UNLEASHING THE POWER OF COMMUNITY
Over these last 27 years LCLT has created innovative solutions for sustaining this small island community.
It all started when in 1989, the cost of housing rose 190% in one year!

Highest per capita income—highest cost of living….

Lowest wages—51% of children living in poverty….

How to keep our working residential islanders?
If the global nonprofit sector were a country, it would have the sixteenth largest economy in the world, according to GDP data compiled by the World Bank. In the United States, the nonprofit sector contributed $878 billion to the economy in 2012, or about 5.4% of our nation’s GDP.
According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the nonprofit sector employs 11.4 million people - that's 10.2 percent of the American workforce! In the state of WA it is estimated that the non-profit sector employs 9.5% of the workforce.
Community Land Trust - Defined

- Nonprofit, USA tax-exempt corporation
- Holds land to benefit community
- Provides affordable access to land for such purposes as affordable housing, sustainable forestry and agriculture, cottage industries and cooperatives.
Community Land Trust Tool is Diverse

• Locations in the United States:
  – 38% small cities/towns
  – 26% rural
  – 36% urban/metropolitan

259 in U.S 2012
21 in Washington State
But we need more than sustaining ourselves. We need to thrive! Beyond sustainability, we want to thrive! We build community.
From the ground up....
Affordable Neighborhood Cooperatives –
Morgantown 1992, Coho 1995
Innisfree 2003
Common Ground 2008  Tierra Verde 2012
Salish Way: 2 cottages, 2 bedroom flex
3 houses, 3 women, 3 children
We teach and train... homeowners and interns.
TOGETHER WE BUILD BEAUTIFUL HOMES....
2008 ➔ Net Zero Designs for last 3 neighborhoods:
Common Ground, Tierra Verde, Salish Way

- Small is beautiful
- Solar hot water or heat pump
- Rainwater catchment
- Grid-tied solar
- Strawbale option

- High efficiency windows
- Insulated shades
- Eco-paints
- Water based cement
- Permaculture design
& Reducing Impacts
COMMON GROUND AWARDS
Home Depot Foundation Award for Excellence—
PCBC 2010 Gold Nugget Grand Award for
*Green Sustainable Community of the Year*
Treehugger.com--*Design & Architecture*
*Best of Green Award 2010*
Honorable Mention for 2010 AIA Seattle
*What Makes it Green?*
First Prize for NASCSP *Weatherization Award*
Urban Land Institute finalist--*Jack Kemp Workforce Housing Awards*