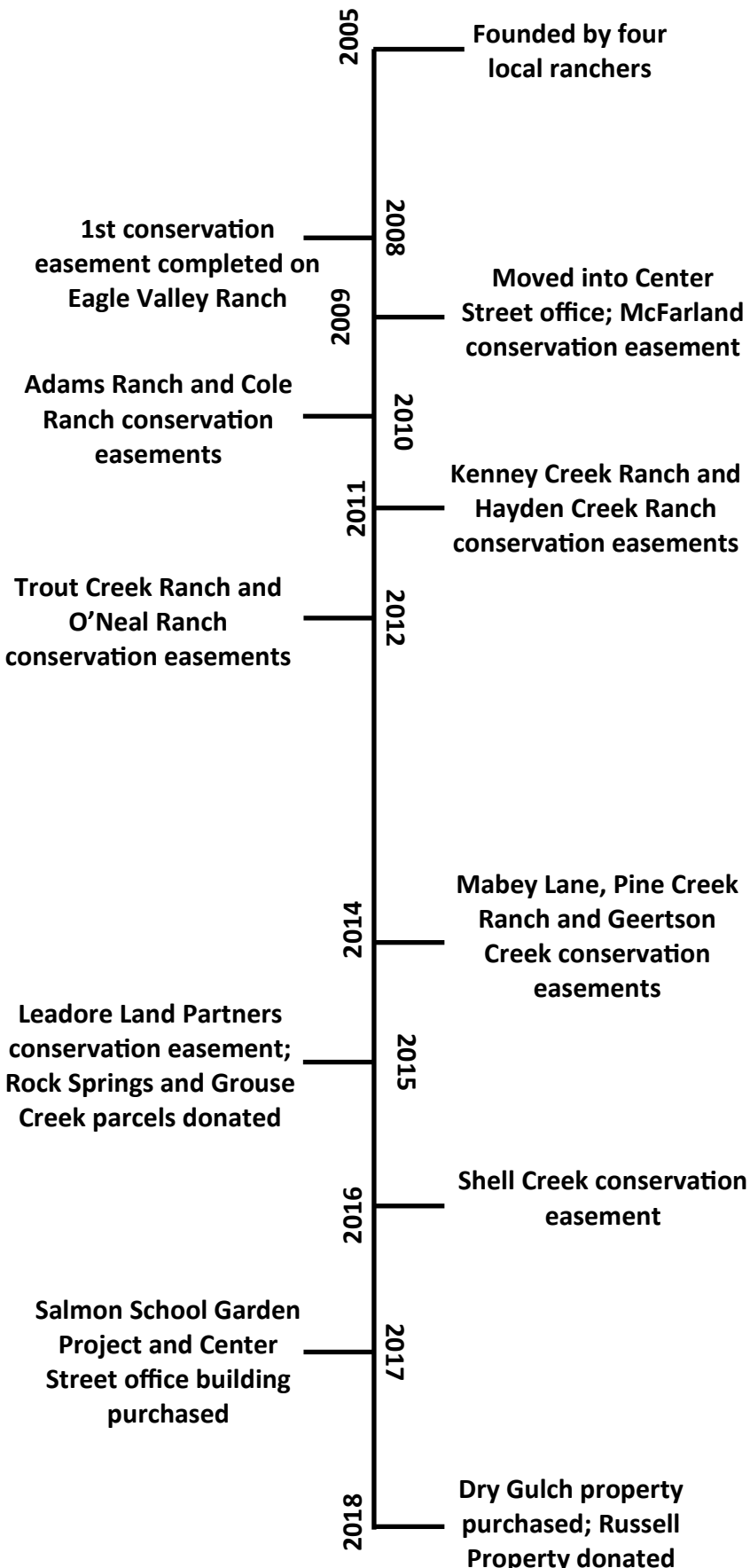


# CONSERVE

News from Lemhi Regional Land Trust

Spring 2020

## FIFTEEN YEARS OF LOCAL CONSERVATION April 2005–April 2020



From the Frank Church Wilderness of No Return to the Continental Divide across Lemhi and Custer counties we invite you to celebrate 15 years of conservation! Over this short time our community has conserved over 14,000 acres of private lands, permanently protected over 50 miles of streams, and completed over \$2.5 million of large-scale habitat restoration projects helping endangered salmon and steelhead. Thank YOU for your commitment to conservation across central Idaho and for supporting experiential youth education through our work at the Salmon School Garden.

We are so excited about what the future holds, but are intimately aware that now is an incredibly difficult and stressful time as we navigate through a world with Covid-19. We stand in solidarity with you working and teaching our children from home and mourning all the things postponed and cancelled. But despite all the uncertainty in our lives, there can be joy, too, as we are forced to slow our pace of life and rediscover what matters most: health, family, community, nature. Getting outside hiking, biking, birdwatching, gardening, sustains us physically and mentally. Idaho's landscapes and people are resilient and strong. They will endure and so will we.

