



PALMER LAND CONSERVANCY

Annual Report 2025



Palmer
LAND CONSERVANCY

→ Our Mission

To protect land and water for the well-being of nature and people.

→ Our Conservation Priorities

To accomplish our mission, we focus our efforts on four conservation priorities:



Advancing large-scale water initiatives that balance competing water needs in the West and prioritize community needs and goals.



Celebrating and connecting people to the land and nature by conserving open spaces and public parks.



Strengthening rural communities and economies by protecting local farms and ranches and connecting cities to essential local food systems.



Safeguarding the health and resiliency of landscapes that support wildlife, biodiversity, waterways, and wetlands.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

In my 12 years at Palmer Land Conservancy, I've witnessed the patient, often invisible work that conservation requires: the years of research, relationship-building, and strategic planning that precede every protected acre. 2025 was different. This year, nearly a decade of groundwork reached a milestone for the Bessemer Farmland Conservation Project, and several other multi-year projects came to fruition in a remarkable convergence of conservation victories. It stands as one of the most monumental years in our organization's history, a testament to what's possible when vision, partnership, and persistence align. The stories in the following pages reveal how this momentum unfolded and what it means for Colorado's future.

These successes are just the start. Thanks to supporters like you, Palmer protects southern Colorado's land and water today—ensuring resilient farms, thriving habitats, and lasting community legacies for tomorrow.

As you explore this report, you'll discover how community-driven conservation transforms possibility into permanence.

From the Generation Wild coalition breaking down barriers to nature for Pueblo's youth to the partnerships that multiply our stewardship capacity, every page reflects the power of working together and remaining steadfast in reaching our goals.

The momentum we've built positions us to tackle even greater challenges ahead. Thank you for being part of this incredible journey.

With gratitude,



REBECCA JEWETT
President and CEO

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2025 Crucial Conservation Impacts

This year marks the culmination of years of dedication that have turned possibilities into lasting realities across more than 11,000 acres.

This farm was identified as a highly productive farm during the thorough analysis phase of the Bessemer Farmland Conservation Project.

WE BOUGHT A FARM!

A Milestone for the Bessemer Farmland Conservation Project

After nearly a decade of research, community engagement, and pioneering a new legal approach to mitigating the impacts of water sales, **Palmer reached a transformative milestone—acquiring a 623-acre farm on Pueblo's St. Charles Mesa.**

This is one of the largest contiguous farms in Pueblo County. After a full growing season, our farming partner confirmed: **it's some of the most fertile land in the county.**

WHY THIS FARM MATTERS

The Bessemer Farmland Conservation Project launched in response to a looming crisis:

- **More than 5,000 acres of prime agricultural land in Pueblo County are slated for dry-up** when the water is transferred to municipal use.
- A comprehensive economic study indicated 2,000 acres of prime farmland are essential to ensure the economic vitality of Mesa's agricultural industry.
- Traditional "buy-and-dry" water transactions devastate rural communities, eliminate local food production, and create ecological dead zones.

Palmer envisioned a better path—one where cities secure needed water, farmers maintain livelihoods, and land continues producing food.



THE INNOVATION

Through years of analysis, Palmer developed tools to:

- **Identify the most productive farms**
- **Create legal mechanisms to voluntarily transfer water rights** from less productive lands to "critical production areas"
- **Permanently protect prime farmland** through conservation easements, once reunified with water rights

This 623-acre property is the critical test case, demonstrating how strategic water optimization protects agricultural heritage while meeting urban water needs.

WHAT COMES NEXT

This acquisition was the first milestone toward **permanently protecting 2,000 of the 5,000 acres of farmland on the Mesa slated for drying up.** Once the 623 acres of the farm are reunited with permanent water rights and conserved, this proof of concept will guide the way for other farming families to adopt this approach to protecting the most productive acres on the Mesa.

As Colorado faces a projected 740,000 acre-foot water supply gap by 2050, the stakes couldn't be higher. This farm proves that with vision, collaboration, and community support, we can create a future where cities and farms thrive together—protecting the \$47 billion agricultural industry that sustains Colorado's economy and identity.



