

Sustaining the Islands – Community Stewardship Awards Program



Islands Trust

2008 Nominee Recipient Profile

Nominee: Lasqueti Island Nature Conservancy, Lasqueti Island

Category: Group

Project: Squitty Bay Provincial Park Expansion

Nominator(s): Ross McMillan

Letters of Support: NA

Project Description: In 2007 the Lasqueti Island Nature Conservancy launched a campaign to permanently protect a 38.5 hectare oceanfront property next to Squitty Bay Provincial Park on southeast Lasqueti Island. Members of the Conservancy played a fundamental role in the acquisition project. They motivated and mobilized a community with a population of less than 400 to work together to raise the \$250,000 needed to protect a cherished piece of the island. Fundraising efforts included the outdoor family event 'A Day in the Park'; collaborative work with the Islands Trust Fund, BC Parks, the Nature Trust of BC, and The Land Conservancy; and numerous education and outreach efforts both on and off-island. With the successful purchase of this property, the community members behind this project can take pride in their success. They expanded the size of Squitty Bay Provincial Park from 13 to over 51 hectares.