

Dear Friends,

Every milestone achieved and new preserve celebrated reminds me how grateful I am for you—one of the community of supporters who bring Placer Land Trust’s mission to life. We don’t do our work alone, and 2025 highlighted how much richer our lives are when we partner with others.

It’s the ranchers who have watched agricultural lands disappear in Placer County and across the state who said, “I can do something about this,” and permanently protected their land. It’s the hundreds of donors and organizations who stood together and made it possible to finally protect the heart of Clover Valley. It’s the hundreds of volunteers who selflessly gave their time, talent, and sweat to the mission—making up the work of almost two full-time staff members. It’s the partnership with local Tribes who are educating us, along with others, on the value of cultural burning to prevent

catastrophic wildfires for the safety of our communities and health of the land.

Our future success will depend more on the connections we build than the number of acres we protect. Land in Placer County continues to get more expensive, and resources at the state and federal levels for land conservation are diminishing. Even when that feels deflating, it’s always the people who rally to support our mission who give me hope. If Placer Land Trust is the vehicle by which our valued lands are protected, it’s YOU behind the wheel!

Thank you for being an integral part of the Placer Land Trust team. Together, we will create a lasting legacy in 2026 and long into the future.

Christine A. Pieper

Christine Pieper, Board President



Clover Valley Preserve

Protected by Placer Land Trust in Spring of 2025, **Clover Valley** is one of the last remaining intact sections of oak woodlands in western Placer County. This valley is home to a wide variety of ecosystems, wildlife habitat, and historic Native American sites. In one area of the valley, beavers have created a 20-acre wetland along Clover Valley Creek – also home to a rare and threatened bird species, the California black rail. A stone’s throw away, you can see where Native Americans lived in harmony with nature for thousands of years.

Clover Valley has been under intense pressure from development for decades, with plans for 500+ single-family homes and roadways across the valley floor. For years, community members rallied together to hold off the construction of subdivisions, roads, and highways that would destroy this last wild place. Finally in 2025, working with the original landowner as a willing seller, Placer Land Trust secured enough funding from local foundations, local government entities and the community to permanently protect this land through a permanent conservation easement.

The 402-acre heart of Clover Valley is now protected forever by Placer Land Trust. The next step is working with partners on plans for long-term stewardship and new educational and recreational access. In the meantime, we are holding docent-led tours of the valley so that our community can experience and enjoy this place that you helped protect!



Vista Ranch

Located along the Bear River north of Lincoln, **Vista Ranch** has been used for cattle grazing for generations of local ranchers from the Church and Barrie families. Funding for the acquisition and permanent protection of the property came from Placer County fees that help offset the loss of oak woodlands and its associated wildlife habitat from rapid development in other areas of the County. Fee title ownership of the ranch is now held by Placer Land Trust; Placer County and the Placer Conservation Authority co-hold a conservation easement on the property.



Upper Ranch

At **Upper Ranch**, high-quality grazing land mingles with unfragmented blue oak woodlands and annual grasslands. Nearly a mile of Raccoon Creek runs through the ranch, providing a biodiverse range of wildlife habitat.

Ancestors of today’s Tahti, Fleming, and Bokisch families purchased Upper Ranch in the 1800s. In 2025, family members worked with Placer Land Trust to place an Agricultural Conservation Easement on the ranch, permanently protecting the land for future generations while allowing the family to continue agricultural operations.



Stewardship

- We increased our stewardship and land management capacity by hiring two new staff members
- We collaborated with the Colfax-Todds Valley Consolidated Tribe on joint training, cultural burning, and land management projects, made possible by new grant funding opportunities
- We expanded our land management abilities with vital new equipment and improved equipment systems
- We held seven volunteer Broom Battles, and launched our “Habitat Heroes” site adoption program to help tackle acres of this invasive species at Canyon View Preserve!



Community Connection

- Our docent team is growing, allowing us to host more events. PLT also became a certified first aid and CPR training center to train our staff and volunteers in-house
- Our Community Council launched Nature Quest, a series of free events and activities designed to inspire our community to get outdoors!
- We held free workshops for farmers and landowners to learn about how to permanently protect their land
- We forged new partnerships in our community to help more people experience our protected lands – read more in our online report!

1,001 ACRES
PROTECTED IN 2025



116

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES
ON OUR PRESERVES...



FOR
1,850
PARTICIPANTS

22,078 TOTAL
ACRES

as of December 31, 2025

1,299

MEMBER HOUSEHOLDS...
INCLUDING 538
NEW MEMBERS!



215 VOLUNTEERS
contributed
3,715 HOURS!

TOTAL INCOME
\$2,191,088

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Join us in reaching our goal of protecting 25,000 acres in Placer County by 2030!
Scan to give, or visit www.placerlandtrust.org/donate.



Conservation, Collaboration, and Traditions of Stewardship

We were honored to present the 2025 Placer Conservator Award to **Colfax-Todds Valley Consolidated Tribe (CTVCT)**. A California State recognized Tribe of Nisenan, Maidu, & Miwok people of the Colfax/Placer County area, CTVCT has been working with Placer Land Trust for several years now, beginning with our LandBack project of transferring Yo' Dok'im Pakan - Gerjuoy North Fork Preserve to the Tribe and their affiliated nonprofit entity, the Koy'o Land Conservancy.

In 2025, Placer Land Trust and CTVCT continued our collaborative work together through the mutual exchange of conservation and stewardship learning and practices, securing joint grant funding, as well as moving forward on our upcoming Owl Creek LandBack and Equitable Access project.



Check out the online version of our Annual Community Report, featuring stories from the land and the people who power our work, our full list of supporters, financial report, and much more!

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