



# KANIKSU

— LAND TRUST —

2019 Annual Report

## From the Executive Director

What a year! 2019 brought a season of change, transformative growth and fresh opportunities to Kaniksu Land Trust. It has been an honor to move from a volunteer position into the role of Executive Director. I have been supported by the outstanding staff within the organization, guided by a strong board of directors and inspired by friends and volunteers who understand the importance of the legacy work we do.

With change comes new eyes, renewed energy and a restating of our mission and vision. When I sat down at my desk for the first time in June, I was buoyed by the strength and commitment to the work that brought us to where we are today. Visionary leadership and a commitment to our region and our place have helped to build a rock solid foundation for Kaniksu Land Trust. I look forward to continuing those efforts.

As our region and state experience the push and pull of exponential growth and new challenges, our work becomes increasingly important. In 2019, KLT protected two spectacular properties—one in Bonner County and one in Boundary County. These two properties provide our region with critical habitat, clean water and healthy working forests. This land protection work helps to preserve important farm and ranchland and wildlife habitat for future generations.

Last year saw the opening of two public access properties. These sister projects provide opportunities for exploration, education and community connections in our backyards and give two regions—the greater Sandpoint Area and Thompson Falls/Clark Fork—vital open space that links our communities to the natural world surrounding them. This land is your land—get outside and explore it!

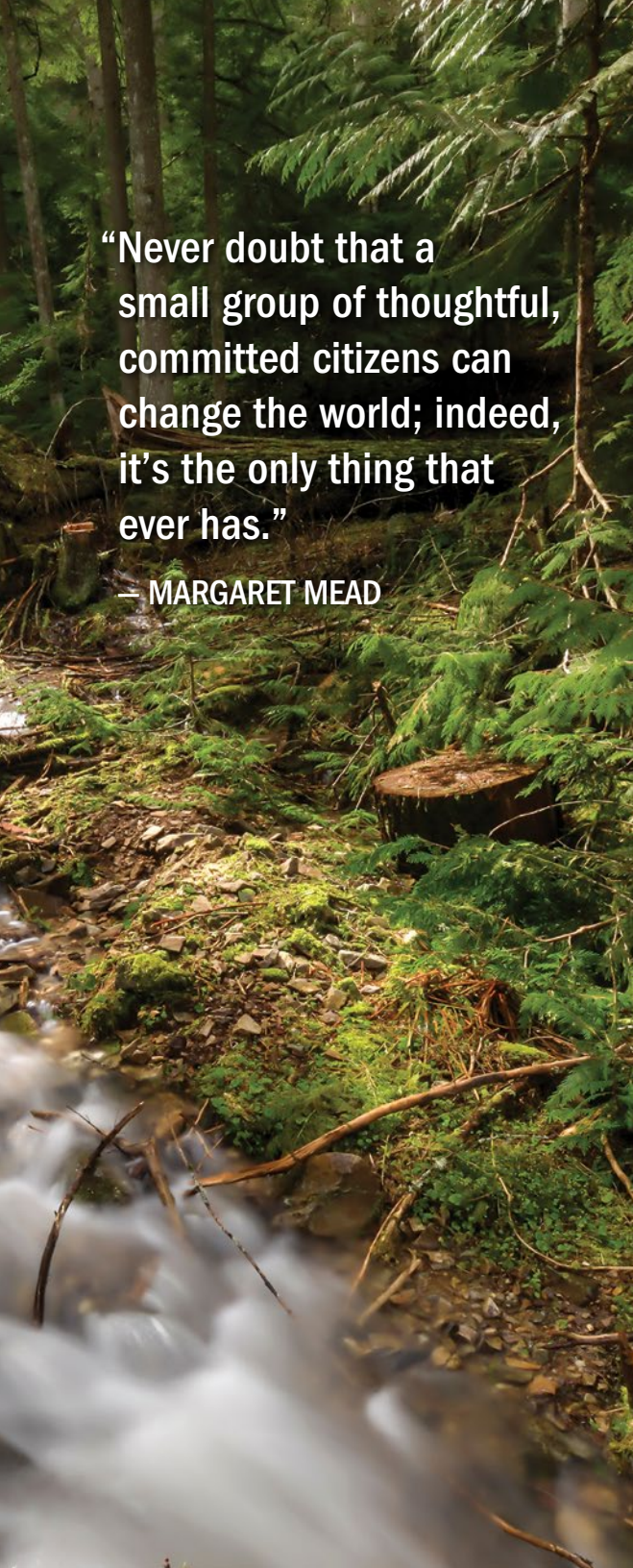
On a day when you aren't playing outside, please give us a call. We are always excited to visit with you, our friends and volunteers, and learn what you love about KLT.

