

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.

Dear friends,

Reflecting on 2024, I am deeply grateful for your support in conserving and celebrating Placer County's natural beauty. You're an essential part of this mission and we couldn't do our work without you.

This year, two new preserves got us closer to the goal of protecting 25,000 acres of natural and agricultural lands in Placer County by 2030. To steward those preserves already in our care, Placer Land Trust partnered with community members and organizations to remove invasive species and reduce fuel loads. Community partnerships also helped us engage more people than ever before on our preserves this year. We've worked behind the scenes preparing for the connection of Hidden Falls Regional Park to our Big Hill Preserve. I hope to see you on those trails in 2025!

We are looking forward to 2025 and are ready to overcome challenges and celebrate many wins with you, our members, right by our side. Whether through volunteering, donations, or spreading the word about our mission, you play a crucial role in our success.

Thank you for being an integral part of the Placer Land Trust team. Together, we are creating a lasting legacy for future generations.

With appreciation and optimism,

Christine A. Pieper

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Board President



Lake Clementine & North Fork American River Preserve

In May, Placer Land Trust worked with the Trust for Public Land to permanently protect over 1500 acres of significant river canyon outside Auburn.

The property, formerly slated for a 94-unit housing development, includes Lake Clementine access and shoreline as well as 2.5 miles along the North Fork American River. The two land conservation organizations purchased the property and conveyed it to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to ensure the land is forever held in the public trust.



Photo: Julie Thomas



Lincoln 1079 Ranch

In October, we protected Lincoln 1079 Ranch, a 581-acre working organic almond and rice ranch west of the City of Lincoln. An Agricultural Conservation Easement permanently protects the property from subdivision and development while allowing the landowners to continue their agricultural operations.

Located on the Auburn Ravine, the ranch is adjacent to land that is already protected for the Swainson's hawk, and is also near another almond and rice ranch protected by Placer Land Trust via conservation easement. Together, these properties form a larger area of protected lands, providing habitat and migration paths for a wide variety of wildlife in addition to ensuring these lands will continue to support agriculture.



**2,147 ACRES
PROTECTED IN 2024**



**21,076 TOTAL ACRES
PROTECTED**

as of December 31, 2024



**190 VOLUNTEERS
contributed
4,104 HOURS!**

...a record year!

**106
EVENTS AND
ACTIVITIES ON
OUR PRESERVES...**

**FOR
1,704
PARTICIPANTS
...another record!**

**1,076 MEMBER
HOUSEHOLDS
INCLUDING 358
NEW MEMBERS!**



**TOTAL INCOME
\$ 2,790,964**

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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.



Community Connections

Through partnering with community organizations, businesses, and local and regional agencies, we can achieve so much more than we could than going alone. Here are a few highlights of 2024!

The **Auburn Symphony** and Placer Land Trust brought the best of their assets together for **Symphony Under the Sky**. Guests wandered the trails at Laursen Bear River Preserve, finding musician ensembles tucked in the trees and enjoying the sounds of Mozart or Bach in the meadow, and soaking in the benefits of nature.

This year, staff at the **United Cerebral Palsy (UCP)** of Sacramento and Northern California learned about our “Ramble & Roam” children’s program, and asked if we could adapt it for their program participants. We were delighted to do so! UCP families enjoyed an outing on our preserves complete with an observant trail and waterway walk, leaf-boat races, and nature sketching.

Partnerships also enabled us to tackle fuels reduction and fire safety projects. We teamed up with **Placer Resource Conservation District (RCD)** on their North Fork American River Shaded Fuel Break Phase 2 project to clear 41 acres of scotch broom, blackberry, and poison oak at Aeolia, Stagecoach, and Canyon View Preserves. The project was funded by **CAL FIRE** in partnership with Placer RCD.

We also partnered with the **AmeriCorps NCCC Program** to kick off a Shaded Fuel Break project at Kotomyan Big Hill Preserve. We worked on the fuel break all fall and winter, and ramped up our partnerships to complete the project by spring! We are so grateful for the support and teamwork we received from **Placer County Department of Agriculture, Parks, and Natural Resources**, who assisted with chipping the brush piles resulting from thinning. By the end of 2024, we completed approximately 2/3 of this 45-acre project.

Stewarding the Land with Local Tribe

In 2024, Placer Land Trust received grant funding from the Land Trust Alliance to hire the **Koy’o Land Conservancy**, a nonprofit affiliated with the **Colfax-Todds Valley Consolidated Tribe**, to lead workshops for our staff and to help evaluate potential conservation projects. The workshops included training on how to recognize, protect, and manage land with traditional cultural significance to Native American Tribes for both existing preserves and possible new land acquisitions. The Tribe also joined our staff in the field to train us in making cultural site assessments on our own.



Battling Broom at Canyon View Preserve

We have been working to remove French broom from Canyon View Preserve for decades, but the spread of this fast-growing invasive shrub never stops. We launched our first volunteer **“Broom Battle”** in 2023, and it was such a success that we kept on going! 2024 proved to be our most successful year yet, with 124 volunteers donating 462 hours to battle the broom. We also embarked on our first collaboration with a private group who “adopted” a patch of broom to independently remove on their own schedule. Next time you visit Canyon View, take a moment to appreciate the hard work of our volunteers – and keep an eye on our event calendar for upcoming workdays!

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2024 Annual Community Report

