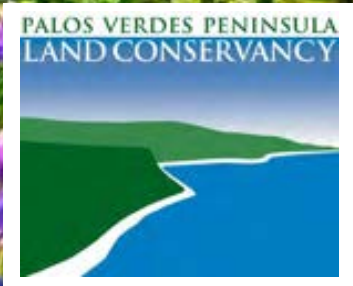


Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy

2021 Annual Report



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Dear friends



It is our pleasure to present the 2022 Annual Report celebrating the momentous conservation achievements of the past year and the community's commitment to a future on the Palos Verdes Peninsula rich in native plants and wildlife. The launch of the *Go Wild for the Peninsula* initiative resulted in the permanent protection of the 96-acre Wildlife Corridor. We were also joined by Federal, State and County partners, and for the first time secured substantial government support to restore land for the recovery of endangered species through a state of California grant sponsored by Senator Ben Allen.

This year's successes were made possible by the generosity of donors, a huge contribution of time by our volunteers, the strength of our partnerships, and the dedication and expertise of the Conservancy's team. We are inspired and very grateful to all of our supporters who understand the value of protecting coastal land and the importance of restoring the land's original beauty in order to create a healthy natural environment on the Peninsula. Habitat restoration provides immediate benefits through the removal of fire-prone invasive plants and long term benefits through maintaining the ecological diversity of Peninsula native species, unique in the world.

It is astounding that the achievements of the Conservancy have been funded by the amazing generosity of donors. The restoration of preserved lands around the Peninsula is only just beginning and we need to broaden our support in the future. We encourage you to speak to your neighbors and friends, to "*Go Wild*" and join this effort by making a contribution and volunteering with us in order to care for these unique and precious places. There is still a lot of work to be done!

The Conservancy board and staff thank you and look forward to seeing you at a volunteer event, nature walk, native plant sale, or adopt a goat day, all of which you can learn about on our website, pvplc.org.

