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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Charles J. Hurliman, Chair
Tim Josi, Vice-Chair

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Mark Labhart, Commissioner
Washington, DC

STAFF PRESENT:

Paul Levesque, Facilities, Fleet and
Contracts Director
William K. Sargent, County Counsel

STAFF PRESENT FOR PORTIONS OF THE MEETING: Todd Anderson, Sheriff and
Marlene Putman, Director, Commission on Children and Families.

GUESTS: Gareth Ferdun, Georgette Ferdun, Gus Meyer, John Gettman, Dan Mello,
Tami Walker, Don Schmidt and Glenn Ahrens.

CALL TO ORDER: By Chair Hurliman at 9:03 a.m. in Commissioners' Meeting Room
A.

ITEM NO. 1: WELCOME & REQUEST TO SIGN GUEST LIST: Chair Hurliman
welcomed everyone and reminded them to sign the guest list.

Chair Hurliman reported that Commissioner Labhart was in Washington, DC on the
Secure Rural Schools legislation.

ITEM NO. 2: PUBLIC COMMENT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS: There were none at this
time.

ITEM NO. 3: PRESENTATION ON BEST PRACTICES FOR SMALL WOODLOT

OWNERS: Glenn Ahrens is the Oregon State University Extension Forester for
Tillamook and Clatsop Counties. He gave a presentation on family forest management.
Family forests are concentrated along rivers and around towns. There are thirty
thousand (30,000) acres owned by seven hundred (700) parties in Tillamook County.
Timber income is not the primary purpose of these owners. They have more diverse
age classes.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Ahrens for his presentation.

Chair Hurliman recessed the meeting at 9:33 a.m. and reconvened it at 9:40 a.m.

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ITEM NO. 4: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 31, APRIL 2, 7, 9, 16, 2008: A motion was made by Vice-Chair Josi to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Chair Hurliman. The motion carried with two (2) aye votes. The Commissioners signed the Minutes.

ITEM NO. 5: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JUNE 2008 AS "TILLAMOOK YMCA COMMUNITY SUPPORT MONTH": Don Schmidt read the Resolution. Vice-Chair Josi said this was important. Mr. Schmidt provided details of the existing and proposed facilities and services.

Vice-Chair Josi made a motion to approve and sign the Resolution proclaiming June 2008 as "Tillamook YMCA Community Support Month". Chair Hurliman seconded the motion. The motion carried with two (2) aye votes. The Commissioners signed Resolution #R-08-010.

ITEM NO. 6: CONSIDERATION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH NETARTS-OCEANSIDE SANITARY DISTRICT FOR TEMPORARY USE OF BAYOCEAN SPIT ROAD FOR THE UPGRADE OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY: Dan Mello described the proposed project. Work will start on the 19th of May.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Josi to approve and sign the Intergovernmental Agreement with Netarts-Oceanside Sanitary District for temporary use of Bayocean Spit Road for the upgrade of the wastewater treatment facility. Chair Hurliman seconded the motion. The motion carried with two (2) aye votes. The Commissioners signed the Intergovernmental Agreement.

ITEM NO. 7: CONSIDERATION OF A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR BAYSIDE GARDENS COASTAL WETLANDS GRANT PROPOSAL: Gareth Ferdun said they will be acquiring sixteen (16) acres along Nehalem Bay. He described the history of the Trust and its earlier acquisitions. This acquisition adjoins Nehalem Bay State Park and is mostly wetlands. Vice-Chair Josi read the first paragraph of the letter.

Vice-Chair Josi made a motion to approve and sign the letter of support for Bayside Gardens Coastal Wetlands grant proposal. The motion was seconded by Chair Hurliman. The motion carried with two (2) aye votes. The Commissioners signed the letter of support.

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ITEM NO. 8: CONSIDERATION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF GARIBALDI AND TILLAMOOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES:

Sheriff Todd Anderson said this continues the Agreement with the City of Garibaldi. It has been a good relationship. This is a two (2) year extension.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Josi to approve and sign the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Garibaldi for law enforcement services. Chair Hurliman seconded the motion. The motion carried with two (2) aye votes. The Commissioners signed the Intergovernmental Agreement.

ITEM NO. 9: CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO APPLY FOR AND SIGN A GRANT APPLICATION TO WAL-MART FOUNDATION FOR THE 2008 TOOLS FOR SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE and ITEM NO. 10: CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO APPLY FOR AND SIGN A GRANT APPLICATION TO OFFICE DEPOT FOUNDATION FOR THE 2008 TOOLS FOR SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE:

Marlene Putman said both items are to support the Tools for School that will serve nine hundred (900) kids. The project is fully funded by donations and grants. They are for Fifteen Hundred (\$1,500) Dollars and Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars respectively.

Vice-Chair Josi made a motion to approve and authorize Marlene Putman to sign the grant application to Wal-Mart Foundation and Office Depot Foundation for the 2008 Tools for School supply drive. Chair Hurliman seconded the motion. The motion carried with two (2) aye votes.

ITEM NO. 11: CONSIDERATION OF ORDER APPOINTING RICHARD A. COON TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS FOR ABATEMENT OF DANGEROUS BUILDINGS:

Chair Hurliman said this is an important Board.

A motion was made by Chair Hurliman to approve and sign the Order appointing Richard A. Coon to the Board of Appeals for Abatement of Dangerous Buildings. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Josi. The motion carried with two (2) aye votes. The Commissioners signed Order #08-052.

ITEM NO. 12: CONSIDERATION CONCERNING MODIFICATION #1 TO PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT #3675 WITH TILLAMOOK MOTOR COMPANY FOR MOTORPOOL:

Paul Levesque provided a history of the current motorpool. The current Contract is for two (2) years with a provision for two (2) additional two (2) year terms. Due to the increase in oil prices there are some cost increases proposed in the two (2) year Modification. Staff recommends approval.

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Vice-Chair Josi made a motion to approve and sign Modification #1 to the Personal Services Agreement #3675 with Tillamook Motor Company for motorpool. Chair Hurliman seconded the motion. The motion carried with two (2) aye votes. The Commissioners signed the Modification.

ITEM NO. 13: DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR MOTOR VEHICLE PERMIT FOR BAYOCEAN PENINSULA FROM NIEHAUS PROPERTIES, INC. FOR 1N10 31A 1400:

Mr. Levesque described the requirements of the Bayocean Ordinance. The few remaining private land owners are entitled to a key to the first gate and use of the road between the first and second gate. One (1) of the landowners is selling their property and it is in escrow. This permit enables the seller to transfer the key to the buyer as the new permit holder.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Josi to approve and sign the application for the Motor Vehicle Permit for Bayocean Peninsula from Niehaus Properties, Inc. for 1N10 31A 1400. The motion was seconded by Chair Hurliman. The motion carried with two (2) aye votes. The Commissioners signed the application.

ITEM NO. 14: BOARD CONCERNS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There were none today.

