

2018 Impact Report



The Bay Area Ridge Trail Council + You

Together, we're linking people, parks and open space for today and future generations—and the value of that is unquantifiable. But the numbers tell an impressive story, too. Here's a look at what your support accomplished in 2018.

Sustainable Trails



350

miles of newly signed trail

7

miles of East Bay Municipal Water District trails open to bikes

15

trees planted

8

truckloads of invasive species removed

12+

miles of drainage improvements made

18

volunteer work projects

90

miles of trail stewarded by volunteers

Partner Support

18

land agencies supported through our 2018 Partner Summit

3



measures passed with the help of Ridge Trail voters

Supported a

\$50,000

grant to John Muir Land Trust for conservation of Almond Ranch

Local exploration opportunities

44

guided experiences

12

outings through limited access areas

2,167

people got out on the trail

10

nights of camping



11

do-it-yourself curated adventures created

Engagement

2,125

hours of volunteer trail maintenance

49

volunteer-led outings

Advocacy

24

community outreach meetings

10

projects supported during a public comment period

Project Highlights



Connecting Communities

Continued on the **Berryessa BART-Ridge Trail project**, an initiative designed to get people of all ages and backgrounds into nature by taking advantage of the station's proximity to the Penitencia Creek section of the Ridge Trail. We've designed and fabricated interpretive panels, maps and brochures to orient new hikers, cyclists and explorers, plus directional and wayfinding signs to lead them from the station to local parks and beyond.



Building Safe Trails

Improved wayfinding, directional and interpretive signs along 350 Ridge Trail miles. In a little under five months, Ridge Trail intern Fabio Santos biked and hiked 560 miles to update outdated, missing, and even burned signs at nearly 700 unique locations. Partner agencies and volunteers pitched in to re-sign another 150 miles. We hope to add new signs to another 40 miles in 2019.



Restoring Trail

Collaborated with partner agencies to **restore and reopen trails** damaged by the October 2017 North Bay wildfires. Damage included burned out trees, destruction of retaining walls, bridges and signage, and obliteration of trails where fire-fighters bulldozed tons of earth; 25.5 miles of Ridge Trail were closed. Our donors, volunteers, and partners stepped up to the plate, and by November 2018 all sections of the RT were safe and accessible again.



Creating Stewards

Launched Ridge Trailblazers, targeted to Millennial volunteers. Many of our volunteers are over 40, and we adore them! But to keep the Ridge Trail moving forward, we are committed to developing the next generation of Ridge Trail stewards. In 2018, Trailblazers recruited active members who worked on trail maintenance, advocacy and awareness/appreciation projects.



Increasing Public Access

Piloted 12 outings on trails not open to the public, including one over-night camping trek. Currently, 80 miles of the ultimate RT route require owner permission or accompaniment by a docent and/or a permit. In 2018, over 150 people had the rare opportunity to enjoy limited-access RT sections. We plan to expand the number of trips each year, creating new adventures for nature-lovers and making circumnavigation possible, while respecting landowners' rights.