In service,

KATIE

Katie Eglund Cox





“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”

— MARGARET MEAD

## From the Board Chair

I have often thought of my favorite Margaret Mead quote over the dozen years that I have been associated with Kaniksu Land Trust. 2019 saw many initiatives that embody the sentiments of America’s well-known anthropologist.

In 2012 the Board of Directors of the Clark Fork Pend Oreille Conservancy embarked on a transition into a community-based land trust, beginning with a change of name. This was also when the notion of Pine Street Woods first took root. Over the subsequent eight years, the board has focused on its commitment to holding the mission of KLT, ensuring the organization’s financial well-being, and supporting forward-looking staff leadership able to take on the risks associated with big ideas like Pine Street Woods.

2019 was another watershed year for KLT. From the thoughtful process of hiring new Executive Director, Katie Eglund Cox, and the purchase of Pine Street Woods to the establishment of Kootenai Elementary School’s Learning Landscape, the expansion of Camp Kaniksu, and the closure of two important land protection agreements, the year has been packed with community-supported projects.

The past year also demonstrated the value of years devoted to the development and formalization of partnerships with the Sandpoint Nordic Club, Pend Oreille Pedalers, Monday Hikers, and long-time funders. The planning and implementation of Pine Street Woods, the building of the Outdoor Recreation Center, and the creation of the North Idaho Trails Coalition to facilitate the hiring of a regional trails director would not have been possible without strong partnerships and shared commitments to long-term goals.

This work has also galvanized the interest, passion, and efforts of hundreds of volunteers, in-kind supporters, and generous donations from countless individuals, foundations and businesses, which are reflected in this report. Importantly, KLT’s core commitment to land conservation has thrived, benefiting from the organizational shift to community-based work, the development of rich educational programs, and the cultivation of strong partnerships. One only has to visit Pine Street Woods, Cabinet View Nature Area or the Kootenai Elementary School Learning Landscape to experience this magic.

We hope to continue to make Margaret Mead proud!



Jim Zuberbuhler



# Pine Street Woods: A Forest for All

It seems in only the blink of an eye that Pine Street Woods has become the beloved natural heart of our community.



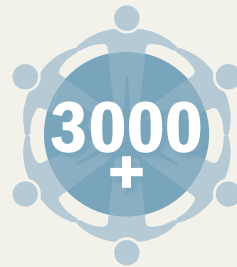
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**Hours** of  
volunteer time



**Miles** of  
new trail



**Visits** from  
our community



**Days** that Pine  
Street Woods was  
open to the public  
in 2019

**Connecting people to place**, which is at the core of KLT's community-based work, is on brilliant display every day at Pine Street Woods. A silent push of the ski pole and a child is off down the snowy trail; two friends exchange the day's stories as they run side by side through the meadow; a hiker startles at the hoot of an owl high in a tree; and slowly the biker's tire rolls along a well laid path leaving behind the sharp sound of crunching snow.

These are daily reminders in the Woods that this **180 acres** belongs to each of us. It's here to connect you to place, to be part of your story, and to build our community.

