EAGLE VALLEY LAND TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT

2018

Dear Donors, Friends, and Colleagues,

From its beginning, Eagle Valley Land Trust (EVLT) has operated on the belief that conserving land and open space is vital. Not only for wildlife and the environment, but for our communities and quality of life.

Conservation is the core mission of what we do. Following that mission for 38 years, EVLT has protected nearly 12,000 acres of land and built a strong foundation for continued collaboration and conservation success.

Our next major step is "community conservation." That means protecting the community we care about and helping ensure that every resident has access to natural places to recreate and relax.

EVLT is working with many conservation and community partners and local students to better understand the challenges facing our communities—from mental health to affordable housing and food insecurity—and how we can help solve them.

Thanks to your support, EVLT expanded its signature community conservation programs in 2018. The Community Land Connection Series is helping people explore, appreciate, and protect public lands and open spaces. Through the Future Conservationists program, local youth participate in field programs and service projects to learn about the importance of land conservation and its values for wildlife, the environment, and our communities.

EVLT has also created a diversified fundraising strategy to sustain its long-term conservation work and strengthen its community conservation programs.

In Partnership with the Eagle River Watershed Council, we launched the Land and Rivers Fund. Participating businesses collect a one percent donation through customer purchases, which raises money to help our two nonprofits continue to protect fish and wildlife habitat, water quality, scenic views, agricultural heritage, and recreational access in Eagle County.

2018 was another successful year for local conservation because of you. Your continued support helped EVLT conserve more land, extend the Eagle County Open Space Program, complete habitat restoration projects, hold exciting events, and pursue innovative collaborations with community partners. We are pleased to present this annual report, a celebration of our progress and a look forward at the many exciting conservation opportunities on our horizon.

Sincerely,

Andie Bombard, PhD
President, Board of Directors

Jim Daus
Executive Director

2018 STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

EVLT staff members Anne Kerrigan, Jessica Foulis, Jim Daus, Rob Curtis, (Board Member) David Schlendorf, and Bergen Tjossem.

"Protecting wildlife habitat in Eagle County, my home, has always been the driving force behind my academic and career pursuits. When the opportunity to return to Eagle County to work for EVLT presented itself after graduate school, it was a no-brainer.

Working for a dynamic and mission-driven organization like EVLT is as fulfilling as it is exciting. The fact that working hard means protecting more wildlife habitat is just a bonus. I couldn't be more pleased with the direction the organization is headed."

Bergen Tjossem
Communications and Development Manager

"My summer spent with EVLT was where my passion for conserving Colorado's natural habitats and open spaces truly took shape. Before this internship, I had never gotten the chance to experience what it was like to work for a non-profit with such a strong connection to the surrounding environment both natural and built. Working with EVLT has drawn me closer to what I am most passionate about in life and for that, I am forever grateful."

Rob Curtis
Community Outreach Intern

OUTREACH

FUTURE CONSERVATIONISTS

Here at your local land trust, we always try to remember why we protect land, and who we protect it for. It really comes down to one word: *forever*. We protect land forever so that all future generations can enjoy it the way we do today.

In 2018, 512 students from several youth organizations participated in field programs and service projects with hands-on conservation education lessons. By conducting the program at three public conservation easements held by EVLT, students were able to learn about the different values of conservation including open space, historical value, habitat protection, and scenic views.

EVLT is proud to partner with other organizations, including Walking Mountains Science Center, The Cycle Effect, Bright Future Foundation's Buddy Mentors, and the Eagle Valley Outdoor Movement to deliver the Future Conservationists program. EVLT anticipates further growth of this vital and collaborative program in the coming years.

COMMUNITY LAND CONNECTION SERIES

Each month throughout spring, summer, and fall, we team up with a partner organization to lead a hike on a conserved parcel protected by one of EVLT's conservation easements. This series, which will continue throughout 2019, is an opportunity to leverage local efforts and encourage people to appreciate, explore, and protect our beautiful home and the wildlife that lives here. Each hike is a chance for locals and visitors to learn about Eagle County and ask questions of local experts.

COMMUNITY CONSERVATION

COLLABORATION SPOTLIGHT: EVOM

The Eagle Valley Land Trust is a proud partner of the Eagle Valley Outdoor Movement (EVOM), a coalition dedicated to serving youth in our community by connecting them to our outdoor spaces. The project components include:

People – Collaborate with community to enhance programs, reduce barriers and support positive change that will enable youth to safely access and enjoy the outdoors.

Programs – Create a continuum of preschool through 12th grade activities that provide local youth meaningful opportunities to connect to the outdoors, so that they can gain the confidence to pursue these experiences independently and with their families

Places – Provide under-served youth and families a variety of safe, accessible and fun outdoor sites that span a broad range of "backyard to backcountry" opportunities across the Eagle Valley.

