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Conservationists Travel Cross-country to Visit Community Forest

Four leaders of a new Community Forest initiative in Washington State traveled to Maine to visit with the Downeast Lakes Land Trust and tour the Farm Cove Community Forest.

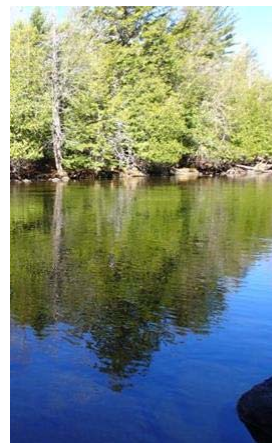
Joe Kane, the Executive Director of the Nisqually Land Trust, attended a 2010 presentation on Community Forests by Mark Berry, Executive Director of the Downeast Lakes Land Trust, and “Came away so inspired that we launched the Nisqually Community Forest Project just a few months later, in partnership with Mount Rainier National Park and the Nisqually Indian Tribe.”

“We’re happy to share our experiences with others seeking to conserve the forests that are important to their communities,” said Berry, “We also learn from our visitors.” Berry noted that the trust is honored that groups from as far away as Washington choose to travel to Grand Lake Stream to gain insights into community forest conservation. [Read More](#)

Woodland High School Students Learn Navigation and Science Skills in Grand Lake Stream

As part of the Downeast Lakes Land Trust's expanding school education program, twelve ecology students from Woodland High School braved a soggy and cool day for three outdoor lessons in Grand Lake Stream. They learned map and compass skills and basic techniques to evaluate the health of forests and streams.

The day began with compass work on the ball field. Education and Communications Manager, Tanya Rucosky, taught the basics of how to use a compass, and gave the students practice ... [Read More](#)



Community Forests in Portland Press Herald Story

"In the Farm Cove Community Forest west of Grand Lake Stream, timber is being harvested twice a year and yielding hundreds of thousands of dollars to bolster land conservation and offer residents of Washington County jobs, firewood, and supplies for canoe building and crafts such as wreaths and baskets."

[Read North Cairn's story in the Portland Press Herald on the resurgence of Community Forests in Maine, and other recent media coverage, here.](#)



Journalers Explore Indian Hill Fire Tower.

Downeast Lakes Land Trust was pleased to present a third journaling program this season. This walk went to the Indian Hill Fire Tower at the edge of the West Grand Lake Community Forest Project. According to the Forest Fire Lookout Association, this tower built in 1934 is the only enclosed fire tower in Maine, and possibly in all of New England.

"The trust hopes to acquire this area as part of the West Grand Lake Community Forest," said DLLT Education and Communications Manager, Tanya Rucosky. "This was a nice opportunity to get out there with community members."



Upcoming Events at the Downeast Lakes Land Trust

As fall deepens, the Downeast Lakes Land Trust is still bustling with activities. Indulge in a Feast from the Forest Dinner, tour our timber harvests, milk salmon, and go tipping for holiday wreathes.

Get the details here.



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