



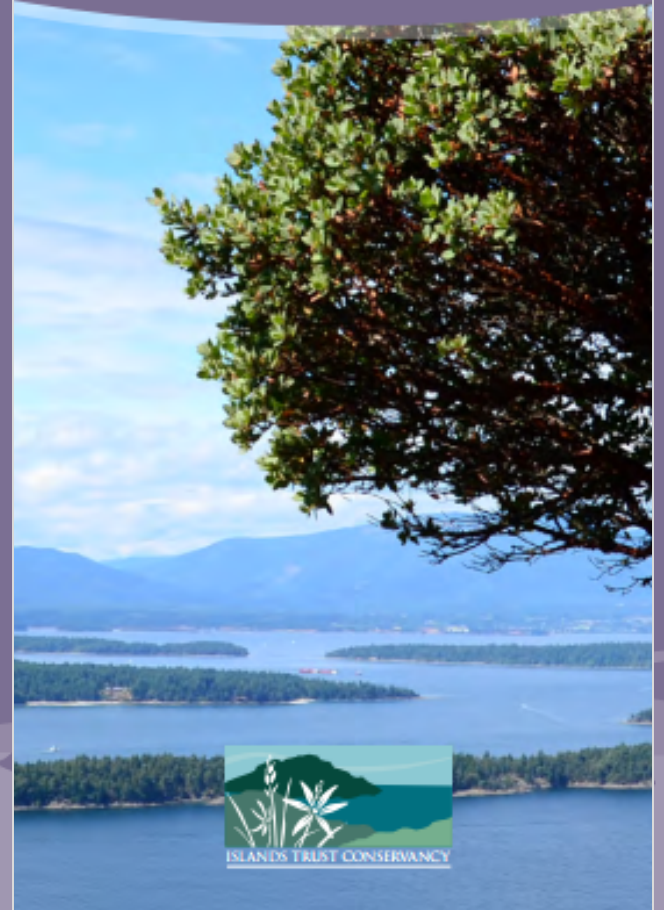
ISLANDS TRUST CONSERVANCY



Mission:
To protect special
places by
encouraging,
undertaking, and
assisting in
voluntary
conservation
initiatives within
the Islands Trust
Area.



A Conservancy
for Canada's Islands
in the Salish Sea



Islands Trust Conservancy Members



Three elected trustees

- Two elected by Trust Council (Trustees Fenton and Stamford)
- One elected from the Executive Committee (Trustee Fast)