Read the full story:
palmerland.org/bessemer-milestone



Bessemer farm irrigation system | Photo: Darrell Fisher and St. James Sporting Properties



Silver Mountain Preserve | Photo: Jason Houston / The Nature Conservancy

FROM PEAKS TO PRAIRIES:

2025's Enduring Conservation Legacy

What We Mean When We Say “Forever Protected”

Through conservation easements—voluntary legal agreements between landowners and Palmer—we ensure landscapes will never be subdivided or developed, regardless of future ownership. This promise transcends any single generation, any economic pressure, any future temptation to compromise. Palmer holds these easements in perpetuity, monitoring each

property year after year, decade after decade, to ensure conservation values remain intact. This unwavering dedication transforms indispensable properties into “Palmer-protected” legacies—a commitment written into the land's DNA for the benefit of all Coloradans, now and for generations to come.



The working ranch will sustain livestock and wildlife for generations to come. | Photo: Anna Sophia Vera/The Nature Conservancy

Silver Mountain Preserve

From Near-Subdivision to Permanent Protection

11,000 acres | Working cattle and bison ranch | Near La Veta

In partnership with The Nature Conservancy, Palmer permanently protected this expansive ranch that nearly became ranchette subdivisions in 2021.

WHAT'S PROTECTED:

- Critical habitat for elk, bighorn sheep, black bears, and countless species
- 12 miles of the North Abeyta Creek that sustains diverse ecosystems
- Elevations ranging from 6,700 to 10,000 feet
- Connection to broader protected lands, ensuring wildlife can migrate as climate pressures intensify



Pronghorn graze across sweeping shortgrass prairie. | Photo: Dave Showalter/The Nature Conservancy



Fall Aspen on Bullsprings Ranch.

Bullsprings Ranch

Protected Winter Habitat for Bighorn Sheep

134 acres | Gold Belt Scenic Byway | Pikes Peak region

Through partnership with landowners Carol Ekarius and Ken Woodard, this property provides essential winter habitat for bighorn sheep, adding to nearly 11,500 acres of Palmer-protected lands within a ten-mile radius.

WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONNECTIONS:

- Big horn sheep, elk, black bears, mountain lions, mule deer, and peregrine falcons move freely
- Close proximity to Dome Rock Special Wildlife Area, Mueller State Park, Florissant Fossil Beds, and Pike National Forest



Catamount Institute student receive a lesson about the importance of conservation.

Catamount Center's Mountain Campus

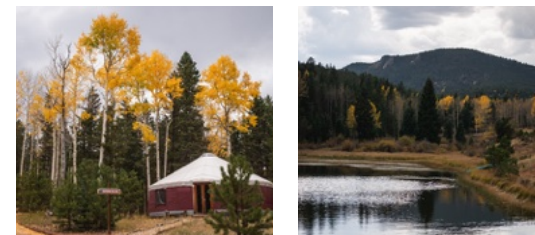
A Living Classroom for Future Conservation Leaders

145 acres | K – 12 environmental education | Pikes Peak region

For nearly 30 years, the Catamount Center has welcomed students for hands-on environmental education. Palmer's conservation easement ensures this outdoor-centric campus continues to educate and inspire future generations.

EDUCATIONAL IMPACT:

- Connects to more than 200,000 acres of adjacent public and conserved lands
- Transforms curiosity into care, and care into lifelong conservation commitment



With ponds and various class spaces, Catamount Center is an ideal place for environmental education.

Take a deeper look:
palmerland.org/2025-impact



SCALING SOLUTIONS:

