



Facts at a glance...

Our Mission: to protect land for wildlife and parks so bio-diversity and natural features are preserved for future generations.

Our Goal: Supporting a strong and healthy global biodiversity through local land conservation initiatives

Our Partners: Include local government, businesses, community groups, and citizens like you.

Our Donors: Are committed to supporting a healthy Central Okanagan environment through sound land stewardship.

The Central Okanagan Land Trust (COLT) is one of more than twenty Land Trusts across British Columbia engaged in the vital work to preserve important and unique natural lands and wildlife habitat for the benefit of all. Through land donations, the establishment of conservation covenants, and with the set up of Endowment Funds, COLT's land stewardship activities support a healthy biodiversity in the Central Okanagan.

Our partnerships are key to successful work, and you can play an important role in that success. Visit our website to learn more about COLT and contact us to talk more about the conservation legacy you want to leave.

History and Milestones

1990 – the Central Okanagan Foundation recognizes the need for a Land Trust in the region and begins work to for the area's first such group.

1991 – the Central Okanagan Land Trust was formed (originally called the Central Okanagan Parks and Wildlife Trust)

1991 – work began to preserve Rose Valley Pond, with COLT providing funds

1993 – Thomson Family donated 4.5 acres of the Thomson Creek marshland

1998 – COLT purchased Robert Lake lot

1998 – worked with the City of Kelowna and RDCO to secure the Benvoulin Woods as part of the Mission Creek Greenway

2013 – Establishment of the 800 acre Johns Family Nature Conservancy Regional Park

By the numbers....

- 800+ acres of land donated
- 75+ acres of lands with Conservation Covenants
- \$150,000 Endowment Funds in place
- \$130,000 funds raised for acquisition of conservations lands
- \$8,000,000+ assessed value of lands under the ownership and stewardship of COLT

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