With *wild* appreciation,



Adrienne Mohan

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Executive Director

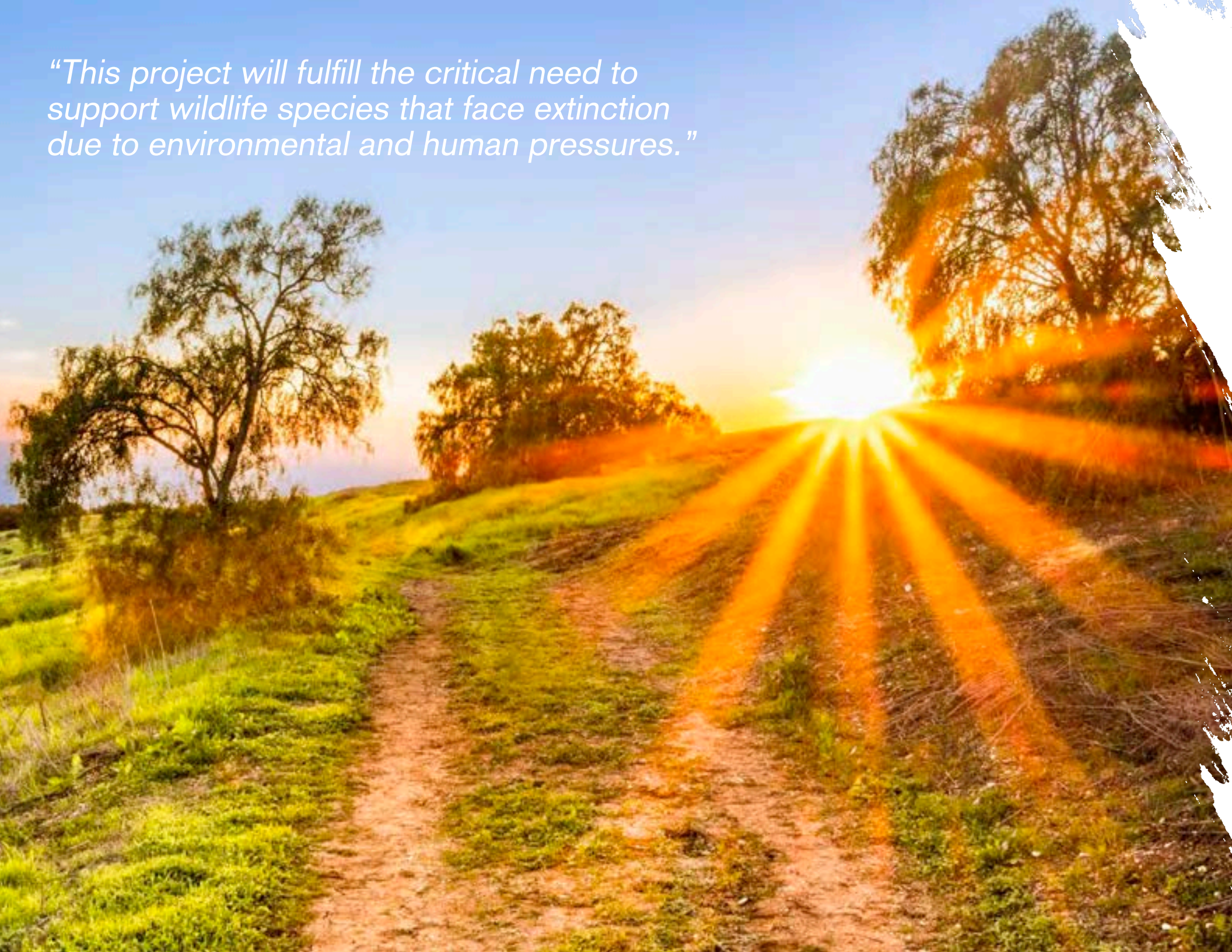


Rob Kautz

Rob Kautz
President, Board of Directors 2022

*Preserve land and
restore habitat for
the education and
enjoyment of all.*

“This project will fulfill the critical need to support wildlife species that face extinction due to environmental and human pressures.”





Go Wild for the Peninsula



Precious coastal natural lands have all but disappeared beneath bulldozers and concrete in Southern California. The Peninsula region is one of the most biodiverse and beautiful places in the world. In 2020, the Conservancy successfully negotiated with the York Point View Properties owner of the sale of the expansive property that is central to the iconic undeveloped open space that Peninsula residents cherish. Three parcels totaling 96 acres located across the road from Abalone Cove Reserve were planned for development. The Conservancy faced a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to preserve this coastal open space that would require an ambitious undertaking to raise the funds needed to acquire the land.

The Conservancy, fulfilling its mission as a land trust and responsibility as Habitat Manager for the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve, worked with partners from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and City partners to submit a grant request for Federal funding to launch the effort to fund the acquisition. In 2021, the Conservancy learned the proposal was awarded \$12.6 million, the largest grant in the nation that year from the Service's Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund – a testament to how important the preservation of this wildlife corridor is to the Service and its partners.

Subsequently, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife through the California Wildlife Conservation Board granted \$4.8 million in matching funds, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes contributed \$1.3 million and the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District awarded the Land Conservancy a competitive

grant for \$1 million from Measure A. Even with this strong public financial backing, the Conservancy still needed to raise significant funds to restore the land to a healthy level where it can support native plants and the wildlife they sustain.

In August 2022, the Conservancy launched “Go Wild for the Peninsula”, an initiative to raise \$30 million to preserve and restore the 96-acre wildlife corridor and other critical lands throughout the Peninsula. This ambitious goal would be the largest amount ever to be raised by an organization on the Peninsula. In October, Senator Ben Allen announced \$5 million was awarded from his discretionary budget to aid in the recovery of endangered species such as the Palos Verdes blue butterfly through large-scale habitat restoration and to accelerate the urgent reduction in nonnative plants that include dangerous fire fuel vegetation. Senator Allen's grant resulted in a total of \$24.7 million public funds awarded to support the Go Wild for the Peninsula goals.