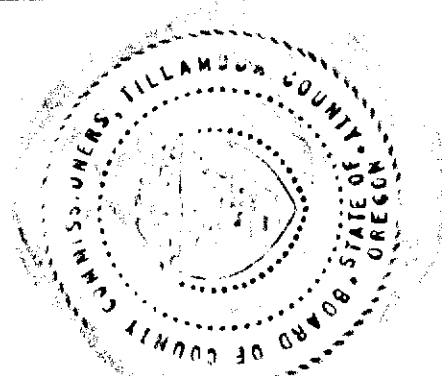
ITEM NO. 15: PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments today.

There being no further business Chair Hurliman adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 1st day of July, 2008.

County Clerk: Tassi O'Neil

Susan L. Becraft
Susan Becraft, Recording Secretary
& Special Deputy



APPROVED BY:

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Chair

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Vice-Chair

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Commissioner

NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA
of the
TILLAMOOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Also sitting as the Board of the
SOLID WASTE SERVICE DISTRICT &
THE 4-H AND EXTENSION SERVICE DISTRICT
to be held

Wednesday, May 14, 2008, at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioners' Meeting Room A
County Courthouse, 201 Laurel Avenue
Tillamook, Oregon

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Monday – 1:00 p.m.
Thursday – 1:00 p.m.
Sunday – 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday – 8:00 p.m.
Friday – 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday – 9:00 a.m.
Saturday – 9:00 a.m.

NOTE: The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to recess to Executive Session as may be required at any time during this meeting, pursuant to ORS 192.660(1).

NOTE: The Tillamook County Courthouse is accessible to persons with disabilities. If special accommodations are needed for persons with hearing, visual or manual impairments who wish to participate in the meeting, please contact (503) 842-3403 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting so that the appropriate communications assistance can be arranged.

CALL TO ORDER: Wednesday, May 14, 2008 9:00 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

1. Welcome & Request to Sign Guest List
2. Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items
3. Presentation on Best Practices for Small Woodlot Owners/Glenn Ahrens

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. Board of Commissioners' Meeting Minutes for March 31, April 2, 7, 9, 16, 2008

LEGISLATIVE – ADMINISTRATIVE

5. Consideration of Resolution Proclaiming June 2008 as *"Tillamook YMCA Community Support Month"*/Don Schmidt
6. Consideration of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Netarts-Oceanside Sanitary District for Temporary Use of Bayocean Spit Road for the Upgrade of the Wastewater Treatment Facility/Dan Mello
7. Consideration of a Letter of Support for Bayside Gardens Coastal Wetlands Grant Proposal/Gareth Ferdun
8. Consideration of Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Garibaldi and Tillamook County Sheriff's Office for Law Enforcement Services/Todd Anderson
9. Consideration of Request to Authorize the Director of the Commission on Children and Families to Apply for and Sign a Grant Application to Wal-Mart Foundation for the 2008 Tools for School Supply Drive/Marlene Putman
10. Consideration of Request to Authorize the Director of the Commission on Children and Families to Apply for and Sign a Grant Application to Office Depot Foundation for the 2008 Tools for School Supply Drive/Marlene Putman
11. Consideration of Order Appointing Richard A. Coon to the Board of Appeals for Abatement of Dangerous Buildings/Charles Hurliman
12. Consideration Concerning Modification #1 to Personal Services Agreement #3675 with Tillamook Motor Company for Motorpool/Paul Levesque
13. Discussion and Consideration of Application for Motor Vehicle Permit for Bayocean Peninsula from Niehaus Properties, Inc. for 1N10 31A 1400/Paul Levesque
14. Board Concerns – Non-Agenda Items & Announcements
15. Public Comments

ADJOURNMENT

BOARD MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

On **Tuesday, May 13, 2008** the County Commissioners will be meeting as part of the Tillamook County Budget Committee. This is the Tillamook County Budget Committee's public meeting, which will begin at **9:00 a.m.** and will be continued on **Wednesday, May 14, 2008** at **1:00 p.m.**, if more time is needed. The public meeting will be held in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the Tillamook County Courthouse, 201 Laurel Avenue, Tillamook. The Budget Committee will receive the budget message, Proposed Budget from the Budget Officer and comment(s) from the public regarding the budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 7, 2008, at the Tillamook County Treasurer's Office, 201 Laurel Avenue, Tillamook, Oregon, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

There will be **no** Commissioners' Staff Meeting on **Monday, May 19** and **no** Board Meeting on **Wednesday, May 21, 2008** due to the lack of quorum.

MEMORIAL DAY is an observed holiday for Tillamook County, as well as the Circuit Court. All the offices in the Courthouse will be closed on **Monday, May 26, 2008**.

The Commissioners' last evening meeting before the summer break will be held on **Wednesday, May 28, 2008** at **6:30 p.m.** at the Kiwanda Community Center. The Commissioners' evening meeting schedule will resume in October.

There will be **no** Board Meeting on **Wednesday, June 4, 2008**. The Commissioners will be attending the Association of Oregon Counties' Spring Conference June 4 through June 6, 2008.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
MEETING

Wednesday, May 14, 2008

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Gus Meyer General

JOHN GETMAN all

Dan Mello NOSD #6

Tami Walker NOSD #6

~~Don Schmidt~~ YMCA

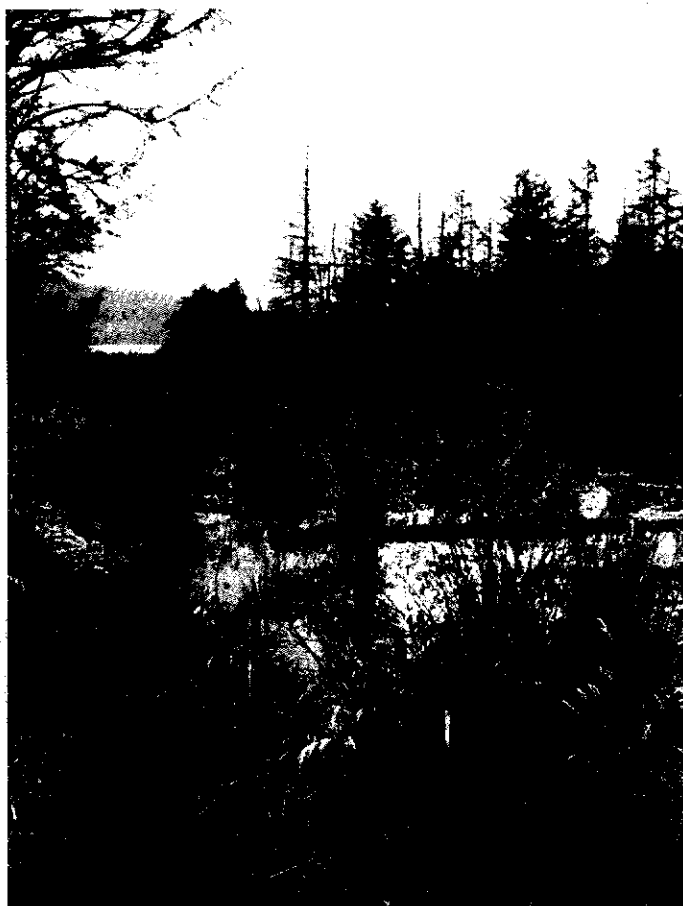
Todd Anderson SHERIFF #8

Glenn Absley OSU Ext, speaker

Marlene Putman CCF #9 #10

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NEHALEM WETLANDS CONSERVATION PROJECT:
A PROPOSAL TO
THE NATIONAL COASTAL WETLANDS CONSERVATION GRANT
PROGRAM



