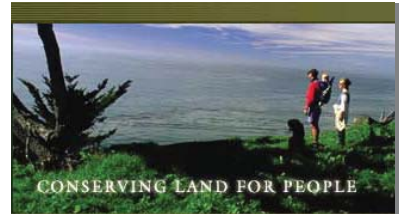


Intermediary Agency

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The Trust for Public Land (TPL) is a national, nonprofit, land conservation organization that conserves land for people. With an emphasis ensuring livable communities for future generations, they focus on parks, historic sites, community gardens, rural lands, and other natural places,

TPL acquires a wide range of properties. These include; small city lots, community gardens, parks, and additions to National Parks and Forests. TPL is not a land management agency and do not own long term properties. They work with government agencies and private organizations to assume ownership of the properties acquired.

For financial support TPL relies on charitable contributions from individuals, corporations, and foundations. They also rely on fees from private landowners and government agencies.

TPL's Conservation Services*

- Conservation Vision: TPL helps agencies and communities define conservation priorities, identify lands to be protected, and plan networks of conserved land that meet public need.
- Conservation Finance: TPL helps agencies and communities identify and raise funds for conservation from federal, state, local, and philanthropic sources.
- Conservation Transactions: TPL helps structure, negotiate, and complete land transactions that create parks, playgrounds, and protected natural areas.
- Research & Education: TPL acquires and shares knowledge of conservation issues and techniques to improve the practice of conservation and promote its public benefits

TPL's Conservation Initiatives*

- Parks for People: Working in cities and suburbs across America to ensure that every one in particular, every child—enjoys close-to-home access to a park, playground, or natural area.
- Working Lands: Protecting the farms, ranches, and forests that support land-based livelihoods and rural ways of life.
- Natural Lands: Conserving wilderness, wildlife habitat, and places of natural beauty for our children's children to explore.
- Heritage Lands: Safeguarding places of historical and cultural importance that keep us in touch with the past and who we are as a people.
- Land & Water: Preserving land to ensure clean drinking water and to protect the natural beauty of our coasts and waterways.

* <http://www.tpl.org>

Resources:

Trust for Public Land: <http://www.tpl.org>

Land Trust Alliance: <http://www.lta.org>

(information on community land trusts and conservation easements)



Mission Statement:

The Trust for Public Land conserves land for people to enjoy as parks, gardens, and other natural places, ensuring livable communities for generations to come.

Mountains to Sound Greenway, WA



Photo by: Dan Lamont

Following Washington's Interstate 90 from the shores of the Puget Sound into the Kittitas Valley, the Mountain to Sound Greenway embraces 100 miles of natural wonder, beauty and history. For more than a decade, TPL has partnered with the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust to protect these lands that complete the linkage of trails, recreation areas, scenic and productive forestlands, open space and wildlife habitats. Since 1983, TPL has helped protect more than 10,000 acres in the Greenway.

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