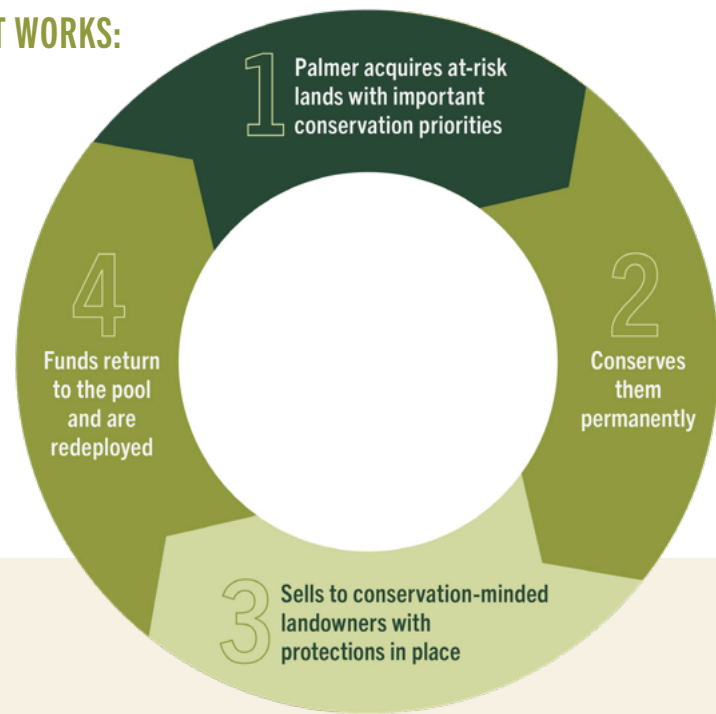
\$1M Grant Transforms Palmer's Conservation Capacity

The Hill family has championed conservation for more than 40 years. In 1980, Al Hill's donation of the Blair Bridge property became one of Palmer's earliest successes. Most recently, his daughter, Lyda Hill, expanded that legacy with a **transformative \$1 million investment** to accelerate Palmer's proven strategies statewide.

Moving at the Speed of Urgency

This investment establishes seed funding for **Palmer's Impact Fund**, enabling a rapid response when exemplary properties become available.

HOW IT WORKS:



THE RESULT:

With this internal fund, we can bring initial investment to the table to attract additional funding sources to achieve needed conservation outcomes by working in an active real estate market. This initial funding will enable Palmer to respond more swiftly. However, to achieve the necessary speed amidst current growth pressures and conservation priorities, the fund must grow. Therefore, Lyda Hill's contribution is intended as seed funding to inspire others to join with a financial donation to the Impact Fund.

SCALING OUR WATER WORK

For a decade, Palmer has pioneered innovative water solutions in the Arkansas River Basin, **balancing municipal needs, agricultural viability, and ecological health.**

THIS INVESTMENT NOW SCALES THAT EXPERTISE; PALMER WILL BE ABLE TO:

- Take on Projects across Colorado, expanding to the northern Front Range
- Chart water solutions between farming communities and cities
- Keep more farming communities whole and thriving

Thank you, Lyda Hill Philanthropies, for your commitment to the mission of protecting land and water for the well-being of nature and people across Colorado.



STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP DELIVERS RESULTS:

Gates Family Foundation Advances Southeast Colorado Conservation

Gates Family Foundation Partnership Continues to Drive Conservation Across Southeast Colorado

Since 2014, the Gates Family Foundation has partnered with Palmer to achieve conservation at the landscape scale across southeast Colorado—the **state's most intact yet least protected region**. This vast landscape features untilled shortgrass prairie, diverse bird habitat along the North American flyway, and a historically significant farming corridor along the Lower Arkansas River.

Palmer serves as a strategic conservation leader, leveraging Gates Family Foundation funding to maximize impact through expert project management, deep community relationships,

and collaborative partnerships. By combining foundation support with partner contributions, Palmer multiplies investment to protect the natural, cultural, and agricultural resources integral to Colorado's heritage and economy.

2025 GRANT FUNDS PLAYED A CRUCIAL ROLE IN ADVANCING THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:

- Permanent Protection of Silver Mountain Preserve
- Bessemer Farm Acquisition
- Bohart Ranch Conservation (Phase Two)
- Sentinel Landscape Initiative

We sincerely thank the Gates Family Foundation for their continued investment in southeast Colorado's conservation future through the Southeast Colorado Focused Landscape Initiative.



Cultivating Community-Driven Conservation

PEOPLE ARE CONSERVATION'S GREATEST RESOURCE.

From landowners who entrust Palmer with their legacy to board members who chart our future to the donors and partners who empower progress, this work requires all of us.



Millennium Society donors explore an active conservation project in Teller County.

CREATING CONSERVATION CHAMPIONS:

New Coalition Brings Nature Access to Pueblo's Underserved Communities

For over a decade, Palmer has worked on community-driven conservation in Pueblo. We're now expanding that vision to include access to outdoor recreation.