SUBMITTED TO:
U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

SUBMITTED BY:
OREGON WATERSHED ENHANCEMENT BOARD
775 SUMMER STREET NE, SUITE 360
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CONTACTS: MIRIAM HULST AND KEN BIERLY (503) 986-0026

PRIMARY PARTNER: LOWER NEHALEM COMMUNITY TRUST

DATE: JUNE 2008

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Project Description

The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board proposes the use of National Coastal Wetland Conservation Grant funds to permanently protect, via acquisition, approximately 12.25 acres of palustrine forested and estuarine intertidal wetlands and 3.5 acres of adjacent uplands at the edge of Nehalem Bay in Tillamook County on the northern coast of Oregon. The federal funds will leverage cash contributions from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) and the Lower Nehalem Community Trust (the Trust), and in-kind support from private landowners and an array of additional partners. The Lower Nehalem Community Trust, a local non-profit land trust, will ensure perpetual protection and management of the acquired properties.

Acquisition of the proposed sites is an important part of conserving habitat that is critical for the survival of wetland-dependent species, establishing connectivity among state and private conservation sites that border the northern half of Nehalem Bay, protecting water quality in the estuary, and buffering local communities from the effects of climate change. This proposal constitutes the first phase of a two-part project, the goal of which is to permanently protect wetlands that link the Nehalem Bay State Park to land owned by the Lower Nehalem Community Trust and tidal wetlands south of the Trust's land.

This project is consistent with the intent of the National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program established by the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act of 1990. The proposed partnership among the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the State of Oregon, the Lower Nehalem Community Trust, and other supporters will contribute to the long-term conservation of coastal wetland ecosystems and the fish and wildlife populations that depend on these habitats.

Project Need

Numerous studies and planning efforts have identified the Nehalem River estuary as a high priority for wetland conservation and restoration. Although approximately 80% of Nehalem Bay's historic freshwater wetlands have been altered since the mid-1800s, the estuary is less intensively developed than many other Oregon estuaries. Therefore, many of the wetlands have retained natural functions and provide critically important habitat to wetland-dependent species.

The wetlands proposed for acquisition by the Lower Nehalem Community Trust are located within the urban growth boundaries of the cities of Nehalem and Manzanita. Without protection, the wetlands will almost certainly be developed. Acquiring the proposed parcels is an important part of stemming wetland degradation and loss in the Nehalem Bay, linking protected wetland sites, safeguarding water quality, and buffering bayside lands against the effects of climate change.

Project Objectives

- (1) Acquire fee simple title to seven parcels totaling 12.5 acres of palustrine forested and estuarine intertidal wetlands and 3.5 acres of adjacent uplands.
- (2) Protect these properties in perpetuity by title held by the Lower Nehalem Community Trust and a supplemental deed restriction (conservation easement) held by the State of Oregon.
- (3) Develop stewardship plans for the acquired parcels.

Habitat and species benefits

- (1) Permanent protection of the proposed parcels will conserve nesting, feeding, and nursery areas for a diverse array of at-risk fish and wildlife species, such as Oregon Coast coho salmon, bald eagle, purple martin, and Townsend's big-eared bat.
- (2) The importance of the proposed parcels exceeds that of the resources contained on the sites. Permanent protection of these properties is a significant first step to establishing a contiguous protected wetland buffer on the northern edge of Nehalem Bay and ensuring connectivity of sites that are currently protected and managed for sensitive species. The parcels proposed for acquisition are at marked risk of development because they are within the urban growth boundaries of the cities of Nehalem and Manzanita. If these parcels are developed, there remain no other parcels that connect Nehalem Bay State Park, a large property (Alder Creek Farm) that is permanently conserved by the Lower Nehalem Community Trust, and adjacent high-quality tidal wetlands.
- (3) Acquisition of the proposed sites is also an important part of protecting water quality in Nehalem Bay. Protecting the bay from pollutants is essential to ensuring the health of the fish and invertebrates that inhabit the bay and the birds and mammals that feed on them. Protecting water quality is an important part of conserving the significant recreational fisheries for which the bay is highly valued.

Duration of benefits

The acquired properties will be permanently protected via fee title purchase.

