

Sustaining the Islands – Community Stewardship Awards Program



Islands Trust

2014 Recipient Profile

Paul and Monica Petrie, Pender Islands

- Category:** Individual
- Project:** Fundraising to complete the Brooks Point Regional Park
- Nominator(s):** John Chapman
- Letters of Support:** N/A

Project Description:

Because of the dedicated fundraising efforts of Paul and Monica Petrie, the Brooks Point Regional Park on South Pender Island is complete and protected from development.

Brooks Point Regional Park is a 4.81-hectare area of forests, wetlands, coastal grasslands, beaches and rocky cliffs on the southeast tip of South Pender Island. This ecologically rich habitat supports hundreds of species including several red and blue-listed protected and endangered species (112 species of birds, 21 vertebrates and cetaceans and 81 invertebrates).

Until late 2010 it consisted of two parcels zoned park but was separated by one parcel of private land. It was purchased by the Capital Regional District, which retained the option of subdividing the lot to recover some of the funds. Paul and Monica Petrie co-chaired the Brooks Point Completion committee to raise sufficient funds to enable the CRD to abandon the option of subdividing.

The Brooks Point subcommittee of Pender Island Conservancy Association raised over \$300,000 over three years from North and South Pender Island residents, island businesses, visitors and partner organizations. They inspired many Pender residents to hold a dance, an auction, a dinner, bocce tournaments, a golf tournament and many other fundraising activities.