Palmer is proud to serve as fiscal agent and program partner for a new coalition awarded a transformative **\$1.75 million grant from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO)** to launch **Generation Wild of the Pueblo Region** over the next five years.

THE CHALLENGE

In Pueblo's Y-Zone neighborhoods—Bessemer, Eastside, Westside—and rural Avondale, many young people face significant barriers to accessing the outdoors: few green spaces, limited transportation, and generations of disinvestment.



Bike the Bessemer served as a pilot program for Generation Wild partners in Pueblo.

THE SOLUTION

This 20-partner coalition listened to over 500 community members to design programming that removes barriers and creates pathways, including:

- Free family outdoor events at local natural areas
- Biking programs, including Palmer's signature Bike the Bessemer
- Family swim days, creek clean-ups, and farm-to-table experiences
- Transportation assistance and equipment lending libraries
- Bilingual programming and youth advisory council

THE IMPACT

Children who once had limited access to Colorado's natural beauty will discover local trails, waterways, and open spaces. Teens will gain leadership skills and introductions to conservation.

Pueblo now joins 15 Generation Wild coalitions statewide, which have delivered 9,550 programs to 360,222 young participants. Together, we're raising the next generation of conservation champions.



Read the full story:
palmerland.org/generation-wild



Participants from Pueblo's Boys and Girls Club joined Bike the Bessemer 2025 free-of-charge as a pilot collaboration for Generation Wild.

STEWARDSHIP THROUGH COLLABORATION:

Palmer's 2025 Partnership Expansion

Protecting more than 149,000 acres of conserved land requires more than legal agreements—it demands active, ongoing stewardship.

In 2025, Palmer dramatically expanded partnerships with academic institutions, conservation organizations, businesses, and volunteers to enhance the ecological health of protected properties while building the next generation of conservation leaders.

ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS:

Training Tomorrow's Stewards

Colorado College recognized Palmer as a High Impact Partner in 2025, deepening collaboration across multiple programs:

- **Priddy Experience** students conducted fire mitigation work at Mesa Valley Wildlife Preserve and a privately conserved property near the Air Force Academy.
- **The Environmental Studies and Science Program** produced a comprehensive 68-page carbon sequestration study exploring how conserved lands can participate in carbon markets.
- **Fraternity volunteers** from Kappa Sigma and Sigma Chi removed 300+ invasive plants at Rawles Open Space.
- **Heather Campbell Chaney Environmental Fellow, Claire Moe**, monitored 20 publicly accessible Palmer-protected parks and open spaces throughout the summer, and became a licensed drone pilot as part of Palmer's professional development initiative.

High school partnerships brought conservation education to younger students. **Cheyenne Mountain High School** students learned conservation fundamentals about the neighboring Palmer-protected Stratton Open Space during Earth Day celebrations, while **Fountain Valley School** students explored forest management practices at Mesa Valley Wildlife Preserve.



CC students pulled up their sleeves to steward several Palmer-protected properties.



Claire Moe | Heather Campbell Chaney Environmental Fellow



Fountain Valley School students explore Red Rock Canyon as part of their stewardship day trip.



SCHEELS employees help remove Mullein and other invasive plants on a Black Forest property.

Business & Conservation Organization Collaborations



Aiken Audubon Society partnered with Palmer to install 35 nest boxes across conserved properties, inviting birds to provide natural pest control while creating opportunities for public education and bird viewing.



American Farmland Trust's Soil Health Stewards grant funded an innovative Adaptive Multi-Paddock grazing system at Rocking Jar Ranch, testing ancient grazing wisdom with modern science to improve soil health and drought resilience.



SCHEELS and Credit Union of Colorado employees joined Palmer staff for multiple stewardship workdays to remove noxious weeds and trash from Palmer-protected properties.

These partnerships multiply Palmer's capacity to monitor, enhance, and protect conserved lands while inspiring diverse communities to become active conservation participants. From college students gaining career experience to business employees giving back locally, 2025 proved that stewardship thrives through collaboration.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT:

Charlie Campbell

Turning Grief Into Lasting Conservation Impact

Twenty-five years ago, Charlie Campbell faced an unimaginable loss—the death of his daughter Heather, a passionate conservationist and Palmer Land Conservancy Board Trustee who dedicated her life to teaching children about the outdoors. Rather than let grief consume him, Charlie channeled his pain into purpose, establishing the Heather Campbell Chaney Environmental Fellowship.