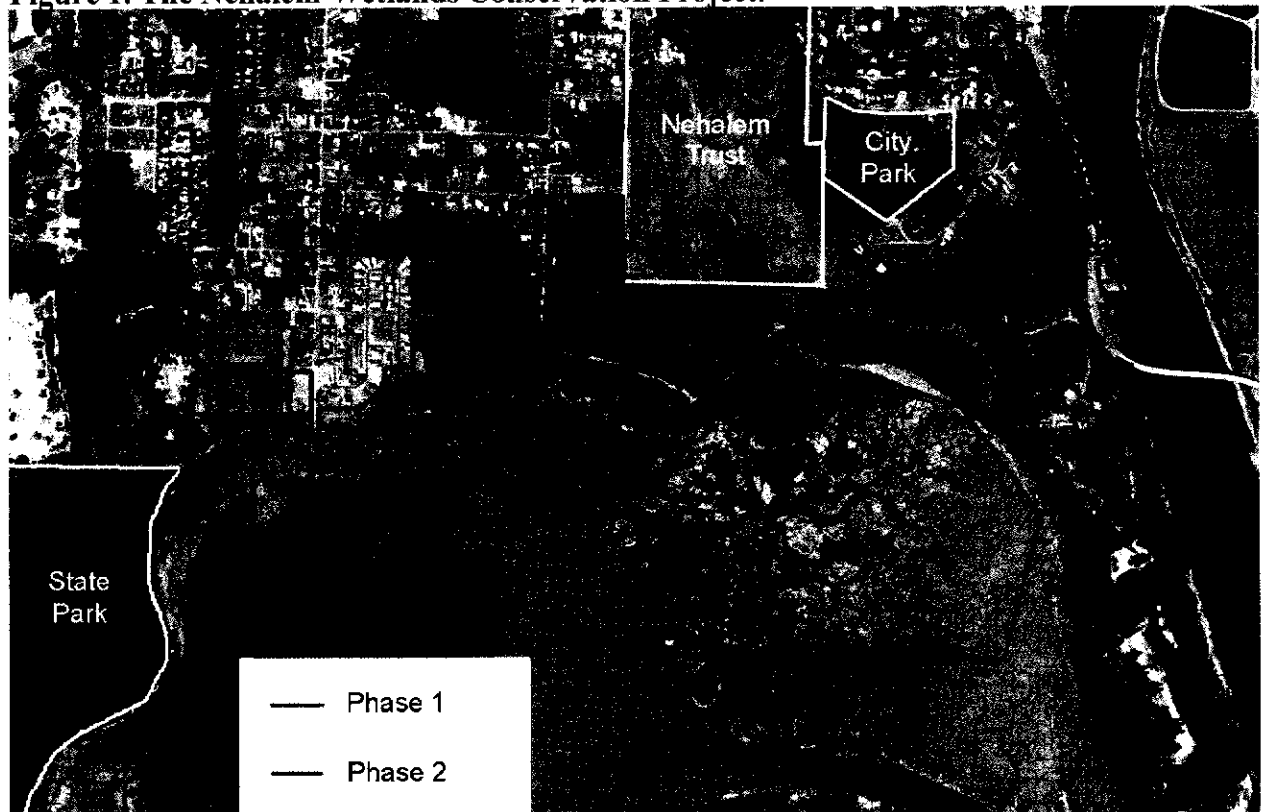
PROJECT STATEMENT

A. Project Need:

Rapid residential and commercial development, driven by the northern Oregon coast's growing tourism and recreation economy, is resulting in marked, permanent losses of freshwater wetlands surrounding the Nehalem Bay. Although approximately 80% of Nehalem Bay's historic freshwater wetlands have been altered since the mid-1800s, the estuary is less intensively developed than many other Oregon estuaries (Christy 2004, Brophy and So 2005). Therefore, many of the wetlands have retained natural functions and provide critically important habitat to wetland-dependent species (Oregon Wetlands Joint Venture 1994). Stemming the loss and alteration of Nehalem Bay wetlands is an integral part of conserving the rich biodiversity for which the estuary, Oregon's fourth-largest, is well-known (Oregon Wetlands Joint Venture 1994, Sea Grant 2003, Brophy and So 2005).

Numerous studies and planning efforts have detailed the importance of conserving Nehalem Bay wetlands (e.g., Cortright et al. 1987, Oregon Wetlands Joint Venture 1994, Drut and Buchanan 2000, Ferdun 2003, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife 2005). The Oregon Conservation Strategy, a statewide framework for long-term conservation of Oregon's native fish and wildlife, calls for focused investments in the Nehalem River estuary. The Strategy gives priority to Nehalem Bay wetland projects **because of good potential to link future projects to sites that are already protected** (Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife 2005).

The Lower Nehalem Community Trust has developed a two-phase project to permanently protect wetlands on the north edge of Nehalem Bay. Phase 1 of the Nehalem Wetlands Conservation Project proposes to acquire from willing sellers seven of the undeveloped parcels located between Nehalem Bay State Park and the Trust's Alder Creek Farm. The Trust intends to partner with OWEB to apply for FY 2010 National Coastal Wetland Conservation Grant Program funds to complete the project's second phase. The goal of Phase 2 is to protect the remaining parcels using a suite of permanent conservation instruments such as acquisitions and easements (Figure 1).

Figure 1. The Nehalem Wetlands Conservation Project.

The wetlands proposed for acquisition by the Trust are located within the urban growth boundaries of the cities of Nehalem and Manzanita. Now is the time to conserve these important parcels; conditions are not likely to ever be as favorable again. The downturn in the coastal real estate market has temporarily lessened development pressure, and presented an ideal window in which the Trust has successfully encouraged landowners who are interested in selling properties to opt for conservation transactions rather than development transactions. The Trust has demonstrated impressive drive in bringing landowners into conservation negotiations. Acquiring the proposed parcels is an important part of conserving Nehalem Bay's northern wetland buffer and linking high-value habitats.

B. Project Objectives:

The objectives of this proposal are as follows:

- (1) Acquire fee simple title to seven parcels totaling 12.5 acres of wetlands and 3.5 acres of forested uplands on the northern edge of Nehalem Bay. The wetland acreage consists of approximately 12.25 acres of palustrine forested wetland and 0.25 acres of estuarine intertidal emergent wetland. The parcels, at high risk of development, will be acquired in the first phase of a two-phase project.
- (2) Protect the acquired properties in perpetuity by title held by the Trust and a supplemental deed restriction (conservation easement) held by the State of Oregon.

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(3) Develop stewardship plans for the acquired parcels.

(4) Use the momentum and enthusiasm garnered by the initial National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program investment to solidify the commitments of landowners who have expressed interest in participating in the project's second phase.

(5) Foster community understanding, appreciation, and stewardship of Nehalem Bay wetlands by: prompting media coverage of the project, expanding the Trust's current education program to include curriculum specific to the acquired parcels, offering public tours of the sites, and coordinating with local teachers to facilitate the use of the sites for hands-on environmental education.

(6) Use publicity opportunities generated by the project to build public awareness of the Trust's mission and community role.

The Trust intends to complete objectives 1, 2, 3, and 4 by the end of 2010. Objectives 5 and 6 will begin in 2009 and become part of the Trust's permanent operations.

C. Expected Results and Benefits:

This project will permanently protect, via acquisition, 12.5 acres of wetlands and 3.5 acres of forested uplands at the edge of Nehalem Bay on the northern coast of Oregon. The Trust will acquire fee simple title to the proposed properties and develop and implement stewardship plans that ensure long-term conservation of the sites' natural resources for the benefit of fish and wildlife and the protection of water quality. The Trust has begun developing a fundraising strategy that will ensure stewardship endowments for the parcels. The Trust will manage the sites in a manner that maximizes public awareness, education, and involvement while ensuring full natural resource protections.

Protection of the proposed properties will conserve habitat for numerous wetland-dependant fish and wildlife species and help to safeguard water quality in the Nehalem estuary. The project also presents an outstanding opportunity for the Trust to further build community understanding of, and support for, wetland conservation in Nehalem Bay. The properties will be added to the Trust's suite of educational venues, facilitating the development of curriculum focusing on the real-world importance of wetland linkages, landscape ecology, fish and wildlife movement, and the need for large-scale conservation projects. The properties will constitute the first forested wetlands owned by the Trust, and will present exciting new experiential learning opportunities for community members.

D. Project Approach:

This project continues State of Oregon investments in the conservation of high-priority areas in the lower Nehalem River subbasin, a biologically diverse watershed and important salmon-supporting system.

The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board has invested more than \$500,000 in restoring the lower portion of the Nehalem watershed in recent years. Most of the projects have focused on improving fish passage and instream and riparian habitat.

OWEB recognizes the importance of broadening the scope of Lower Nehalem conservation activities to include a wetlands emphasis, and has made this an investment priority. The agency recently opted to fund an acquisition project that will result in the permanent protection of 75 acres of rare tidal spruce swamp

approximately eight miles upriver from Nehalem Bay.