With love,

Jennifer Smith  
Executive Director

# Celebrating National Agriculture Week

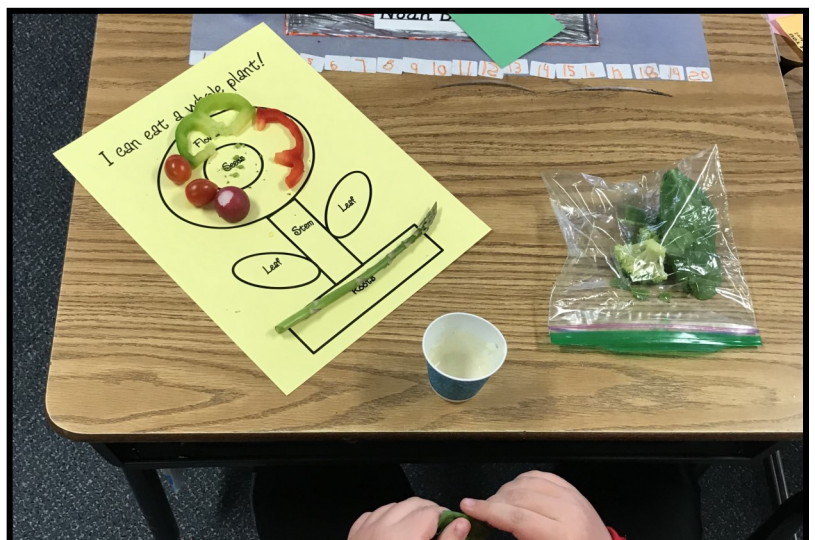
While March seems like a lifetime ago, Lemhi Regional Land Trust staff had the opportunity to join a diverse group of other local organizations visiting our local schools to promote the importance of agriculture and natural resources in our day to day lives as part of National Agriculture Week, March 16 - 20.

Check out a little bit of what we were able to share with our local students below!



**KINDERGARTEN:** Lemhi Regional Land Trust Executive Director, Jen Smith, and Outreach Coordinator, Charli Williams, visited the Pioneer Elementary kindergarten classes with a *VERY SPECIAL* guest, Copper Queen the chicken! Kindergartners got to meet Copper Queen, read a story about a chicken and learn the parts of the chicken! An extra special thank you to our Stewardship and Restoration Coordinator, Breann Green, for loaning us Copper Queen!

**FIRST GRADE:** Charli made her annual visit to Pioneer Elementary first graders to chat about the parts of the plant and how we are able to eat all the parts of the plant. The students were then able to build their very own plants out of different vegetables and sample a variety of vegetables, including some new ones such as radishes and raw asparagus!



**SECOND GRADE:** Joining forces with the Lemhi County Extension Office, LRLT assisted with the Pioneer Elementary second grade classes by teaching the dairy section of their programming utilizing the Idaho Farm Bureau's "Bringing Agriculture to the Classroom" trailer. The trailer includes all the equipment required to teach students about both dairy and wheat production, including everything needed for the students to make their own butter and grind wheat, which is then made into pancakes for them to eat! While the pancakes are always popular, Maggie the Milk Cow is always the star of the show, giving the students a chance to try their hands at milking a cow!

# Happenings from the Salmon School Garden Project

With so many things looking so different in our community this spring, we're so excited to share that the Salmon School Garden Project (SSGP) continues to grow and thrive, even in the midst of the COVID19 pandemic. The Garden is much quieter than usual and while we are missing the excitement, enthusiasm and working alongside students, the SSGP committee is still finding ways to incorporate students into the Garden! Area schools are on a soft closure for the remainder of the academic year, but thanks to the generosity of our teachers and the efforts of SSGP committee members we've been able to send home a little bit of the Garden with Pioneer Elementary and Tendoy School students and allow them to follow along as we plant the Garden for them.

The silver lining of a quiet, empty Garden is that we've been able to tackle some big projects that have been waiting in the wings! In 2018, through our partnership with Lemhi Regional Land Trust, we were able utilize funding from the Land Trust Alliance to work with local architect, Don Stamp, to design a long range master plan for the Garden. The first step of this plan was completed in later 2019 with the installation of the master pathway through the Garden and this spring we have combined several smaller beds into one large bed and creating three new additional beds.

## What's Growing?

**KINDERGARTEN:** Zinnias  
**1ST GRADE:** Sunflowers  
**2ND GRADE:** Beans  
**3RD GRADE:** Cabbages  
**4TH GRADE:** Potatoes  
**5TH GRADE:** Pumpkins  
**6TH GRADE:** Corn  
**HIGH SCHOOL:** Assorted vegetables

## Want to Follow Along?

Visit [www.salmonschoolgarden.org](http://www.salmonschoolgarden.org) and click "Classes" to find all of our videolessons for Kindergarten through 4th grade! Learn how to plant seeds, go on scavenger hunts and read garden themed books along with us!



## Kids Garden

# S.T.E.A.M Camp

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math

**Tuesdays June 16th- August 4th**

**\$5**

Per Camp

**Contact Lemhi County Extension Office**  
 (208)742-1700

For kids to participate in all activities they need to be signed up and payed for the Friday before the camp!

**Transportation Available upon request!**

## Summer Programs

- June 16th-** Animal Tracking
- June 23rd-** Build a Beehive
- June 30th-** Flower Arranging
- July 7th-** Kids Creek Fishing Day
- July 14th-** Sheep Dairy Field Trip
- July 21-** Hydroponics
- July 28th-** Flower Shop & Hyrdroponic Field Trip
- August 4th-** Cooking From The Garden

**Lunch Provided by After School Promise**

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Working Lands Celebration  
Sacajawea Center - Salmon, Idaho

Friday, June 26th

*Open View Photography*

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## NEW Charitable Giving Incentive

As a generous supporter of Lemhi Regional Land Trust and the Salmon School Garden we know you give because you love our mission and connect with our work.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act signed into law on March 27th, 2020, created a new deduction allowing individuals who do not itemize to **deduct up to \$300 in cash giving** for the 2020 tax year. The law also lifts the existing cap on annual contributions for those who do itemize, **raising it from 60% of adjusted gross income to 100%.**

In these uncertain times, we need your support more than ever. We hope that you will capitalize on this new tax benefit and provide us a much needed boost!



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