"I needed to carry Heather's work forward for her," Charlie says simply.

Since 2001, the fellowship has done exactly that. Each summer, young conservationists follow in Heather's footsteps, monitoring Palmer's 20 publicly accessible parks and open spaces while gaining hands-on experience that launches conservation careers.

Tyler Yung, a past Fellow, captures the program's profound impact: "Heather's legacy of selflessness, dedication to environmental work, and general passion for making the world a better place for all people and beings is something I carry with me every day at work... Heather's legacy of spreading goodness in the world through conservation and environmental education is powerful."

Now, Charlie is focused on his lasting legacy: transforming the fellowship into a perpetual endowment that will fund fellows forever—just as conservation easements protect land forever.

"I want someone to be able to stand where I am 50 years from now and say, 'Heather is still spreading goodness in this world,'" Charlie envisions.



Charlie Campbell

WHY PERMANENCE MATTERS

A perpetual endowment ensures:

- Young people will always have opportunities to learn hands-on conservation
- Fellows continue monitoring Palmer's forever-protected properties
- Children discover wonder and responsibility for nature
- Heather's environmental ethic lives on in every community the fellows serve

Join Charlie's Mission

Every gift to the Heather Campbell Chaney Environmental Fellowship Fund helps anchor the fellowship's future, ensuring Heather's spark becomes a steady, eternal flame.

The simplest way to contribute is with cash or a check. Please make checks out to the Pikes Peak Community Foundation. In the memo line, please write "Heather's 56th Campaign." Checks can be mailed to: PPCF, 315 E Pikes Peak Avenue, Suite 120, Colorado Springs, CO 80903.



Read Charlie's full story:

palmerland.org/blog/charlie-campbell

“The Fellowship honors Heather’s passion and mission in life. Heather’s legacy is making a positive difference in the lives of children and young professionals as they become stewards of the natural world.”

JULIE FRANCIS

Colorado College professor and
Co-founder of the Catamount Institute



Heather Campbell Chaney's love of Colorado permeated every aspect of her life.

BUILDING THE CONSERVATION MOVEMENT: Palmer's Events Bring People Together

Conservation thrives when communities gather.

In 2025, Palmer brought together hundreds of people through engaging events that celebrated the land, elevated diverse voices, and strengthened the bonds between urban and rural communities.

TENACITY: Women in Conservation

160+ ATTENDEES

Palmer convened passionate advocates, community leaders, and nature lovers to explore how conservation serves as the thread connecting communities across Colorado. This sold-out event featured six prominent women working across different sectors—from food justice, to land use policy, to outdoor equity. The evening reinforced that conservation is not just about protecting landscapes—it's about building inclusive communities where everyone has a stake in Colorado's future.

FEATURED SPEAKERS INCLUDED:

- **Anna Cordova**, Manager of Garden of the Gods Park
- **Susan D. Daggett**, Executive Director, Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute
- **Patience Kabwasa**, Executive Director, Food to Power
- **Yenny Espinosa Niño**, Outdoor Equity & Education Director, Boys & Girls Clubs of Pueblo County
- **Lori Weigel**, Principal, New Bridge Strategy



We received incredible feedback from many attendees say they enjoyed the speakers and felt hopeful for the future of conservation in Colorado.



Cyclists saw more on St. Charles Mesa with an extended route in 2025.

Bike the Bessemer

140+ CYCLISTS

Palmer's signature farm tour returned for its fifth year, connecting participants directly with the farmers who feed our communities and the water systems that make agriculture possible. The expanded 15-mile route featured peaceful gravel farm roads, behind-the-scenes tours at local farms and the historic Bessemer Ditch, and a farm-to-table lunch prepared with over 100 pounds of produce sourced directly from farms along the tour route.



Summer Pints with Palmer: Colorado Springs at Red Leg Brewing

Pints with Palmer

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Palmer hosted celebratory gatherings in Pueblo and Colorado Springs, creating fun opportunities for community members to connect with staff, learn about current conservation projects, and meet fellow land lovers over craft brews, flavorful food, and conversation.