The Nehalem Wetlands Conservation Project is especially important because it addresses the pressing issue of conserving Nehalem Bay wetland connectivity. Avoidance of further fragmentation or isolation of natural areas is a central tenet of the science of conservation biology (Meffe and Carroll 1994). Wetland sites with good spatial connectivity afford better wildlife habitat and perform many other functions better than spatially isolated wetlands (Meffe and Carroll 1994, Brophy and So 2005).

Brophy and So's prioritization of Nehalem tidal wetland conservation actions stresses the importance of protecting and restoring non-tidal wetlands adjacent to tidal sites of high conservation priority. The non-tidal sites put forth for acquisition in this proposal are adjacent to Nehalem Bay's highest priority tidal wetland conservation sites, as determined by Brophy and So (2005). Furthermore, Brophy and So (2005) stress that Nehalem wetland conservation should include adjacent upland buffers and connected upland habitats wherever possible. This project furthers all of the goals presented by Brophy and So, permanently protecting high-priority tidal wetlands, adjacent palustrine wetlands, and an upland buffer.

This project is also significant because it exemplifies the spirit of cooperative, community-based conservation. The Trust has demonstrated remarkable skill and success in drawing Nehalem landowners into a vision of contiguous, high-functioning wetlands that positively influence community aesthetics, property values, and educational opportunities.

The Trust will match federal and state contributions to purchase the proposed parcels. The sellers, other private donors, the Trust, and state and non-profit partners will contribute the funds, time, and expertise necessary to develop stewardship plans for the acquired parcels. The Trust has begun making fundraising plans for stewardship endowments for the parcels. The parcels will be purchased and stewardship plans will be completed within two years of receiving National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant funds. Completion of these activities will bring Phase 1 of the Nehalem Wetlands Conservation Project to a close. The Trust will begin implementing the stewardship plans and continue to engage the community in the education and outreach programs for which it is well known.

The Lower Nehalem Community Trust will lead all aspects of the proposed project and will work closely with local, state, and federal entities to ensure project success. The property titles will be held by the Trust and conservation easements will be granted by the Trust to the State of Oregon.

The Trust has begun conversations with nearly all of the parties that own the parcels the Trust wishes to protect in the second phase of the Nehalem Wetlands Conservation Project. All have indicated an interest in talking further with the Trust. While the Trust is completing the first phase of the project, it will work to solidify conservation commitments from the owners of the remaining parcels. Some of the parcels are held by homeowners' associations and might be best protected with a conservation instrument other than fee simple title acquisition. The Trust anticipates applying for FY 2010 National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Funds to complete the second phase of the project.

The Lower Nehalem Community Trust (<http://www.nehalemtrust.org>) was founded in 2002 and quickly developed into a strong, vibrant community presence. Since founding, the Trust has acquired three properties totaling 65 acres. The properties contain high-value wetland, riparian, and upland resources and are permanently protected and managed for conservation and education purposes.

The Trust has demonstrated remarkable capacity to engage North Coast residents in the care and understanding of coastal ecosystems. The Trust invites community members and visitors of all ages to lectures, classes, and hands-on workshops. The Trust provides free education programs to more than 400 children per year, trains and maintains a team of natural resources research and monitoring volunteers, and leads community stewardship throughout the estuary.

The Lower Nehalem Community Trust's successful engagement of the community is due in part to its multi-disciplinary approach to natural resources conservation. For example, the Trust is a leader in activities that range from invertebrate and wetland plant identification workshops, to bald eagle rehabilitation, to permaculture workshops. The Trust founded and runs the Coastal Food Ecology Center, which demonstrates ecologically sustainable food production practices. The Trust has built successful partnerships with a variety of educational partners such as Oregon State University, the American Bird Conservancy, and private consultants. The Trust has built funding partnerships with entities such as the Oregon Cultural Trust, OWEB, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Trust was named the 2006 Environmental Steward of the Year by the Tillamook Estuaries Partnership, a national estuary project.

The Lower Nehalem Community Trust is a member of the Land Trust Alliance, a national organization that provides leadership and resources to its members. The Trust operates in accordance with the Alliance's standards and practices.

The project's **Technical Advisory Team** will assist the Lower Nehalem Community Trust with the development of a stewardship plans for the acquired properties. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, The Nature Conservancy, Tillamook Estuaries Partnership, the North Coast Land Conservancy, and private consultants are all committed to assisting with development of the stewardship plans. The plans will guide the Trust in managing the acquired parcels for maximum ecological and educational benefits.

E. Project Location:

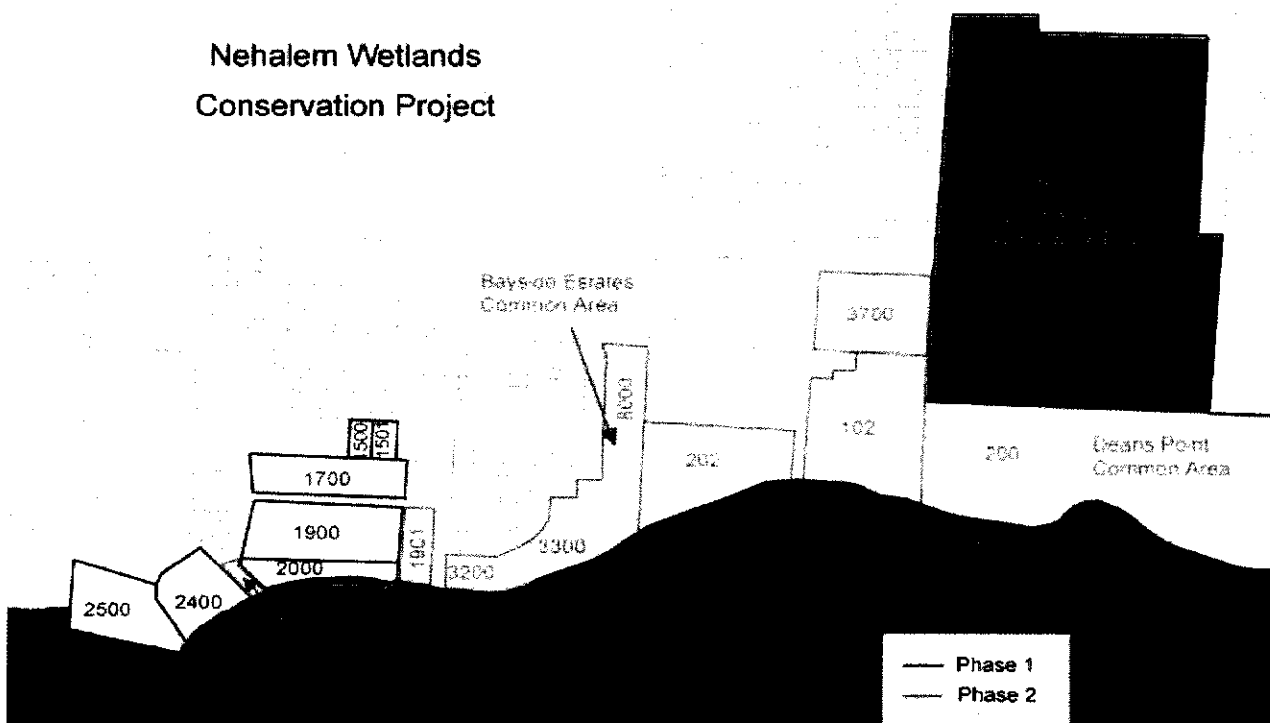
The parcels proposed for acquisition are located on the northern edge of Nehalem Bay. The Nehalem estuary, Oregon's fourth-largest estuary, is located in Tillamook County, on the northern Oregon coast. The proposed parcels are situated between Nehalem Bay State Park and the Trust's Alder Creek Farm conservation site. This project presents an invaluable opportunity to permanently protect the last remaining wetland connections between the Park, Alder Creek Farm, and adjacent estuary lands.

