

Sustaining the Islands – Community Stewardship Awards Program



Islands Trust

2008 Nominee Recipient Profile

- Nominee:** Maureen Moore, Salt Spring Island
- Category:** Individual
- Project:** Save Salt Spring Island's Creekside Rainforest
- Nominator(s):** (3) Joanne Bealy and Evelyn White, Salt Spring Island Conservancy, John B. Sprague

Letters of Support: NA

Project Description: The Creekside Rainforest is a unique, eight hectare creek valley which supports a mature rainforest. This patch of forest had been put up for sale and was scheduled for logging and development as a residential subdivision. In September of 2007 Maureen Moore took it upon herself to mobilize the neighborhood, the larger island community and beyond, to raise the funds to purchase and protect this rare ecosystem.

Maureen's belief in the importance of the land motivated her work to bring people together from numerous backgrounds, ages, experiences, socio-economic situations, and points of view. In a very short time Maureen involved hundreds of people in the Creekside preservation project. Through art exhibits, dinners, readings, music events, and other fundraising efforts her group received donations from over 1,000 people, generating the required funds to purchase Creekside Rainforest. Throughout this campaign Maureen Moore exhibited unflagging dedication, a capacity to motivate others, and an ability to respect all people and efforts. Her work is an inspiring example of what commitment and a love of nature can accomplish.