen
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- Audrey Gravley
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- Jen Hart
- David Hedlin
- Bryn Hulbert
- Tim Knue
- Darrin Morrison
- Jenn Smith
- Tim Terpstra
- Hollie Del Vecchio

STAFF

- Allen Rozema
Executive Director
- Rachel Sorrels
Outreach & Education Manager



Welcome our newest board members, Tim Terpstra (above) and Hollie Del Vecchio (left).