Opening New Trail

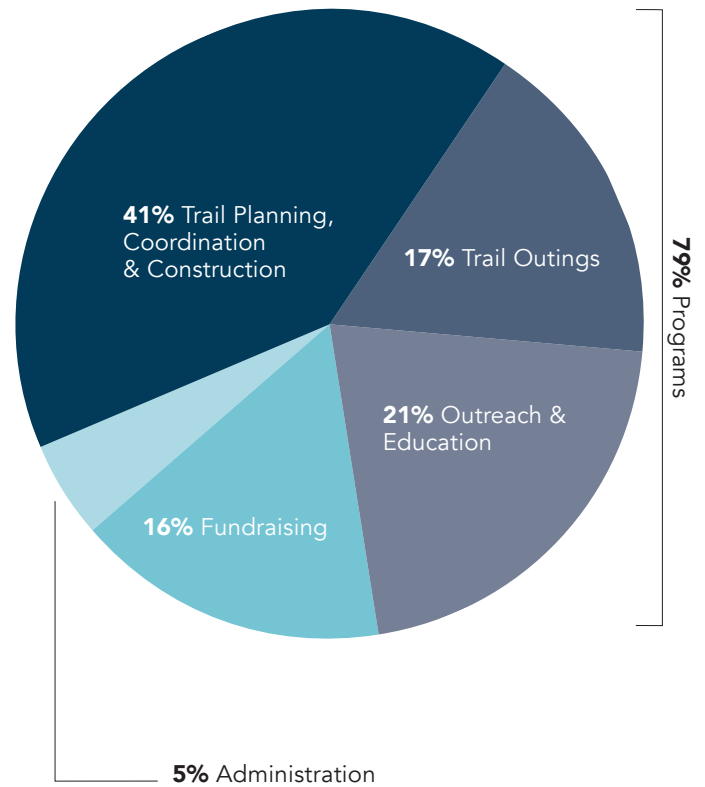
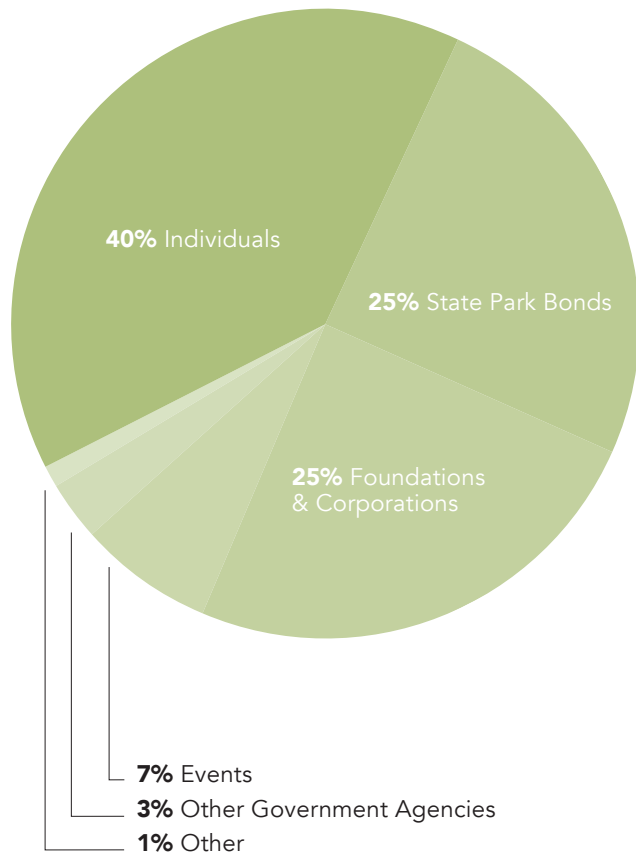
More progress and partnership on the **Carquinez Strait Scenic Loop Trail**. We opened 7 miles to bikes—so that all 43 dedicated miles on the Contra Costa side of the strait are now multi-use—and made great strides toward closing additional key gaps. We also updated maps and brochures to highlight the 23 miles along the bluffs of the strait that pass through vibrant shorebird habitat and skirt five historic downtowns.

2018-2019 Projects

- 1 **Mount Saint Helena** spur trail restoration, signage and dedication (10 miles)
- 2 **Ridge Trail/Vine Trail** easement and construction (2 miles)
- 3 **Pacific Union College** advocacy in Calistoga (4 miles)
- 4 **McCormick Ranch** support to Sonoma Land Trust on fundraising and acquisition (2 miles)
- 5 **Rockville Trails Preserve** planning and design (3 miles)
- 6 **Lynch Canyon/Brown Property** planning and design (.8 mile)
- 7 **Vallejo Bluffs Trail** fundraising and environmental review (1 mile)
- 8 **Easy Grade** planning and design (2 miles)
- 9 **Almond Ranch** support to John Muir Land Trust on fundraising and acquisition (1 mile)
- 10 **Phil Arnold Trail** restoration, construction and dedication (1 mile)
- 11 **Southern Skyline Ridge Trail Extension** support to SFPUC in design and environmental review (6 miles)
- 12 **Garin Regional Park** to Niles Canyon Road \$200,000 construction funding to East Bay Regional Park (7 miles)
- 13 **Berryessa BART/Penitencia Creek Trail** wayfinding and interpretive signage and outings (.7 mile)
- 14 **Coyote Creek Trail** support to City of San José for design and construction (1.5 miles)
- 15 **Highway 17** wildlife and trail crossing advocacy and support to Midpeninsula Open Space District for planning and design (4 miles)
- 16 **North Coyote Valley** alternative alignment study (4 miles)
- 17 **Coyote Ridge Open Space** increased access outings and support to Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority on fundraising and design (4 miles)
- 18 **Coyote Canyon** support to Santa Clara County Parks on planning and environmental review (2 miles)



Financial Statistics



2018 INCOME

Individuals	\$429,227
State Park Bonds	\$262,818
Foundations/Corporations	\$267,807
Events	\$74,610
Other Government Agencies	\$28,041
Other	\$2,121
TOTAL	\$1,064,624

2018 EXPENSES

Programs:	
Trail Planning, Coordination & Construction...	\$420,432
Outreach and Education	\$211,201
Trail Outings & Stewardship	\$167,936
TOTAL RIDGE TRAIL PROGRAMS	\$799,569
Fundraising	\$163,551
Administration	\$47,694
TOTAL	\$1,010,814

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