## Keep the Woods *Wild*

- Respect closures & our neighbors
- Scoop your pet poop
- Leave no trace
- Don't start fires
- Shhh! Please no amplified sound
- Dogs under voice control or leashed
- Respect wildlife; enjoy from a distance
- Wearing headphones? Keep your eyes open

# PARTNERSHIP: Working together brings us closer

Pine Street Woods has showcased the power of partnerships. It was evident from day one that opening the gate each morning would only be possible working hand-in-hand with our community partners.

**We asked, and each of you answered.** You brought your knowledge, your skills and your passions to this project, and because of you so many have been able to learn and play in our community forest.

Our gratitude extends to all of our partners and volunteers, but we especially wish to thank those individuals who have served on volunteer committees for Pine Street Woods. They have tirelessly given hours upon hours to the establishment of this special place.



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Since purchasing Pine Street Woods, over five miles of new trails have been constructed through the generous support of hundreds of volunteer hours, and our partners from **Sandpoint Nordic Club, Pend Oreille Pedalers, Monday Hikers** and **Idaho Trails Association**.

These trails are enjoyed by our community with bikes, sneakers, skis, snowshoes and paws.



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KLT is proud to have constructed over ½ mile of universal access trail which is designed to allow mobility-challenged members of our community to experience nature.

This trail was made possible through a grant from **AARP** and accommodates walkers and wheelchairs and users of all ages and abilities. **Selkirk Association of Realtors** donated benches along the trail to allow for moments to pause and enjoy nature.



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The new Outdoor Recreation Center at Pine Street Woods is a shining example of the power of partnership. It was constructed using grant funds acquired by **Sandpoint Nordic Club** from the **Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health**, spearheaded by **Idagon Homes** with thousands of dollars of in-kind support, and finished with a remarkable timber framed porch donated by **Collin Beggs Design Build Timber Frame**. The outdoor rec center will be open to the public year round.

**Thank you to our incredible in-kind donors, who together gave over \$100,000 to make the Outdoor Recreation Center at Pine Street Woods a reality.**

APEX Construction Services, Avista, Canepa Construction, Collin Beggs Design Build Timber Frame, Ferguson Concrete, Idagon Homes, Idaho Forest Group, Interstate Concrete, CE Kramer Crane & Contracting, Lumber Marketing Services, Northwest Building Components, Rival Roofing, S&H Insulation, Sandpoint Building Supply, Sandpoint Carpet One, Sandpoint Framing, Sandpoint Garage Doors, Satisfaction Painting, Selkirk Glass and Cabinets, Studio 124, Suarez Engineering, The Paint Bucket, Thompson Concrete, Tork Electric, Vorhies Built LLC

# Conservation: Saving something special

In 2019, KLT completed two new conservation agreements with local landowners, protecting their unique properties forever.

We would like to recognize **Lenny & Carole Thorell** and **Tom Ulappa** for their farsighted choice to conserve their land, and for their trust in KLT to ensure that the land they love will always remain as it is today.



As January snows quietly blanketed the tall pines and alder thickets along the Pack River corridor near Sandpoint, the future of one small corner of this magical landscape was ensured.

KLT worked alongside the longtime owners to establish a voluntary conservation partnership. The new agreement ensures that the hay meadows, carefully tended forestlands, and streamside wildlife areas will be undeveloped for generations to come.

Thanks to community support, Kaniksu Land Trust was also able to assist a Boundary County landowner to conserve part of an important migration pathway for deer, elk, and bears in the Kootenai River Valley. As with all land conserved with KLT, both properties remain in private hands and traditional land uses are preserved. The landowners continue to own and manage their land and are free to sell, gift, or lease it to others.

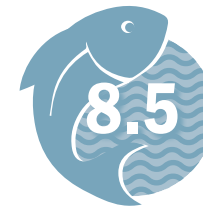
These are just the latest of many projects in which KLT has supported private landowners in accomplishing their personal land management goals. From Pine Street Woods to the Bull River Valley, and from Morton Slough to the Kootenai River, nearly 4,000 acres of stream corridors, working farms and ranches, natural areas, and wildlife habitat have been conserved with KLT since 2002.

“We have sensed for many years that this property is unique... The past 40 years have given us time to reflect on its importance.”

