

An aerial photograph of a lush green valley. In the foreground, there are rolling green hills with scattered trees and a few cows grazing. The middle ground shows a town with buildings and roads, surrounded by more greenery. In the background, there are large mountains under a cloudy sky. The text 'Tri-Valley Conservancy' is overlaid in the center of the image, with decorative white arcs above and below the words.

Tri-Valley  
Conservancy

*Annual Report 2018*



# Protecting Land & Wildlife

Your dedicated forethought and generosity have ensured the Tri-Valley will have locally grown food and wine, gorgeous views, and amazing outdoor recreation amidst the Bay Area's hustle and bustle. More than 4,500 acres of land have been preserved for you, wildlife, and future generations to enjoy. In 2018, you made a difference that will last forever by preserving the critical lands that we, and all generations, will need.

You preserved 178 acres of wildlife habitat at the mouth of Doolan Canyon between Livermore and Dublin. The open rolling grasslands and ponds provide high quality habitat for threatened Western burrowing owls, California tiger salamanders, California red-legged frogs, and other wildlife. Open grasslands like these are quickly disappearing and along with them, so are many of the other wildlife that burrowing owls need to survive. That's because burrowing owls rely on the abandoned burrows of mammals like ground squirrels, badgers, foxes and coyotes to make their homes in. As the Tri-Valley's natural lands are developed, open spaces and burrows become a hot commodity for competing wildlife, leaving the dwindling burrowing owl population without a long leg to stand on.

But thanks to you, these critical 178 acres of land have been preserved forever. Now that this habitat is protected, we'll begin building natural burrows that will provide shelter for the burrowing owls, California tiger salamanders and other wildlife part of the complex interconnected wildlife tunnels that are crucial for our local ecosystem. With your continued support in 2019, we'll continue to work on protecting 590 more acres of critical wildlife habitat.



## Lay of the Land

- 18% Parks & Habitats
- 82% Agriculture
- 109 Properties
- 140 Stewardship Visits
- 178 New Acres of Burrowing Owl Habitat
- 4,523 Acres of Land Preserved
- 8,000+ Acres Protected



# Linking Parks & History

With a single trail connection, you are linking 25,000 acres of open space through five parks, providing trail access for all, and improving critical creek habitat for wildlife.

For years, thousands of visitors to Sycamore Grove Park have been forced to stop their adventure where a popular trail dead ends at the Arroyo Del Valle. Thanks to you, a permanent bridge will connect the trail across the creek, so that hikers, equestrians, cyclists, strollers, and people with disabilities will be able to enjoy more recreational opportunities year-round. The bridge will also decrease human impacts to the creek, so water quality and flow will improve and wildlife can thrive.

You took the first step towards making this connection possible in 2014, by preserving 74 acres—the missing link—between Sycamore Grove Park and Del Valle Regional Park. Once the land was preserved, plans for the long sought-after trail link and creek habitat improvement began. After a rigorous feasibility study and permitting process, we are ready to breakground and install the final piece of the connection in August 2019.

The trail connection has been approved by the National Park Service and will be added to the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail—one of only 30 National Historic Trails in the country. Because of you, park visitors for generations to come will be able to enjoy trails from Livermore to Fremont through five parks.



## Bridging the Gap

- 1 Trail Connection
- 4 Seasons of Access for All
- 5 Parks Linked
- 30 National Historic Trails
- 44-mile Regional Trail
- 1,200-miles of Juan Bautista de Anza Trail Now
- 25,000 Acres from Livermore to Fremont





You connected thousands of people with the Tri-Valley this year through the common ground that makes our community special—the land you have protected—where our trails and neat rows of vines and orchards sprawl. Through events like Livermore Valley Uncorked and programs like Discovery Youth in Nature, you are helping people to experience the benefits of preserving land.

The ninth annual Livermore Valley Uncorked wine competition boasted 12 revamped varietal categories that attracted more than 100 Livermore Valley wines vying to be the best of the best. The best of the categories were announced to a crowd of wine enthusiasts and winemakers alike at the Celebration which showcased the quality of what our region's viticulture heritage and savvy land preservation strategies can produce.

You reached hundreds of girls and boys who will inherit our preserved lands. Thanks to you, the Discovery Youth in Nature Program is in its fourth school year. About 1,500 students have been introduced to environmental science with hands-on experiments followed by a field trip hike. For nearly half of the students, it's their first hike ever. The program has helped connect youth with nature and agriculture. After participating in the program 100% of students have said they want to preserve land.

During the 2018-2019 school year, with two new fantastic educators, we're close to bringing the program to every elementary school in Livermore. With your continued support, a pilot program will be launched in Pleasanton in the 2020 school year.



### **Discovery Youth in Nature**

- 1st Hike for Half the Students
- 4 Years of Education
- 100% Want to Preserve Land
- 1,500 Girls and Boys
- 2020 Pleasanton Pilot Program

## *Making Connections*



### **Livermore Valley Uncorked**

- 9th Annual Wine Competition
- 12 Varietal Categories
- 100 Local Wines
- 300 Guests Tasted the Wines
- 2019 to be Bigger and Better





# Putting Your Donations to Work

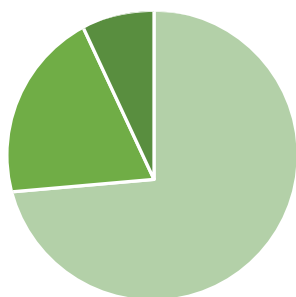
Preserving land is no small task. It takes a community and a fair amount of time. But thanks to you, our partners, and sponsors working together, more than 8,000 acres have been protected and 4,523 have been preserved forever.

Once land is preserved, it needs to be cared for in order to stay healthy, so the land can provide food and wine, lovely trails, wildlife habitat, fresh air and cleaner water. Saving land is just the first big step in a journey that will span generations fortunate to inherit parks, agriculture, and open space.

As an Accredited Land Trust, we reserve funds to make sure we can act not only when needs and opportunities arise to preserve new critical lands but also so the lands you have preserved will be cared for eternally. Every dollar of your donation is put to work!

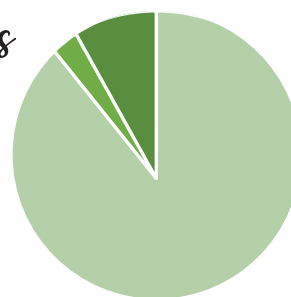
As a local land preservation non-profit organization, we couldn't be successful without our supporters and partners. We want you to know what your donations and volunteer time make possible. Below are the un-audited financials for 2018.

## Preservation in Numbers



**Revenue**

Reserve	\$611,975	74%
Fundraising	\$161,685	19%
Program	\$57,744	7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$831,404</b>	<b>100%</b>



**Expenses**

Program	\$768,790	89%
Fundraising	\$69,548	8%
Management & General	\$23,031	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$861,369</b>	<b>100%</b>



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Your generous support made all of this and more possible in 2018! Together, we can protect the lands

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