Three government-appointed trustees

- Linda Adams, Victoria/Salt Spring
- Robin Williams, Salt Spring



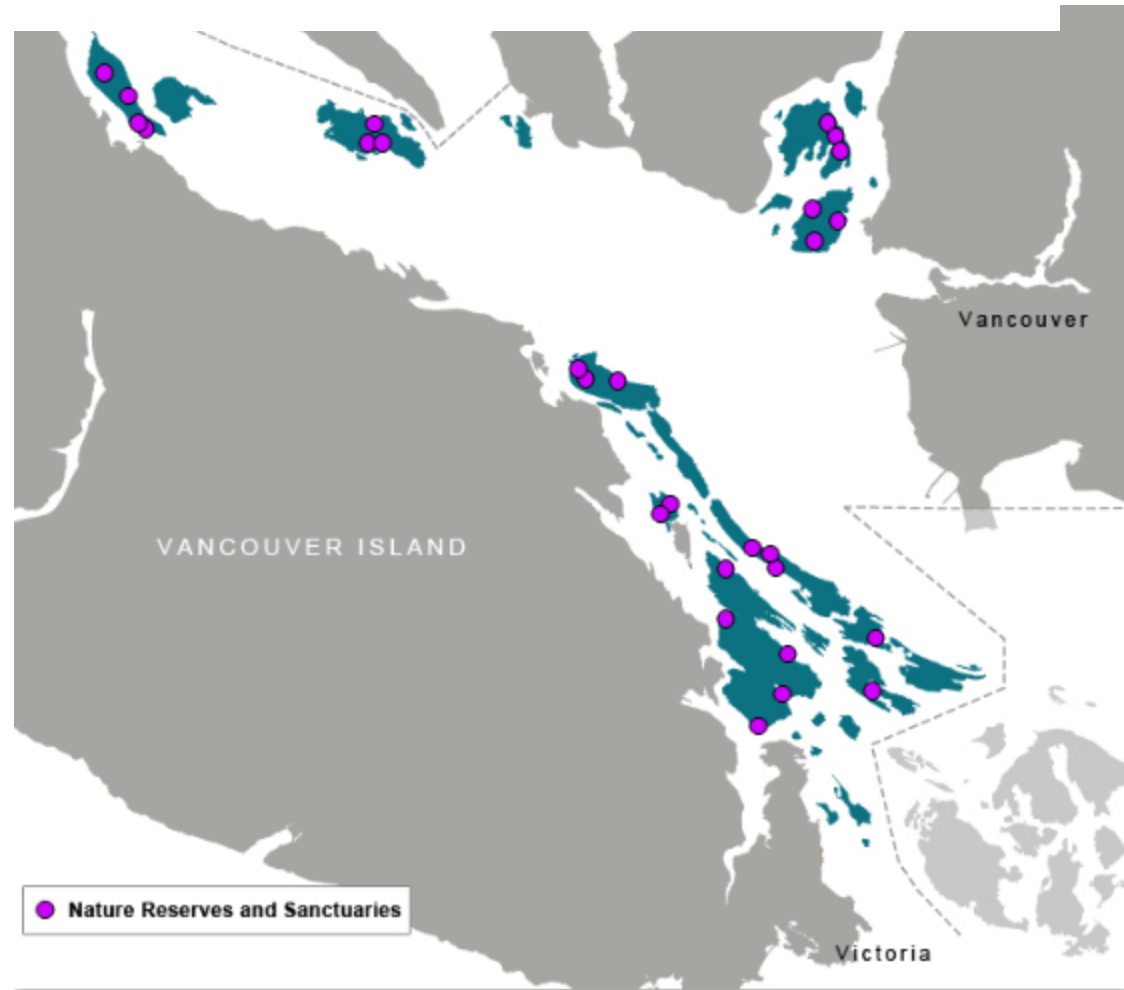
Protecting special places

- Over 65% privately owned
- High species richness and species and ecosystems at risk
- Fragmentation of habitat is one of the largest threats to biodiversity
- Privately-owned land is key to preserving the ecological integrity of this region

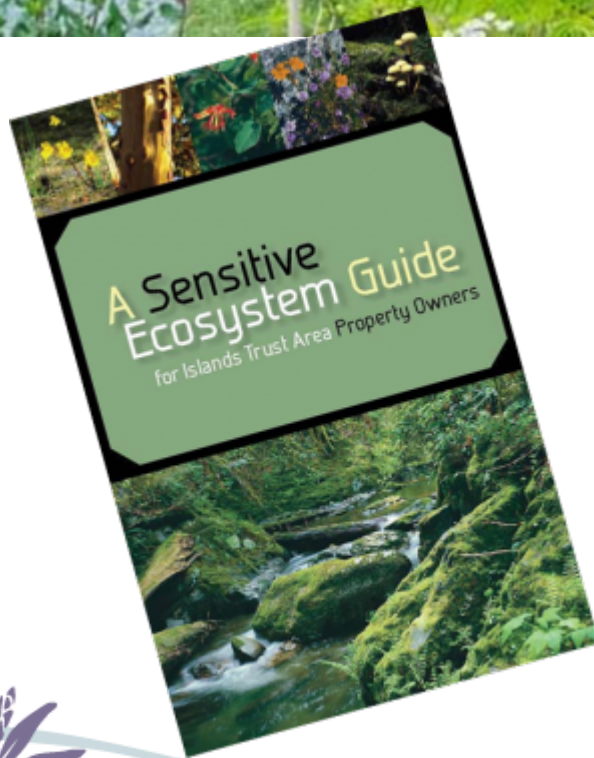


Protected Places

- 29 Nature Reserves, 658 ha, \$16,417,000
- 76 Covenants, 634 ha



Private land stewardship



Ways to Protect your Land: Caring for Natural Features

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You are your land's greatest advocate. By living on your land, you interact daily with the native plants and animals that seek sanctuary on your property. There are many ways you can care for those natural features. Only you can set stewardship in motion.



Care for Sensitive Ecosystems and Endangered Species

Canada's islands in the Salish Sea hold a rich diversity of ecosystems - some of the most endangered in British Columbia. As a property owner, you can learn to recognize these sensitive ecosystems and take simple steps to ensure fragile plants survive and thrive in the future. [Learn more](#)



Garden with Native Species

Critical habitat is destroyed when we subdivide lots, develop houses, and expand our footprint on our surrounding landscape. You can reverse that destruction. Restore and enhance wildlife habitat and sensitive ecosystems in your outdoor living spaces with native species. [Learn more](#)



Conserve Scarce Water - Rainwater Harvesting

Fresh water is scarce in the islands. And with most climate models predicting hotter, drier summers in southwestern B.C., we need to start getting creative with how we're going to meet our water needs without compromising the needs of nature. The Islands Trust Fund has installed a rainwater harvesting system on one of our nature reserves, reducing our impact on the neighbourhood's water resources. Let us show you how you can do the same. [Learn more](#)

Our Initiatives

- Protecting Private Land
 - Nature Reserves
 - Conservation Covenants
 - NAPTEP
 - Caring for Natural Features on your Land

Protecting Crown Land

Supporting Island Land Trusts

Ecosystem Mapping

Conservation Planning

Caring for our Shorelines



Conservation covenants

- Restrictions on use of land
- Registered on land title
- Intended to maintain land in natural state



- ITC often partners with local conservancy to hold covenant
- Monitor annually



Tax Exemption

- Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption Program
- Unique to Islands Trust
- Property tax incentive for registration of a covenant protecting specific eligible features
- 25 covenants protecting 97 hectares



Nature reserves



- Islands Trust Conservancy currently has 29 nature reserves, a total of 658 hectares
- Many were the result of generous land donations (through fee simple transfer, bequest or subdivision)
- Properties are monitored annually and maintained through active property management (e.g. invasive species removal, tree planting and protection)



Opportunity Fund

- Hard to fundraise costs of conservation
- \$76,700 awarded over 10 years



St. John Point, Mayne Island (Photo: Mayne Island Conservancy Society)





ISLANDS TRUST CONSERVANCY JANUARY 30, 2018

REGIONAL CONSERVATION PLAN 2018 – 2027



Engagement & Coordination



Goals for the Next 10 Years

1. Identify, investigate and communicate about important natural areas to generate action on conservation priorities
2. Strengthen relationships with First Nations to identify and collaborate on shared conservation goals
3. Continue to secure and manage Trust Fund Board lands and conservation covenants to maximize ecological integrity
4. Continue to build internal and shared organizational strength and resilience to ensure long-term nature conservation in the Islands Trust Area



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