Organizational Excellence

By maintaining the highest standards of financial transparency and organizational accountability, Palmer ensures every resource entrusted to us is leveraged to its fullest potential for community-driven conservation here in Colorado.

Palmer-protected University Park Open Space

Palmer Named 2025 Best Workplace by The Gazette

Palmer Land Conservancy has been recognized as one of The Gazette's Best Workplaces of 2025. This honor reflects our team's unwavering dedication to protecting Colorado's land and water while fostering a workplace culture rooted in collaboration, innovation, and shared purpose.

At Palmer, we believe that conservation thrives when people thrive. Our

commitment to organizational excellence extends beyond the landscapes we protect—it encompasses creating an environment where our team can grow, contribute meaningfully, and find fulfillment in work that matters. This recognition affirms that protecting the places Coloradans love begins with supporting the people who make that protection possible.



ENDURING COMMITMENT: Palmer's Board Leadership in 2025

Strong leadership drives lasting conservation. In 2025, Palmer's Board of Trustees evolved to meet the challenges ahead, honoring dedicated service while welcoming fresh perspectives.

LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

After years of transformative leadership, **John Geary** passed the board chair baton to **BJ Hybl** at the end of 2025. John's guidance advanced critical projects, including the Bessemer Farm acquisition. His commitment honors his uncle, Stu Dodge, Palmer's first executive director.

BJ brings a lifelong connection to Palmer's landscapes and professional expertise as President and COO of Griffis/Blessing, Inc.



John Geary



BJ Hybl

NEW TRUSTEES

Chris Long (Intentional Wealth Strategies) brings strategic planning and financial stewardship expertise. **Luis Creel** (American Beef) offers a binational perspective on agriculture and water conservation shaped by his family's pecan orchard in Mexico.



Chris Long



Luis Creel

Gratitude for Retiring Trustees

Palmer thanks **Sanjay Bhatnagar**, **Vanda Dyson**, and **Catherine Steele** for their strategic guidance, community connections, and unwavering commitment to conservation across southern Colorado.