F. Estimated Costs:

The estimated total cost of Phase 1 of the Nehalem Wetlands Acquisition Project is \$1,166,155. The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board is requesting a National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant of \$583,077. Contributions from state partners and other project participants total \$583,078. The estimates of property values and transaction costs were provided by The Lower Nehalem Community Trust based on advertised values. The parcels proposed for acquisition are located inside the urban growth boundaries of the cities of Nehalem and Manzanita, thus accounting for higher anticipated per-acre wetlands costs than those typical of most Oregon coastal watersheds. Table 1 provides additional information about project costs. Figure 2 shows the tax lots that are referenced in Table 1.

Table 1. Project Costs.

Property	Tax Lots(s)	Acreage	Fee Title Acquisition Cost	Transaction and Stewardship Planning Costs	Total Cost	Federal Request	Matching Funds
Welch	2500	2.43	\$350,000	\$28,900	\$378,900	\$189,450	\$189,450
Stigleman	2400	2.5	\$500,000	\$29,000	\$529,000	\$264,500	\$264,500
Harmon	1500 1501 1700 1900	9.26	\$150,000	\$29,615	\$179,615	\$89,807	\$89,808
Knight	2000	1.81	\$50,000	\$28,640	\$78,640	\$39,320	\$39,320
Total	7 lots	16.0	\$1,050,000	\$116,155	\$1,166,155	\$583,077	\$583,078

Figure 2. Project Tax Lots.**G. Description of State Fund**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service previously determined that Oregon's constitutionally dedicated state lottery funds for salmon and watershed conservation make the state eligible for a federal cost-share of 75% for the National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program.

H. Other Conservation Actions and Their Relationship to This Project

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The properties proposed for acquisition are located between Nehalem Bay State Park and Alder Creek Farm. Nehalem Bay State Park contains 150 acres of wetlands that are conserved and managed for fish and wildlife. Alder Creek Farm, a 52-acre parcel owned by the Lower Nehalem Community Trust, is conserved and managed for fish and wildlife use and educational purposes. The Trust's two-phase Nehalem Wetlands Conservation Project will permanently protect wetland connectivity among the state park, Alder Creek Farm, and high-value tidal wetlands south of the Farm. In total, these connections form a buffer around approximately two thirds of the perimeter of Nehalem Bay.

The Lower Nehalem Community Trust's acquisition of Alder Creek Farm created outstanding community enthusiasm and stimulated interest in a variety of natural resource conservation topics. Acquisition of the proposed parcels will add forested wetland educational opportunities to the Trust's suite of hands-on learning offerings.

K. Public Involvement and Interagency Coordination

This project carries on the Lower Nehalem Community Trust's hallmark of truly cooperative conservation. State and federal agencies, local non-profit groups, and private landowners have pledged support for acquisition of the proposed parcels. The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board will contribute 40% of the funds required to purchase the parcels. Several state agencies and local groups will collaborate with the Trust to develop stewardship plans for the properties. The Trust's volunteer teams will contribute to site surveys and inventories that will inform the stewardship plans.

INFORMATION PERTAINING TO COASTAL WETLANDS PROGRAM RANKING CRITERIA**(1) Wetlands Conservation.**

Of the 16.0 acres proposed for acquisition in Phase 1 of the Nehalem Wetlands Conservation Project, approximately 12.25 acres are palustrine forested wetlands, 0.25 acres are estuarine intertidal emergent wetlands, and 3.5 acres are adjacent forested uplands. Palustrine forested and estuarine intertidal emergent wetlands are nationally decreasing coastal wetlands types. Table 2 contains information about the land that will be protected by the acquisitions.

Table 2. Land Permanently Protected by Phase 1 of the Nehalem Wetlands Conservation Project.

Habitat	Number of Acres	Percentage of Total Project Area
Palustrine wetlands: PFO1S PFO1	12.25	78%
Estuarine intertidal wetlands: E2EM	0.25	0.02%
Total Declining Wetlands	12.5	78%
Total Wetlands	12.5	78%
Forested Upland	3.5	22%
Total Phase 1 Acres	16.0	100%

The parcels proposed for purchase in Phase 1 of the Nehalem Wetlands Acquisition Project contain approximately 12.5 acres of the last remaining wetlands between Nehalem Bay State Park and the Lower Nehalem Community Trust's Alder Creek Farm conservation site. The wetlands are located within the urban growth boundaries of the cities of Nehalem and Manzanita, and thus are at high risk of development. Permanent protection of these parcels is a critically important part of maintaining the connectivity of wetlands that border Nehalem Bay. Phase 2 of the Nehalem Wetlands Conservation Project is intended to protect the rest of the wetlands that link Nehalem Bay State Park, Alder Creek Farm, and extensive tidal wetlands south of Alder Creek Farm.

Phase 1 of the Nehalem Wetlands Conservation Project also proposes the purchase of 3.5 acres of forested uplands. The uplands, highly desirable home sites, are immediately adjacent to the wetlands proposed for acquisition. The steep topography of two of the proposed parcels would cause home construction on the parcels' uplands to seriously impact water quality in the down-slope wetlands. The uplands contain intact, high-quality forest with large Sitka spruce, western red cedar, and shore pine.

Numerous studies and planning efforts have identified the Nehalem River estuary as a high priority for wetland conservation and restoration (e.g., Cortright et al. 1987, Oregon Wetlands Joint Venture 1994, Drut and Buchanan 2000, Ferdun 2003, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife 2005). Now is a very important time to permanently conserve the last remaining blocks of wetlands in the Nehalem estuary, Oregon's fourth-largest, before growing development pressure makes the task infeasible.

(2) Maritime forests on coastal barriers.

Maritime forests, as defined by 50 CFR 84.11, occur only on barrier islands and along the mainland coast

from Delaware to Texas. Therefore, Oregon projects will not benefit maritime forests.