Saving this land is a partnership between government agencies at all levels, local conservation groups and the community. Mary Beth Woulfe, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Biologist explains, “I am proud to be part of a partnership that will make significant contributions to the biodiversity of the state and nation and help achieve the ‘30x30’ goal to protect 30% of natural areas by 2030.” These partnerships are also key to the conservation activities planned. Professor Jana Johnson believes, “The Conservancy's creation of habitat is a key component to the recovery of the endangered Palos Verdes blue butterflies and is a powerful demonstration of their role in

Stewardship highlights

Grew over 43,000 plants in the native plant nursery to support restoration efforts, rare and endangered species recovery projects and community planting projects, an **87%** increase over last year

Restored and maintained over **250** acres throughout the Palos Verdes Peninsula including at Alta Vicente, Portuguese Bend, White Point, Chandler, Lunada Canyon, Vicente Bluffs and Abalone Cove as well as the Navy's Defense Fuel Supply Point in San Pedro

Hosted **27** high school and college interns who gained valuable experience in the fields of environmental education, restoration program management, nursery best management practices, nonprofit communications, volunteer programming, and as native plant demonstration garden apprentices

Cleared **7** acres for Fuel Load Reduction and maintained over **110** acres of previously cleared fuel load acreage

Threatened CA Gnatcatcher, locally imperiled Cactus Wren, endangered Palos Verdes and El Segundo blue butterflies populations were observed in restored habitat areas of Abalone Cove, Alta Vicente and White Point Nature Preserve



TOP: US Fish & Wildlife Service Biologist Mary Beth Woulfe releasing a Palos Verdes Blue Butterfly at a site restored by the Conservancy on the Peninsula

BOTTOM: A young volunteer "Goes Wild" with a Palos Verdes blue butterfly backdrop

restoring the biodiversity of the Peninsula. I am grateful to have so many locations available for releasing the abundance of butterflies and caterpillars we at Moorpark College produce in the captive rearing program. Such a blessing to see them fly free."

Fortunately, seller Jim York of York Point View Properties believed, "there are many advantages of keeping the landscape in a natural state so it would be celebrated, valued and enhanced. "2022 RPV Mayor David Bradley expressed excitement over the acquisition, saying "It is a huge accomplishment for the City of RPV and the Conservancy to have preserved 1,500 acres of coastal lands in RPV, including the new Wildlife Corridor. I look forward to the restoration work that will help reduce fire risks caused by invasive weeds and the introduction of flowering native plants to maintain the beauty of the area and create other health benefits for Peninsula residents."

While the public funds have made strides to achieve the \$30 million goal of creating a viable Wildlife Corridor, support from the entire community is needed to realize

this dream. Two residents of the Peninsula came forward to contribute \$1 million each: Dorothy and Allen Lay of Rolling Hills and the Jacqueline M. Glass Family from Palos Verdes Estates for which they each have a new Reserve named in the Wildlife Corridor. The \$1 million Reserve Naming is one of several recognition opportunities made available by an agreement between the City of Rancho Palos Verdes and the Conservancy. Other naming opportunities include: Scenic Overlook naming at \$250,000, Trail naming at \$100,000, and Group Recognition site naming at \$30,000+.

Allen Lay hopes that "other residents will be inspired to also play a role by making a contribution of any size in order to protect and restore the coastal natural lands we all cherish." Many other generous *Go Wild* for the Peninsula donors are stepping up to help us get past the finish line. For Martha Tuffli, "As soon as we looked out from the Wildlife Corridor, we knew we wanted to help protect this iconic coastline and understood there is a lot of restoration work that still needs to be done."

