



# STILLWATERS ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

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Dear friend of Stillwaters,

## We Need Your Special Support For “THE TRANSITION FUND”.

### THE FUTURE

With your investment in this special transition fund, Stillwaters will be able to carry on the valuable work that has been on-going for the last 20 years.

### HISTORY

As you know, it's been twenty years since a not-for-profit corporation was created in Kingston Washington, known as Stillwaters Environmental Center (Stillwaters). With the goal of environmental conservation education, along with preservation of wildlife habitat and wetlands, Stillwaters created programs to monitor existing and evolving local environmental conditions while also providing education classes on environmental issues and hosting college internships.

The founders (Naomi Maasberg and Joleen Palmer) are still providing oversight for the core programs, with significant support from Administrative and Program professionals brought into the organization in recent years – Jennifer Donaldson, Melissa Fleming, and Lisa Reynolds. This includes monitoring the health of the Carpenter Creek drainage system, investigating occurrence of invasive species, educating the community, and managing the daily operations of the organization.

### TIME FOR TRANSITION

*In order to enable the retirement of our two dedicated founders, Stillwaters must transition into a fully independent organization. To accomplish this, the Board is planning for Stillwaters to trade some property, so that Stillwaters will own the land where our Tree House and Cedar Post Pavilion are located, and still retain access to the saltwater marsh through an easement. **The Tree House and the 2+ acres surrounding it (currently owned by Joleen and Naomi) will become Stillwaters' new home.***

Let us know if you would like more information about the way this will look – we can send you a map and explain it more fully.

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In the next few years, we will want to remodel the Tree House building to make it even more efficient and functional for our future as an environmental research and science organization.

### **THE URGENCY**

Right now, we need to raise \$70,000 for the property swap. This targeted amount reflects the difference in fair market value of the land owned by Naomi and Joleen and that owned by the organization, and also includes money to make minor safety and fire code modifications on the Tree House.

In order to be ready to do that by the end of this year, we hope to meet this funding goal by Thanksgiving!

We on the board believe that this funding may be the most important dollar amount ever spent in the effort to assure the future of Stillwaters and the continuation of our valuable work.

Please join us in this important and special investment in the organization that does significant efforts like the removal of two culverts on Carpenter Creek allowing the natural flow of water to Puget Sound, and the restoration of an estuary that can now support salmon propagation and related wildlife.

Your investment form is enclosed for donations or pledges, but you can also make donations from our website ([www.stillwatersec.org](http://www.stillwatersec.org)). Just indicate they are “donations for property fund” in the comments section when you make your online donation.

Thanks for your partnership with us and Stillwaters!

Sincerely,



Ken Patterson, President,  
for the Board of Directors:

Beth Berglund, Naomi Maasberg, Alicia Olivas, Joleen Palmer, Ken Patterson, Linda Scibilia, Shaun Stephenson

PS. We are planning for a special salmon artwork in the Cedar Post Pavilion on the campus, to honor the Transition Fund Donors. If, for any reason, you do not want your name to appear in this artwork, just let us know on your form or by email.