

Sustaining the Islands – Community Stewardship Awards Program



Islands Trust

2012 Nominee Profile

Paul and Monica Petrie, The Pender Islands

Category: Individual/Other

Project: Brooks Point Regional Park Completion Committee

Nominator(s): John Chapman

Letters of Support: N/A

Project Description:

The Southern tip of South Pender Island is the site of the astonishingly beautiful Brooks Point Regional Park. The park consists of two parcels, separated by one parcel owned by the Capital Regional District and zoned rural residential. The Capital Regional District retains the option to subdivide the lot for sale to recover the cost of acquiring the lot.

To prevent the subdivision of this lot and enable the Capital Regional District to recover acquisition costs, while integrating it fully into Brooks Point Regional Park, Paul and Monica Petrie formed the Brooks Point Completion Committee, a subcommittee of the Pender Islands Conservancy Association, or PICA. The Petries provide inspirational and organizational leadership to a committee of 10 whose fundraising, publicity and educational work is still ongoing. The Petries formed relationships with Capital Regional District Regional Parks and The Land Conservancy of BC and activated a significant number of Pender residents to organize and support a dance, an auction, a dinner, a bocce ball tournament, and many other fundraising activities.

During a time of economic slowdown, \$130,000 was raised in this community of only 2300 residents, demonstrating the support of Pender Islanders for completing Brooks Point Park.

The work of the committee under the Petries continues, as the Capital Regional District Parks Committee and Board have yet to make their decisions regarding Brooks Point Regional Park.