Sanjay Bhatnagar



Vanda Dyson



Catherine Steele

FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year 2025

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025¹

Statement of Financial Position

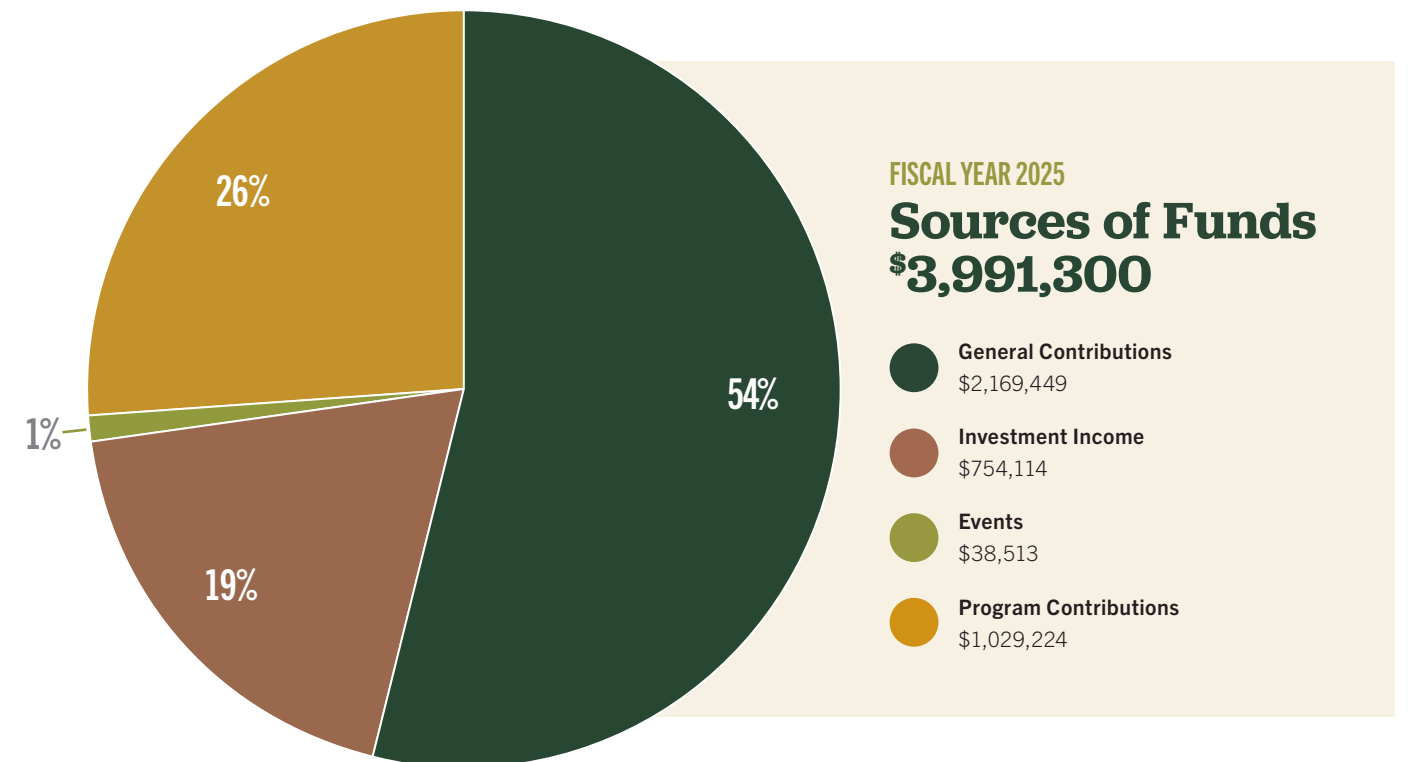
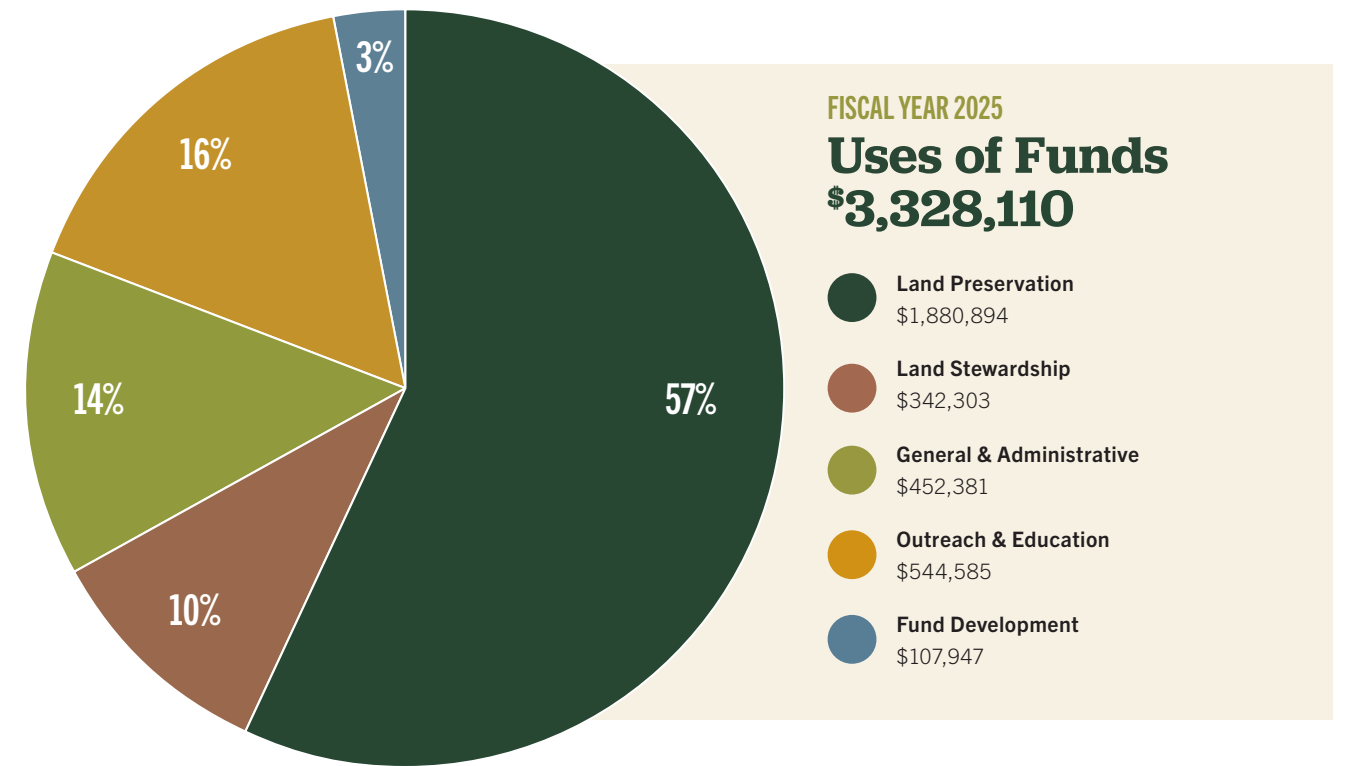
CURRENT ASSETS	FY2025	FY2024
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$2,926,257	\$3,803,441
Accounts, Pledges & Grants Receivable	\$147,330	\$67,046
Prepaid Expenses	\$42,803	\$35,026
Right-of-Use Assets - Current		
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$3,116,390	\$3,905,513
Investments ²	\$5,738,253	\$5,235,232
Property (Land) & Equipment - Net	\$2,943,598	\$428,739
Right-of-Use Asset - Non-current	\$375,076	\$434,119
TOTAL ASSETS	\$12,173,317	\$10,003,603
CURRENT LIABILITIES	FY2025	FY2024
Accounts Payable	\$46,046	\$115,585
Accrued Liabilities	\$217,538	\$116,045
Deferred Revenue	\$1,074,489	\$2,058,011
Lease Liability - Current	\$55,703	\$51,909
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$1,393,776	\$2,341,550
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	FY2025	FY2024
Note Payable	\$2,500,000	
Other Noncurrent Liabilities	\$10,000	
Lease Liability - Noncurrent	\$326,508	\$382,210
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$4,230,284	\$2,723,760
NET ASSETS	FY2025	FY2024
Net assets without donor restrictions	\$1,520,894	\$517,607
Net assets without donor restrictions — Board designated	\$6,128,236	\$5,625,215
Net assets with donor restrictions	\$293,903	\$1,137,021
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$7,943,033	\$7,279,843
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$12,173,317	\$10,003,603