Pathways – Expand pathway opportunities for young adults to apply learned skills and become leaders and advocates for the great outdoors.

MINTURN BONEYARD

EAGLE COUNTY'S NEWEST CONSERVED OPEN SPACE

Five and a half years after Minturn Boneyard was purchased by the Town of Minturn with assistance from Eagle County Open Space, the property has been permanently conserved for the benefit of the public. Specifically, a conservation easement – a permanent and legally binding contract requiring the property remain as open space – has been granted to the Eagle Valley Land Trust, protecting the public investment in open space forever. Additional funds to cover the costs of the permanent conservation of the property were provided by Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO), Eagle County Open Space, and the Town of Minturn.

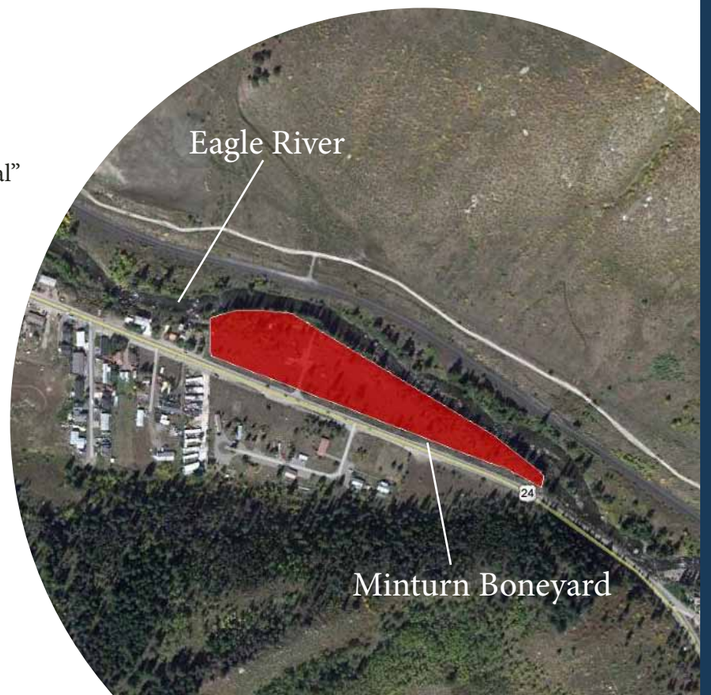
"This is a great amenity closer to residents and guests in Red Cliff, Minturn, and Vail as the bulk of Open Space acquisitions are found further west" *- George Brodin, Minturn Council Member*

Before Minturn Boneyard's purchase from the U.S. Forest Service, the scenic property southeast of Minturn along Highway 24 was used for storage of heavy equipment until 2011. When no longer needed by the agency, it was placed on the "disposal" list, meaning it could be sold to almost any buyer, including developers, to raise money for other projects.

Recognizing the community value of the parcel, which includes nearly half a mile of Eagle River access, the Town of Minturn approached the Eagle County Open Space program about purchasing the parcel for the benefit of all Eagle County residents. The purchase was completed in 2013. The Town of Minturn, through a grant provided by GOCO, has entered into a conservation easement with the Eagle Valley Land Trust that is now complete, assuring its permanent conservation as open space for recreation and river access.

The Minturn Boneyard is the Town of Minturn's first permanently protected Open Space and is consistent with both the Town of Minturn Community Plan and the Eagle County Comprehensive Plan. The property is open to all for walking, picnicking, wildlife viewing, snowshoeing, and river access throughout its meadows and woodlands adjacent to the Eagle River and National Forest Lands. The town also anticipates providing accessible ramps (e.g., wheelchair access) to the river for fishing.

The land will also protect riverside habitat utilized by the endangered North American river otter and several species of trout, which depend on the riverbank's shade, structure, and insects for survival. The parcel also provides habitat and corridors for moose, mule deer, elk, black bear, migratory songbirds, raptors, small mammals, reptiles, and amphibians including the tiger salamander.



FARM TO FORK
& GARDEN TO GLASS

Sip the sweet moments in life

Farm to Fork 2018 was an incredible night filled with locally sourced delicacies, tasty cocktails, and conservation camaraderie. Nearly 250 conservation advocates attended the sold out event and helped raise over $200,000 for local conservation efforts.

Thanks to everyone who attended, the organizing committee, table sponsors, and all of our corporate partners for making it a night to remember.

Thanks also to all six of our bartender contenders for their outstanding displays of cocktail creativity focused around honey, 2018's secret ingredient. Pivot62, a new bar located within the Doubletree Hotel in West Vail, stole the show with their winning cocktail, "Colorado Stinger." Miss the event? You can sample their award winning cocktail innovations and see their shiny new trophy at 2211 N Frontage Rd in Vail.