(3) Long-term conservation.

This project will result in the acquisition of approximately 12.5 acres of highly important coastal wetlands and 3.5 acres of adjacent uplands. The acquired properties will be permanently protected by title held by the Lower Nehalem Community Trust and a supplemental deed restriction (conservation easement) held by the State of Oregon. The Trust and its partners will develop and implement stewardship plans for the properties. This project will provide coastal wetlands benefits in perpetuity.

(4) Coastal watershed management.

This project furthers the goals and objectives of the following formal, ongoing coastal ecosystem management plans and efforts:

- **Oregon Conservation Strategy** (Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife 2005). This statewide strategy identified Nehalem Bay (Conservation Opportunity Area CR-07) as a priority for wetland conservation because of *good potential to link projects to sites that are already protected*. The Nehalem Wetlands Conservation Project will protect wetlands and wetland connectivity.
- **Lower Nehalem Watershed Council Watershed Action Plan** (Ferdun et al. 2000). This action plan includes emphasis on the conservation of estuarine wetlands. The Nehalem Wetlands Conservation Project will achieve estuarine wetland conservation.
- **Tidal Wetland Prioritization for the Nehalem River Estuary** (Brophy and So 2005). This wetland prioritization stresses the importance of protecting and restoring wetland connectivity, developing a comprehensive and strategic approach to wetland conservation, and protecting adjacent upland buffers. The Nehalem Wetlands Conservation Project incorporates all of these concepts.
- **Joint Venture Implementation Plans: Northern Oregon Coast** (Oregon Wetlands Joint Venture 1994). The Joint Venture's north coast implementation plan states that tidal wetlands are afforded a substantial degree of protection under current state and local laws and land use regulations, but protection of freshwater wetlands is less assured. The plan calls for the permanent protection of 2,700 acres of freshwater wetlands. This Nehalem Wetlands Conservation Project advances this goal.
- **The Oregon Estuary Plan** (Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development 1987): Statewide Planning Goal 16 (Estuarine Resources) established detailed requirements for the planning and management of Oregon's estuaries. The overall objective of Goal 16 is to "recognize and protect the unique environmental, economic, and social values of each estuary and associated wetlands." Nehalem Bay is classified as a shallow draft development estuary with development, conservation, and natural management units. Tidal wetlands on the northern perimeter of the bay are managed for natural values. The Nehalem Wetlands Conservation Project's establishment of a protected wetland buffer aids in the conservation of the area's natural values.
- **Oregon's Wetland Strategy** (Leibowitz 1995): This strategy calls for priority protection for wetlands that serve multiple functions and are connected to other wetlands. The Nehalem Wetlands Conservation Project will acquire wetlands that have both good wildlife and water quality functions and also pose an outstanding opportunity to ensure connectivity of the last remaining wetlands along the northern rim of the Nehalem Bay.
- **Oregon Wetlands Priority Plan** (Oregon Division of States Lands and Oregon State Parks and Recreation Division 1989): This plan identified Oregon's estuaries as one of the state's top priorities for wetlands conservation. Furthermore, the plan states that "wetland types with public values recognized by local communities" are a top priority for acquisition. The Nehalem Wetlands

Conservation Project exemplifies a local approach to estuarine wetland conservation.

(5) Conservation of threatened and endangered species.

Phase 1 of the Nehalem Wetlands Conservation Project will contribute to the conservation of Oregon Coast coho salmon, bald eagle, western snowy plover, and brown pelican. Information is being developed by species experts.

(6) Benefits to fish.

In addition to benefitting federally threatened Oregon Coast coho, this project will conserve habitat for sensitive anadromous fish species such as steelhead and sea-run cutthroat trout. This proposal will also protect habitat that is essential for estuarine-dependent interjurisdictional and unmanaged fish species, many of which are prey for bald eagles, brown pelicans, and other sensitive species. Information is being developed by species experts.

(7) Benefits to coastal-dependent or migratory birds.

This project will benefit a wide variety of birds. Information is being developed by species experts.

(8) Prevent or reduce contamination.

Fecal coliform bacteria levels in the Nehalem Bay violate federal water quality standards. The State of Oregon has completed a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) analysis and developed a water quality management plan to regulate the amount of bacteria that enters the Nehalem River and its tributaries (Kasper et al. 2003). The Nehalem River subbasin also receives substantial sediment inputs from urban, agricultural, and forestry sources and other human uses of the watershed.

Acquisition of the proposed properties is the first phase of a two-phase project that will result in a protected, contiguous wetland buffer around approximately two thirds of Nehalem Bay, from Nehalem Bay State Park to the Trust's Alder Creek Farm and large expanses of tidal wetlands south of the farm. The wetlands play a critically important role in filtering sediment and bacteria from surface waters that pass through farms, neighborhoods, and other developed areas before entering the bay. Reducing sediment and bacteria in the bay improves habitat conditions for federally threatened Oregon coast coho salmon and a myriad of other fish species that use the bay for feeding and nursery areas. Table 3 provides a summary of the project's contamination reduction benefits.

Table 3. Contamination Reduction Benefits of this Project.

Contaminant	Explanation	Project's Lessening Effect
Fecal coliform bacteria	Nehalem Bay is on the Clean Water Act 303 (d) list of water bodies that are impaired by high levels of fecal coliform bacteria (Kasper et al. 2003).	Acquisition of the proposed properties is the first phase of a two-phase project that will result in a protected, contiguous wetland buffer around approximately two thirds of Nehalem Bay. The wetlands filter bacteria from surface waters that pass through farms, neighborhoods, and other developed areas before entering the bay.
Sediment	The Nehalem River subbasin receives substantial sediment inputs from human uses of the	The wetland buffer that is proposed for protection serves as a filter, reducing sediment that enters the bay from adjacent

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	watershed. Reducing the amount of sediment that enters the subbasin's waterways is a priority for local conservation groups and state agencies (Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board 2005, R2 Resource Consultants, Inc. 2005, Upper Nehalem Watershed Council 2005).	farms and neighborhoods. Two of the parcels proposed for acquisition contain plateaus from which steep slopes decline to wetlands and a stream. The parcels are very high-value home sites and are at imminent threat of development. Precluding development on these sites is an essential part of ensuring that onsite and adjacent aquatic resources continue to filter water that enters the bay.
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(9) Catalyst for future conservation.

This proposal is the first phase of a two-phase project that will result in the permanent protection of a wetland buffer around approximately two thirds of Nehalem Bay.

The Lower Nehalem Community Trust has already begun successfully using landowner and community enthusiasm for Phase 1 of the Nehalem Wetlands Conservation Project to engage other landowners in discussions about participation in Phase 2 of the project. An investment by the National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program in Phase 1 of the Nehalem Wetlands Conservation Project will be a primary catalyst for solid commitments from landowners who have expressed initial interest in Phase 2. The investment will also demonstrate to the landowners and the greater community that Nehalem Bay conservation is a national priority. It will provide the Trust with a vitally important opportunity to continue building its reputation as a strong community presence that has the necessary vision, capacity, and understanding of local issues to lead a strategic plan to conserve the estuary's resources.