Statement of Activities

REVENUE	FY2025	FY2024
Investment Income net of fees	\$754,114	\$668,963
Donations & Grants	\$2,105,760	\$2,195,564
Program Contributions	\$1,029,224	\$394,759
Special Events	\$38,513	\$48,625
Other	\$63,689	\$16,036
TOTAL REVENUE	\$3,991,300	\$3,323,947
EXPENSES	FY2025	FY2024
Land Preservation	\$1,880,894	\$1,085,007
Land Stewardship	\$342,303	\$334,304
General & Administrative	\$452,381	\$286,057
Outreach & Education	\$544,585	\$701,828
Fund Development	\$107,947	\$83,231
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,328,110	\$2,490,427
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	FY2025	FY2024
	\$7,279,843	\$6,446,323
NET ASSETS, end of year	FY2025	FY2024
	\$7,943,033	\$7,279,843
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$663,190	\$833,520

¹ Based on audited financial statements from McMillen & Company, PLLC.

² Investments include funds held in the Stewardship Fund, which is restricted to stewardship program expenses, and managed like an endowment. The fund is used to monitor and steward all of Palmer's conserved properties.



This Work is Made Possible with the Support of our Donors

Our generous donors make conservation possible.

They courageously protect what makes this place extraordinary—the natural beauty, locally grown food, and outdoor recreation that define the Colorado Good Life.

In 2025, your support transformed years of dedication into lasting impact. From the 11,000-acre Silver Mountain Preserve to the innovative Bessemer farmland project, from breaking barriers to nature for Pueblo's youth through Generation Wild to protecting critical bighorn sheep winter habitat at Bullsprings Ranch—these victories belong to you.

We are deeply grateful to our donors, funders, and partners for their dedication to this mission. Your generosity empowered Palmer to achieve transformative conservation wins in 2025, proving that community-driven conservation is the most effective approach.

We celebrate and express our gratitude to you, our members, for your steadfast support in protecting everything we cherish about Colorado for generations to come. Thank you for being part of this incredible journey—transforming years of dedication into lasting impact.

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