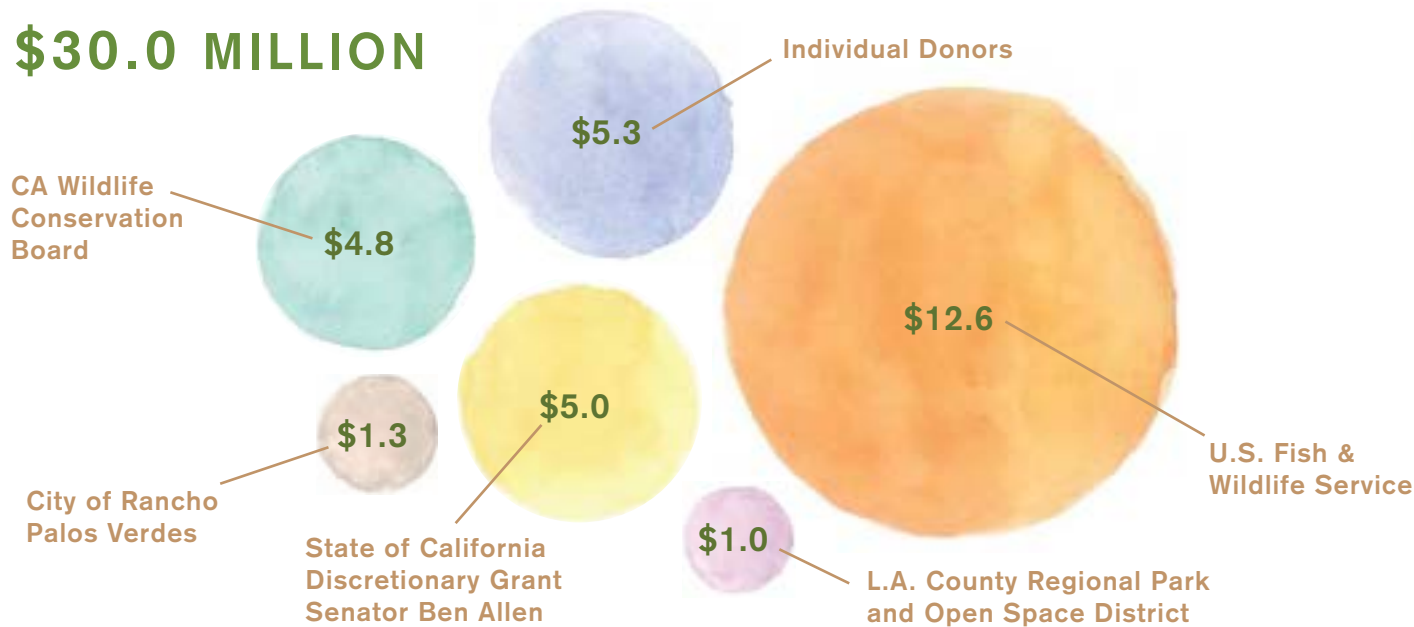


(L to R) Executive Director Adrienne Mohan, founder Bill Ailor, President Rob Kautz, RPV City Manager Ara Mihanian, former Council member Susan Brooks, Council member David Bradley, Mayor of RPV Barbara Ferraro and Mayor Pro Tem John Cruikshank



One of two new newly created reserves named for the generous \$1 million donation

\$30.0 MILLION



Of the \$30 million *Go Wild for the Peninsula Campaign Goal*, \$25 million came from public sources and \$5 million from community contributions.

Education highlights

Provided the Student Naturalist Program to **1,520** third grade students from **24** schools and involved **395** of their parents in volunteering to assist with their field trips.

Presented additional field trip experiences to another **235** students from **6** additional schools bringing a total of **30** schools and **1,755** student participants served through our school programs.

Received funding from the California Coastal Commission's Whale Tail Grant program to create a new partnered field trip with the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium for LAUSD schools.

Conducted Scout Badge Program reaching **101** Scouts and **39** parents.

Welcomed **4,690** visitors into our Nature Centers in **2022**.

Guided monthly public nature walks at the White Point and the George F Canyon Nature Centers for **236** participants.

Celebrating VOLUNTEERS

"Volunteering in the office has inspired me to pursue a graduate program in sustainability where business, people and nature are connected."

Office Volunteer
Monica Pranata



"I enjoy helping out in the office or at fun events, such as Adopt-a-Goat, the Wild & Scenic Film Festival and Open Doors Peninsula. I love the variety of volunteer opportunities and all the people I've met along the way."

Office Volunteer
Chris Lester



"My favorite part about volunteering is meeting such diverse people with unique stories to tell and working towards a common goal."

Outdoor Volunteer
Day Team Leader
Prevail de Rox



"When you give your time to help restore our earth, it is the most fulfilling way to achieve serenity and peace. Native plants help restore our environment. When nature thrives, we all thrive."

White Point Garden Team
Hushi Mortezaie



"As an outreach volunteer I am able to make people aware of what the Conservancy makes possible so people can enjoy nature and wildlife."