Permanent protection of the properties proposed for Phase 1 is a significant first step to establishing a contiguous wetland buffer in the northern portion of Nehalem Bay. Acquisition of the proposed properties also constitutes very important progress in ensuring permanent wetland connectivity between Nehalem Bay State Park and the Trust's Alder Creek Farm, sites that are currently protected and managed for sensitive species. If the parcels proposed for acquisition are instead developed, there remain no other parcels that connect Nehalem Bay State Park, the Trust's Alder Creek Farm, and adjacent high-value tidal wetlands.

(10) Partners in conservation.

The Lower Nehalem Community Trust worked tirelessly to build a diverse funding plan for the proposed acquisitions. Table 4 presents information about project partners that are contributing matching cash and in-kind resources.

Table 4. Project Partners.

Partner	Contribution		Total
	Cash	In-Kind	
Lower Nehalem Community Trust	\$76,616	\$34,700	\$111,316
Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board	\$466,462		\$466,462
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife		\$1,600	\$1,600
North Coast Land		\$300	\$300

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Conservancy			
The Nature Conservancy		\$2,400	\$2,400
Jim Morgan, Consulting Biologist		\$1,000	\$1,000
Sub-total non-federal contributions	\$543,078	\$40,000	\$583,078
Sub-total federal funding request	\$583,077		\$583,077
TOTAL	\$1,126,155	\$40,000	\$1,166,155

The Tillamook Estuaries Partnership (TEP) will assist with the development of stewardship plans for the parcels, although TEP's donated time will not be a matching contribution.

The Lower Nehalem Community Trust places importance on seeking broad-based, general community support for its projects, not just in gathering contributions that have monetary value. The Trust is currently collecting signatures of community members who support permanent protection of the wetlands that fringe Nehalem Bay.

(11) Federal share reduced.

This project proposes to use non-federal funds for half of the total costs, thereby significantly reducing the 75% Federal funding share, as shown in Table 5.

Table 5. Reduction in Federal Share.

Budget Component	Amount
Total Project Cost	\$1,166,155
Federal Request	\$583,077
Required Match	\$291,539
Actual Match	\$583,078
Additional Contribution	\$291,539
Percent Increase Over Required Match	100%

(12) Education/outreach program or wildlife-oriented recreation.

The Lower Nehalem Community Trust has a strong, diverse education program. The Trust invites community members and visitors of all ages to lectures, classes, and hands-on workshops. The Trust provides free education programs to more than 400 children per year, trains and maintains a team of natural resources research and monitoring volunteers, and leads community stewardship on Trust-owned and non-Trust lands. For example, the Trust has partnered with the American Bird Conservancy to offer lectures and field workshops about bird song. The Trust has also worked with Oregon State University Extension Service to offer workshops on topics of local ecology ranging from upland plants to snails. The Trust founded and runs the Coastal Food Ecology Center, which involves the community in ecologically sustainable food production practices at the Trust's Alder Creek Farm conservation site. The Trust partners with the Lower Nehalem Watershed Council and other local groups to co-sponsor the biennial Nehalem Estuary Cleanup.

The parcels acquired through this project will present exciting opportunities for the Trust to expand its education and outreach programs to incorporate experiential learning in forested wetlands. The Trust's volunteer monitoring and research teams will play a central role in inventorying the parcels. In 2007, the Trust led ecology field trips for all elementary students in the local school district. The Trust is committed to working with local teachers who wish to expand their science curricula to include classes at the new parcels.

The stewardship plans that will be developed for the parcels will ensure that inventories, tours, workshops, field classes, and other educational activities are conducted in a manner that conserves the sites' natural resource functions and values.

(13) Other factors.

Permanent protection of the proposed wetlands will not only buffer the estuary from water quality impacts, it will buffer bayside lands from flooding and erosion caused by storms. Although future, site-specific effects of climate change are hard to predict, it is likely that the coast will experience storms that are more severe than those that occur currently. Conserving a contiguous wetland buffer around the edge of the bay will help to protect Nehalem and nearby communities from the deleterious effects of storm surge while benefiting fish and wildlife, safeguarding water quality, and offering outstanding educational opportunities for residents.

The properties proposed for acquisition are at high risk of development. Residential construction is encroaching on the northern edge of Nehalem Bay, placing concerted pressure on parcels with panoramic views of the bay. There is an urgent need for this project. The parcels proposed for acquisition contain some of the last remaining wetlands at the edge of the bay.

Two of the parcels proposed for acquisition support a family of beavers. The Trust, OWEB, and other project partners place priority on encouraging the use of streams by beavers. Acquisition of the proposed parcels will protect the beavers and offer a good opportunity for the community to view first-hand the ecology and benefits of beavers.

Is the habitat imminently threatened?

Yes No

Does the site have unique and significant diversity?

Yes No

What are the costs per acre?

It will cost approximately \$73,000 per acre to acquire the proposed parcels. This cost is high relative to some Oregon coastal wetland acquisitions because the properties are located within the urban growth boundaries of the cities of Nehalem and Manzanita. The parcels are highly desirable home sites. Rapid residential and commercial development, driven by the northern Oregon coast's growing tourism and

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recreation economy, are markedly increasing the demand and prices paid for such parcels.

Are there new sources of funds, lands, or services being applied to this project?

Yes No

What percentage of the funds, lands, or services is new? 100%

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RE: Nehalem Wetlands Conservation Project

Dear Mr. Smith:

We support the Lower Nehalem Community Trust's grant application to acquire land along the north shore of Nehalem Bay. Trust ownership of this land will not only protect important wildlife but also help maintain the flood control benefits provided by wetlands for the Bayside Gardens Community and preserve the aesthetic value of the Nehalem Estuary.

The wetlands and vegetation on this land is important habitat for both resident and migrating birds including some endangered species. It provides a significant buffer between the rapidly developing Bayside Gardens area and the estuary and protects the estuary from the accumulation of pollutants. The estuary itself provides critical habitat for salmon and other fish including endangered coho salmon. Fishing in the Nehalem Estuary is an important part of the local economy.

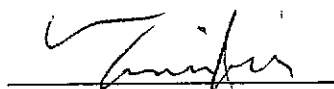
The aesthetic benefits of keeping natural vegetation along the Nehalem Bay shoreline are valuable to local residents, tourists, boaters and fishermen. Residents of the Bayside Gardens area place a high value on preserving this land. Its location in the heart of Northern Tillamook County ensures high visibility for the project.

We appreciate the role that the Lower Nehalem Community Trust is playing in the preservation of wildlife habitat and the education of our community concerning appropriate uses of our lands. We see this and similar acquisitions as a significant long term benefit to the local community and the county.

Sincerely,

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