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Virginia

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Washington

From spotted owl to Chinook salmon, Washington's endangered-species problems seem to keep on coming, despite efforts to protect habitat. The Conservancy is now involved in a dynamic piece of legislation that aims to make the state's approaches to conservation even more efficient. State Sen. Ken Jacobsen's Washington Biodiversity Initiative mandates the creation of a temporary committee to review how state policies affect biodiversity and to suggest improvements by October 2003. The Conservancy has been awarded the contract to select the committee—a diverse group to comprise business, tribal, governmental and other leaders—and provide support as the group elaborates on Washington's first comprehensive biodiversity strategy.
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West Virginia

When you want to protect private land, slow and steady

sometimes doesn't win the race. That's why the Forest Service asked the Conservancy to use its buying know-how to quickly purchase several parcels amounting to 237 acres of red spruce forest along the Shavers Fork River—nearly all of the private inholdings remaining along a 25-mile stretch of forest on Cheat Mountain. That's good news for the northern flying squirrel, the Cheat Mountain salamander and a flower called Barbara's button—just a few of the rare or endangered species that call the Cheat home. In June the Conservancy transferred the land to the Monongahela National Forest. Through this and an earlier project, the Conservancy has helped protect the entire 25 miles of this high-elevation forest from development.
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Wisconsin

Lake Michigan's 80-mile-long Door Peninsula draws thousands of visitors each year to its bays, beaches and inland lakes. But wetlands here are especially susceptible to human intrusion, because the area lies on porous rock; water drains readily into wetlands and lakes, carrying along contaminants. The Conservancy recently purchased two parcels of land in the North Bay-Three Springs area containing breeding sites

corporate ventures

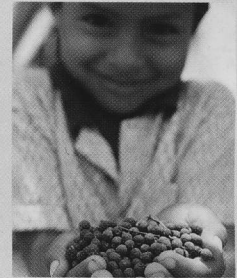
ForesTrade Wins Sustainable Business Award

When the United Nations Environment Programme and the International Chamber of Commerce presented their second Business Award for Sustainable Development Partnerships at the 2002 World Summit in Johannesburg, there was only one U.S. company among the 32 winners.

Headquartered in Vermont, ForesTrade is an industrial supplier of organic spices, coffees and essential oils from Guatemala, Indonesia and Grenada. The award honors ForesTrade's work with local producers, nongovernmental organizations, businesses and investors to support sustainable agriculture, socioeconomic development and resource conservation.

UNEP and ICC aren't the only ones to value ForesTrade's innovations. In 2001 the EcoEnterprises Fund, a Nature Conservancy-managed venture capital operation, invested \$350,000 in the company.

ForesTrade's products are sold under numerous labels in the tea, beverage, bottled spice, flavor and fragrance industries. Its spices are found in chai tea mixes, Reed's beverages and Honest Tea, among others; its coffee (including the only fair-trade beans available from Indonesia) goes into blends by Equal Exchange, Green Mountain Coffee Roasters and Dean's Beans. —KATHERINE SHARPE



A Healthy Dose of Recognition for Johnson & Johnson

This March in Toronto, the Association of Fundraising Professionals will bestow its Outstanding Corporation Award on Johnson & Johnson, a longtime Nature Conservancy partner. The honor recognizes outstanding dedication to philanthropy and community involvement, extending beyond financial support to include encouragement and innovation—elements that Johnson & Johnson has poured into its work with the Conservancy since 1977. Since 1993, the two organizations have worked on conservation and community health in natural areas throughout Latin America, undertaking such activities as constructing health centers, promoting traditional medicines, creating sanitation facilities and improving access to potable water. The partnership continues into a promising 11th year in 2003 with Johnson & Johnson's recent contribution of \$150,000 for Conservancy endeavors in Peru, Paraguay and Colombia. —KATHERINE SHARPE