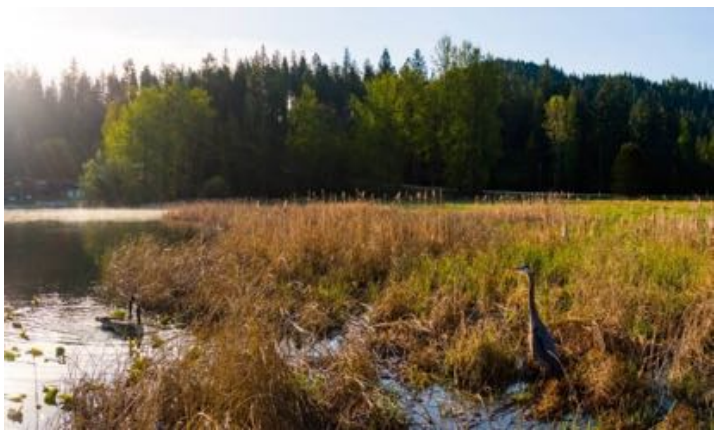


## LOON LAKE LAND CONSERVANCY

### WORKING TO SAVE ANDERSON MEADOW

By Jerry Kuntz

Anderson Meadow Wetland is the last, big, critically important water's edge wetland for the health and cleansing of our entire lake! Thanks to many donors supporting the Conservancy, we were able to act quickly during October when the east half of the entire Anderson Meadow came up for sale.



Thanks especially to some major donors from Silver Beach, North Shore, and Sunset Beach, the Conservancy was able to acquire two parcels representing 250 feet of waterfront and 40 acres behind in the center of the meadow as well as another 20 acres of timbered snow and rain saving cleansing upland drainage behind it. And we are hoping to be able to also protect three more parcels in the meadow if we can work with the current owners to grant a conservation easement protecting their portions of the Anderson Meadow wetlands.

Why is this wetland important to our lake? Though at one point in history there were numerous wetlands scattered around the shorelines of Loon, most have long since been covered with cabins and housing. Since Loon does not have a constant source of new water from a year-round stream running into our lake, we are highly dependent on three remaining large water's edge wetlands and the drainage behind them.

The Walt & Betty Davis Wetland, along with the Pearson Meadow behind it, help to filter runoff from some of the many hills and valleys to the south of the lake. It is a 200 foot waterfront strip located between Larson Beach and Lake Shore Homes. Similarly, the obvious wetland strip running across the far west end of the lake near the Public Boat Launch and between Arnold Beach and over to Meadowview and Morgan Park, serves to filter the McVay Meadow behind it and also the valley and hills well beyond to the west. Fortunately, the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife owns an approximately 50 foot deep strip along the lake. This provides some buffering of the drainage from the farm and meadow behind it, much of which has been held as farmland by the McVay family for generations.

Anderson Meadow is the largest of these three filtering and water storage areas remaining on our lake. It is critical to the long term health of our lake. It filters a very large swath of timbered mountains behind it which hold snow melt and rain like a sponge and release it throughout the year, especially during the dry summer months. Without it, our water quality could rapidly deteriorate and our summer lake levels could drop even more than we currently experience.

Another piece of Good News. The Shawl Wetland adjacent to Shore Acres Estates, and bordering the much larger Anderson Meadow, is now paid off and will be held in perpetuity by the Loon Lake Land Conservancy. It also filters the small meadow behind it and a large chunk of timbered mountainside to the west of it. It encompasses some 490 feet of waterfront and 40 acres of timbered drainage.

Your Loon Lake Land Conservancy wishes to thank all of our supporters who help us to obtain and manage these and other lands for our lake's future. Thank you donors and volunteers. If you or your community group are looking for an outdoor volunteer project to help the Conservancy, you can contact Jerry Kuntz - Board Member and Volunteer Coordinator... 206-850-9219. More information on the Loon Lake Land Conservancy and our lake can be found on our website: **[LOONLAKELANDCONSERVANCY.ORG](http://LOONLAKELANDCONSERVANCY.ORG)**