— LANDOWNER



**29** Conservation Projects



**8.5** Miles of stream and lake front



**3,880** Acres of protected lands



**640** Acres of public access lands

# CABINET VIEW NATURE AREA: A Hidden Gem

Tucked away on the border of Idaho and Montana, there are 76 acres of protected forest and pond, open for all to explore, learn, and enjoy breathtaking views of the Cabinet Mountains.

In June, Kaniksu Land Trust staff officially dedicated the Cabinet View Nature Area, a 76-acre community access property. This property is open to the public for walking, picnicking and enjoying nature. It also serves as a location for KLT's educational partnership with Clark Fork High School.

## Exploring Cabinet View Nature Area

Trails provide access to an active beaver pond and a timber-framed picnic shelter. When you arrive, an interpretive sign which includes trail information greets you at the parking lot. The sign teaches visitors about the types of birds and animals they may encounter in the nature area.

This unique property was protected through a partnership with Avista, The North American Wetlands Conservation Act and Judith Hutchins, a former KLT board member. This is a spectacular piece of nature that offers Sanders County a place to explore the outdoors and dramatic views of the Cabinet Mountains and Scotchman Peak.



## 7 QUICK FACTS

### About Kaniksu Land Trust conservation agreements

- 1 Voluntary.** Agreements are voluntary and do not require public access. You retain your private property rights.
- 2 Your ownership retained.** You can sell it, lease it, give it to your kids or family, or any combination thereof.
- 3 Flexible.** Farming, ranching, hunting, forestry, home-based businesses, and recreational uses are permitted.
- 4 Tailored to you.** Each conservation agreement is unique to the land it conserves and to your vision for your property.
- 5 Versatile.** Woodlands, wildlife habitat, streams and wetlands, farms and ranches can all be conserved in the same agreement.
- 6 Estate planning benefits.** Conserving your land can help with your estate planning and reduce your estate taxes.
- 7 Tax savings.** You may also reduce your federal income tax liability for several years, starting the year you conserve your land.



## Education: Bringing Learning Back to the Woods

**Pine Street Woods, an outdoor classroom, summer camp, and blank canvas for adventure: a gift that will never run out.**

This past fall, school children were able to learn and explore, not in a playground or in a city park, but in a wild and wonderful forest only minutes from their schools.

Together we sat in a quiet forest and listened to the “voices” of birds, tracked animals across the land, made salves from plants, discovered caves, climbed trees, and put down roots of connection to ground us to this wonderful place.

Learning to love and take care of one forest opens our eyes to all the other forests and begs us to ask, “What can we also do for them?”

“When my 8 year old daughter returns from a camp experience with KLT at Pine Street Woods, she does not stop talking about it for DAYS.

This is the ONLY time my daughter is so filled with wonder, inspiration and a true wanting to learn.”

— CAMP PARENT

**902**

**Children participated**

in education programs,  
for a total of 3,217  
participant days



**30%**

**of Camp Kaniksu participants received a scholarship in 2019.**

Donors like you ensure that children of all backgrounds continue to enjoy a deep connection with nature





## WE'VE FRESHENED UP OUR LOOK!

Take a close look at our new brand. You'll see some subtle changes and new additions.

Kaniksu Land Trust is growing and our logo needed to shift accordingly. We also wanted to incorporate a reflection of Pine Street Woods, which is such an essential component of our work, and strengthen the "land trust" portion of our logo to reflect the strong foundation on which KLT was built.

