

## Our Mission

Placer Land Trust works with willing landowners and conservation partners to permanently protect and care for natural and agricultural lands in Placer County for current and future generations.



**2,990 ACRES  
PROTECTED IN 2022**

*A record-setting number of acres protected by Placer Land Trust in a single year!*



Dear Friends,

The lifecycle of Placer Land Trust projects never ceases to amaze me. Since a conservation project can take years to complete, the number of acres we protect in a given year can fluctuate greatly. In 2021 we protected 11 acres by expanding a 5-year old preserve. Then in 2022, we created SIX new preserves totaling 2,990 acres — the most ever in a single year! And both years were equally great. Some years like 2021 allow us to turn inward and steward lands already in our care. In other years like 2022 we get to close multiple projects and protect as much land as possible. That's just the nature of our work.

As exciting as numbers can be, they don't tell the full story of these protected landscapes. These lands provide valuable benefits for generations to come. These lands allow people to make a living and feed their families. They're places to get outdoors and experience the joy of spending time in nature. And they're lands that protect wildlife and local communities from threats of a changing world. We hope the highlights in this Annual Community Report get you even more excited about what we can accomplish together looking forward. (Be sure to check out the online multimedia version at [placerlandtrust.org/year2022!](http://placerlandtrust.org/year2022!))

Sincerely,

*Christine A. Pieper*

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Board President



### Whiskey Run Ranch

This 197-acre working cattle and mixed livestock ranch is located north of Lincoln. It features high-quality grazing land, blue oak woodlands, and a quarter-mile stretch of Raccoon Creek, all of which are now permanently protected by an Agricultural Conservation Easement that allows the landowners to continue their agricultural operations.



### American River Headwaters Preserve

This 1,151-acre preserve is owned by CAL FIRE as a Demonstration State Forest to protect forest and watershed health, wildlife habitat, recreation and research opportunities, and more. It includes Sixmile Meadow, which is known for its beauty as well as its vital ecosystem functions. Placer Land Trust holds a Conservation Easement on the entire property, ensuring that it will be preserved forever.



### Doty Creek Ranch

Located near Lincoln, this working walnut orchard is now protected by an Agricultural Conservation Easement. With the rapid growth of the Lincoln area, hundreds or even thousands of acres of farmland are being converted to development every year. An easement allows landowners to realize some of the value that would have come from selling for development, while keeping their land in agricultural production.

### Bear River Headwaters Preserve

This 1,200-acre property is also owned by CAL FIRE as a Demonstration State Forest, serving to help California continue to learn about forests, timber harvest, public use, wildfire, and climate change. Placer Land Trust holds the Conservation Easement. The property is part of the headwaters of the Bear River, which contributes to the high quality of drinking water in Placer County.

### Land Acknowledgment

*The protected lands in Placer Land Trust's care are the ancestral lands of the Maidu, Miwok, Nisenan and Washoe tribes. These lands were forcibly seized, and these tribes were unjustly treated. Although Placer Land Trust cannot change the past, we seek to work with local Native American tribes where we can to help address this injustice.*

**14,964 TOTAL ACRES  
PROTECTED**

as of December 31, 2022



**96 VOLUNTEERS  
contributed  
2,657 HOURS!**

**66**

EVENTS AND  
ACTIVITIES ON  
OUR PRESERVES...

FOR

**948**

PARTICIPANTS  
...another record!

**963**

MEMBER  
HOUSEHOLDS



INCLUDING 309  
NEW MEMBERS!

**TOTAL INCOME  
\$1,980,219**

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[www.placerlandtrust.org/year2022](http://www.placerlandtrust.org/year2022)





### Bushamul Vernal Pool Preserve

This preserve is made up of approximately 211 acres of grasslands and 35 acres of wetlands, vernal pools, streams, and riparian zones. This diverse landscape provides critical habitat for wildlife (including endangered species such as vernal pool fairy shrimp), as well as scenic open space in the unincorporated area of Sheridan. Bushamul Vernal Pool Preserve was named for the nearby historic Nisenan village of Bushamul; the United Auburn Indian Community gave their approval for the use of the Nisenan name.



### Yo' Dok'im Pakan - Gerjuoy North Fork Preserve

In April 2022, we partnered with the Colfax-Todds Valley Consolidated Tribe to transfer ownership of 40 acres of forestland above the North Fork American River, considered by the Tribe to be part of their ancestral homelands. Owning and managing natural land in its homelands supports the Tribe's effort to restore federal recognition of the Colfax Rancheria, and provides a place to celebrate their traditions and put cultural and ecological knowledge into practice.



### Clementine Beach Preserve

Placer Land Trust purchased Clementine Beach Preserve from a willing seller to ensure continued public access to Upper Lake Clementine and to keep development away from the lakeshore. This new preserve contains a section of Upper Lake Clementine Road, which leads to the Upper Lake Clementine Day Use Area, as well as a stretch of beach where the North Fork American River enters Lake Clementine. No subdivision or residential development will ever occur on the Preserve.



### Progress on Protecting Clover Valley

And finally, in 2022, we made exciting progress on protecting Clover Valley! Placer Land Trust partnered with Jessup University to acquire 402 acres, with a down payment of \$2.25M and a 2-year plan to permanently protect this last large block of open space in Rocklin. This is the first concrete step taken to protect the valley and its special resources for everyone and for all time. *Stay tuned for more news in 2023!*



Join us in reaching our goal of protecting 25,000 acres in Placer County by 2030! [www.placerlandtrust.org/donate](http://www.placerlandtrust.org/donate)

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# 2022 Annual Community Report