Community Outreach Volunteer
Geeta Gupta



"Volunteering has greatly enriched my life. It is deeply gratifying to work with like-minded people surrounded by the natural beauty of the Palos Verdes Peninsula. Every hour out in the preserves is an hour gained leading a meaningful life."

Volunteer Trail Watch and Nature Walk Leader
Bernd Brydges



"I volunteer because I love spreading the news of the good work the Conservancy does for my community. I love the open space and natural beauty that Palos Verdes has to offer."

Community Outreach Volunteer
Tricia Rapaport



Volunteer highlights

Community volunteers donated a total value of **\$905,943** of in-kind services

Volunteers contributed **24,275** hours - a **31%** increase over last year

Volunteers planted **928** native plants, and removed thousands of weeds to restore habitat for rare and endangered species such as the California gnatcatcher and Palos Verdes blue butterfly

Monthly Nature Walks guided **359** people on the Preserves

Adopt-a-Plot volunteers donated **1,434** hours to create key habitat for wildlife

Scouts donated **1,647** project hours planting native species, repairing trails and much more

"As an intern I can apply skills I am learning in my high school Computer Science class. It has expanded my interest in preserving the beautiful environment of the Peninsula."

Student Intern
Timofey Obrastsov



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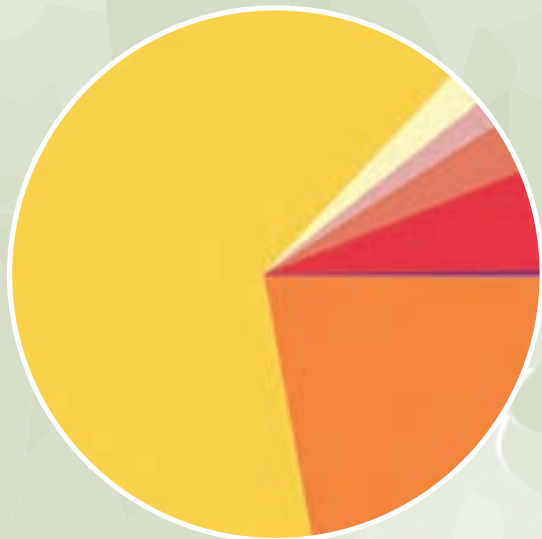
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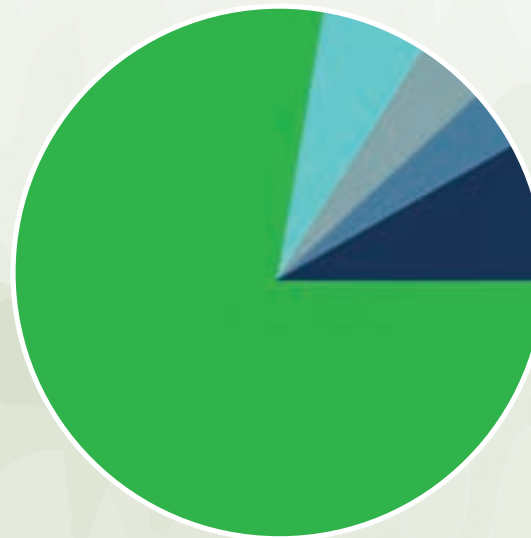
REVENUE AND PUBLIC SUPPORT



65%	CONTRIBUTIONS	\$4,714,576
22%	GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS AND GRANTS	\$1,605,997
<1%	PROGRAM SERVICE FEES	\$16,070
2%	INTEREST INCOME	\$160,775
2%	PROFESSIONAL IN-KIND REVENUE	\$119,695
3%	SPECIAL EVENTS	\$218,678
6%	EMPLOYEE RETENTION CREDITS	\$426,109

TOTAL REVENUE AND PUBLIC SUPPORT **\$7,261,900**

EXPENSES



77%	LAND STEWARDSHIP	\$3,566,229
7%	EDUCATION	\$319,645
4%	VOLUNTEER	\$190,135
4%	MANAGEMENT	\$164,954
8%	FUNDRAISING	\$378,850

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$4,619,813**

The Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy receives multi-year grant funding from various sources, which in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, are recorded in the period received or pledged. However, expenditures related to these grants can occur over several years. As a result, timing differences are created which can have an effect on the changes in net assets.



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