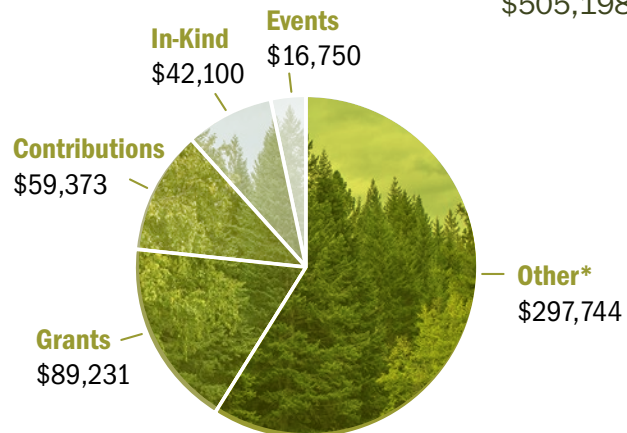
We incorporated a cedar bough, which is a symbol of perpetuity that also represents hope and new growth. The pinecone associated with the Pine Street Woods logo is a direct interpretation of the property's name, but also represents renewal. Each season, Pine Street Woods becomes a new canvas for exploration, and each year your community forest grows and changes.

The color palette for these new logos reflects what we work each day to protect: blue for clean water and clear skies, green for healthy forests, and gold for our bountiful farms and ranchlands.

We hope these changes resonate with you, and that you are reminded of the important work we are doing together when you see KLT's brand.

### Operating Income

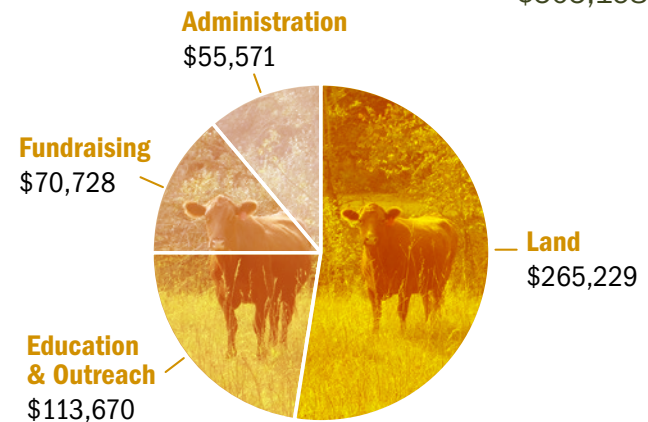
### Total Income FY19



\*Contract Fees, Interest, Cash Reserve Draw

### Operating Expenses

### Total Expenses FY19



Expense figures unaudited; audit to be completed soon.

For a complete financial statement please visit [www.guidestar.org](http://www.guidestar.org).

# Without you, this vital work would not be possible

## Individuals

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Initiative

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## Selkirk Society

Kaniksu Land Trust celebrates the individuals with the foresight and generosity to make life income or bequest provisions for Kaniksu Land Trust.

With a planned charitable gift to Kaniksu Land Trust, you can help protect the future of our region while also fulfilling your financial goals. Speak to your financial advisor or call KLT to discuss what giving strategy is right for you.

**Eileen Atkisson & Lawrence Blakey**

**Malcolm & Pam Kinney**

## Gatekeepers

KLT would like to recognize those members of our community who braved early mornings, bad weather and last minute notice to help open and close the gate at Pine Street Woods each day for nearly five months. Thank you.

**Celeste Grace**

**Mike Miller**

**Heather & Emmett Morgan**

*\*Denotes those individuals who have chosen to make recurring monthly gifts to KLT.*

*This is a powerful way to provide consistent monthly support to KLT. Thank you.*



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## Lazuli Bunting

The male lazuli bunting is one of our most brilliant local songbirds. While the species is named for the lapis lazuli gemstone, the female is much less colorful and easily blends into the landscape. Lazuli bunting may occasionally be spotted at both Pine Street Woods and Cabinet View Nature Area—keep your eyes open next time you enjoy a walk at one of KLT’s community access properties!

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## Brian Harvey, 1962 – 2020

It is with heavy hearts that we bid farewell to our friend and associate Brian Harvey. Brian steadfastly served on KLT’s Board of Directors from 2015-2020. He is much missed.

“One thing about the passing of time...it never stops. Enjoy as much time as you can with those you love (make sure to tell them you love them whenever possible)...because some day that opportunity will be gone...in the blink of an eye. Don’t take anything for granted.”

– BRIAN HARVEY

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