



ISLANDS TRUST

**SUSTAINING THE ISLANDS – COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP AWARDS**

## **2002 AWARD WINNER PROFILE**

**WINNER: MAUREEN MILBURN  
SALT SPRING ISLAND CONSERVANCY**

**CATEGORY: ECOSYSTEM AND RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP  
'INDIVIDUAL'**

**PROJECT: MAXWELL LAKE CONSERVATION COVENANT**

**NOMINATOR: MAUREEN BENDICK, SALT SPRING ISLAND  
CONSERVANCY**

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### **Project Description:**

The Maxwell Lake conservation covenant protects the Maxwell Lake watershed on Salt Spring Island. The lake serves as an important community water supply, and its watershed had been included in the logging plan for Texada Land Corporation.

Development of the conservation covenant required many hours of negotiation between the Salt Spring Island Conservancy, Texada Land Corporation, the North Salt Spring Waterworks District, and The Land Conservancy. Because the covenant represented an Ecological Gift and would result in a tax credit for the Texada Land Company, it also had to be evaluated by both the federal and provincial governments.

Maureen Milburn's extensive experience with covenants was extremely important to the success of the negotiations. She facilitated the covenant negotiation process and volunteered all the time required. The result is permanent protection of the second-largest watershed on Salt Spring Island. The covenant guarantees that over 100 hectares of watershed land will be restored and maintained in a pristine state forever.

**This project is consistent with Islands Trust policies that support the protection of freshwater resources.**