

# PROGRESS REPORT #3: January 25 - February 7, 2023

#### 1. TASKS ACCOMPLISHED DURING PREVIOUS TWO WEEKS

- Narayan and Chris accompanied appraiser on visit for forest appraisal
- RR2 lots appraiser site visit completed
- Rapid Habitat Assessment with Mike Patterson on 2/6 with Narayan, Simone, Spike
- Working Group orientation attended by 11 people. Everyone was briefed on the project and indicated interests and skills
- CMCA Board supported HB 2813 at request of Sustainable NW establishes a grant program to protect and restore water sources
- Consulted with consultant about Mineral Remoteness report required for grants, engaged consultant for required report
- Consulted with NCLC and Title Company about property easements and history
- Consulted with and outreached to McKenzie River Land Trust, Trust for Public Lands, and Columbia Land Trust
- Amended sales agreement to allow our appraiser to contact sellers timber cruiser for valuation purposes
- Short presentation to Oceanside Neighborhood Association on 2/4 about the project and asked for contributions (2 so far)
- Meeting with Tillamook County Planning Melissa Jenck regarding zoning and template study. Application submitted.
- Modification of our initial capital stack Continued vetting of various grant opportunities that are pouring in (federal, state, county, and private); vetting requires research and engagement with grantors.
- Follow-up with potential donations of land to CMCA (Kinsman)

# 2. RESULTS OF KEY MEETINGS HELD WITH PARTNERS OR PROSPECTIVE PARTNERS

- Meeting with The Conservation Fund as a possible bridge buyer. They will get back to us after doing some checking
- Regular biweekly meetings with NCLC for advice and special meeting to understand the requirements of a Forest Management Plan which is required for many grants

- Discussion with Pete Dalke at Oregon Solutions about Oregon Coast Trail
- Discussion with Nan Devlin at Tillamook Visitors Association about Coast Trail, TLT grants
- Conference call with OWEB about land acquisition grants
- Discussions with Oceanside Water District board members about possible role for OWD
- Meeting with USF&W which manages Cape Meares Wildlife Refuge to explore possible role
- Meeting with Lisa Phipps, Department of Land Conservation and Development, Oregon Coastal Program Manager | Ocean/Coastal Services Division, who gave us advice and contacts and agreed to provide advice if we don't apply to her program. She said we were "300 steps ahead of most people who contact her"!
- Meeting with NCLC to discuss our development of a prospective forest management plan for grantmaking and other purposes (February 10, 2023);
- Meeting with grantors (USDA, OWEB) to clarify important requirements with the intent of minimizing issues as we approach grant proposal submission for the USDA Community Forest Program (March-May, 2023) and OWEB (Sept 2023)

## 3. NEXT STEPS

- March 4 Community Update and Workshop
- Development of an initial forest management plan framework for grantmaking and other purposes.

#### 4. CHALLENGES

• Timeframe for raising funds

# 5. UPCOMING DEADLINES

• March 8 Due diligence deadline

## 6. TASKS FOR WHICH LEADS NEED ASSISTANCE

- Technical writers
- Install wildlife webcam on property to identify wildlife
- Document birds, salamanders, plant life, etc. on property

#### 7. FINANCES

- We project the main needs for pre-purchase funds are for down payment paid), appraisals, attorney fees, grant research and assessments (habitat, etc.).
- As of 2/6 we have received contributions from 26 people designated for this project totaling \$67,730 and have spent \$42,000. Our goal is to raise \$100,000.