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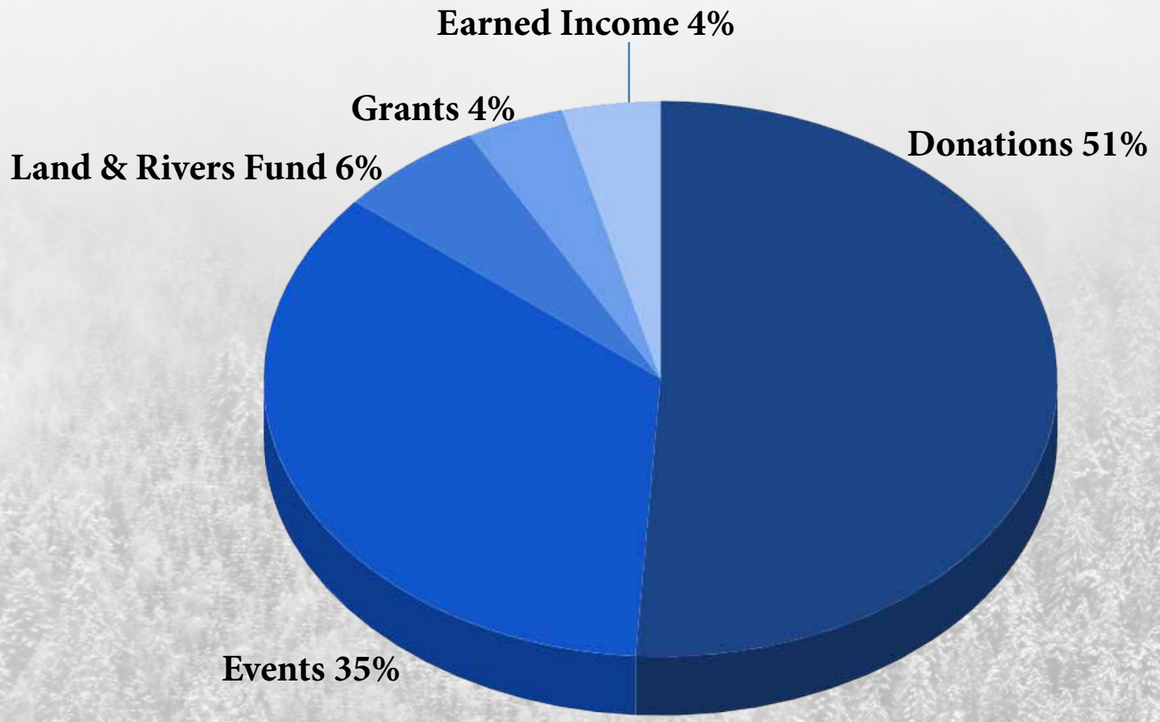
COW PATTY BINGO

What does it take to raise the local 4-H grand champion steer? A lot of work, dedication, and nurturing. It takes immersion in a heritage that is the foundation of our community. It's a heritage that 4-H and the Eagle Valley Land Trust are dedicated to protecting. Cow Patty Bingo is our signature event that celebrates the legacy of ranching and all the partners and kids working to preserve it forever.

EVLT donates 10% of all deed sales to Eagle County 4-H because we believe in the 4-H program and its contribution to the future of our community.

2017-2018 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

2018 OPERATING REVENUE MIX



ASSETS SUMMARIZED

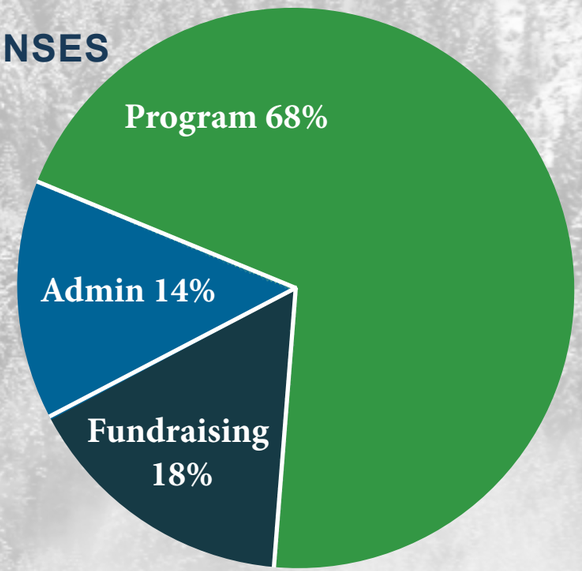
Fund	2017	2018
General Fund	$1,066,705	$1,158,992
Quasi Endowment Fund	$15,971	$316,497
Permanent Endowment Fund Corpus	$334,207	$407,088
Stewardship Fund	$783,260	$728,581
Legal Defense Fund	$192,963	$218,920
General Land Protection	$67,912	$40,814
Other Funds (Kirch, Hardscrabble, Western Heritage, etc.)	$182,515	$243,604
Total	**$2,779,533**	**$3,114,496**

2017-2018 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

SUMMARIZED INCOME STATEMENT

Source	2017	2018
Revenue		
Contributions	$290,039	$362,393
Land & Rivers Fund Net	$0	$41,648
Grants	$41,100	$30,032
Special Events	$164,736	$248,633
Other Revenue	$210	$177
Program Revenue / Project Reimbursment	$77,454	$30,565
Total Revenue	**$573,540**	**$713,450**
Expenses		
Admin and Office	$103,363	$86,759
Personnel	$303,085	$279,364
Special Event Expense	$67,544	$59,487
Legal Fees Project Related	$28,292	$10,938
Other Expense	$0	$0
Total Expense	$502,285	$436,550
Net Operating Income	$71,255	$276,899

2018 EXPENSES

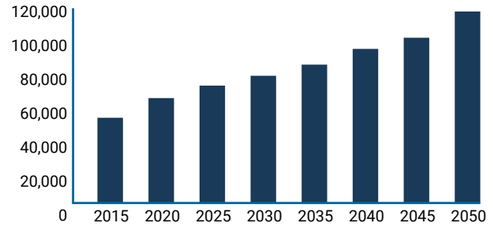


STRATEGIC GOALS

- Serve our community by conserving high-quality properties through a strategic, pragmatic, and collaborative process.
- Protect our conserved lands by partnering with landowners to maintain and enhance conservation attributes of the land and the public benefit derived therefrom.
- Engage our community about the public benefits of land conservation to further gain support for our mission.
- Attract and retain outstanding staff, board members, and volunteers to execute the strategic plan.
- Continue to raise sufficient funding for annual operations and enhance long-term organizational sustainability.

IMPACT

ESTIMATED POPULATION GROWTH



WE ARE YOUR LOCAL LAND TRUST. BY PROTECTING OUR LANDS, WE ARE:

- Saving our scenic views and critical wildlife habitat from development
- Protecting land for public access and recreation
- Preserving our culture and ranching heritage
- Benefiting our local economy and community, balancing growth with conservation

36 Conserved properties

20 Conserved properties with public access

35 Miles of public trails

13X Return on every $1 donated

$67M Total conservation value

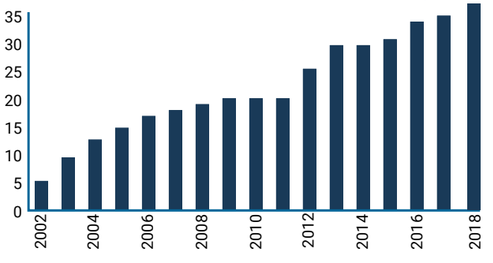
10 Miles of river corridor

11,277 Total acres conserved

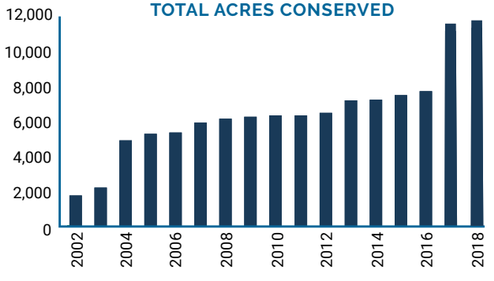
10,116 Acres of habitat preserved

6,396 Scenic acres

NUMBER OF CONSERVED PROPERTIES



TOTAL ACRES CONSERVED



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CONSERVING THE LANDS WE LOVE...*Forever*

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PORTRAIT OF A LEGACY

Kent Erickson and Barbara Krichbaum

As longtime locals, Barb and Kent recognized the values that made Eagle County such an outstanding place to live. They knew that to protect the land, scenic viewsheds, and wildlife that supported a growing economy, they needed to take action.

Barb and Kent have been involved with EVLT for decades helping to steer conservation efforts and build awareness in the community about the Land Trust's work. In addition to their time and annual investments in EVLT, they decided to create a legacy of conservation by including a planned gift to the Eagle Valley Land Trust in their estate planning. Planned gifts like Barb and Kent's help ensure that all future generations can enjoy the open spaces, wildlife, and thriving community that Eagle County has to offer...*forever*.

To learn more about how you can leave a legacy of conservation, contact EVLT at development@evlt.org.

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