2022 was a year of major milestones! Together, we celebrated 400 miles of dedicated Ridge Trail, and kept the momentum going by dedicating more trail, planning for new miles ahead, and getting more people on the trail than ever before with signature events celebrating big-year anniversaries. Here is a look at what your gifts made possible last year:

- Closed a key gap to connect 23 continuous trail miles in Santa Clara County
- Over 4,700 people attended 65 events and trail outings
- Supported communities of color out on the trail with new partnerships and outings
- And over 20 miles of trail readied to open in 2023!

Last year we hit some major milestones for our signature events, and through the years have accomplished a great deal together:

15 YEARS OF RIDGE TRAIL SERVICE DAY
6,500 Volunteers
26,000 Volunteer Hours
200 Stewardship Projects

20 YEARS OF EAST BAY HILLS HIKE & RIDE
1,200 Volunteers
1,500 Equestrians & Hikers
$350,000+ Raised

25 YEARS OF RIDGE TO BRIDGE
5,000+ Trail Enthusiasts
80,000 Miles Hiked, Biked & Rode
$500,000+ Raised
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Making Progress, Mile by Mile

Small gap closures can have a BIG impact on trail connectivity, and that is certainly the case for one such trail project completed this year in the South Bay. In partnership with Santa Clara County Parks and the City of San José, we dedicated a new 0.7-mile Ridge Trail segment linking the Los Alamitos Creek Trail to Almaden Quicksilver County Park. This small-but-mighty gap closure links up 23 continuous miles of multi-use Ridge Trail! Mile by mile, we are linking up long, connected stretches for epic and uninterrupted trail experiences.

Last year we also laid the groundwork for future trail openings. With over 20 miles potentially lined up to open in 2023, we are ready to tackle the miles ahead and keep the Ridge Trail growing. In Napa County, we broke ground on 4.9 miles of new Ridge Trail between Bothe-Napa Valley and Robert Louis Stevenson state parks via Calistoga in partnership with the Napa Valley Vine Trail. And in Solano County, anticipation is growing for 2.5 miles of new Ridge Trail at Patwino Worrtla Kodoi Dihi Open Space Preserve, expected to open in 2023. Additionally, our trail team has been studying new route options in Santa Clara County, funded by the WoodNext Foundation, to identify a connection from Mount Umunhum to Mount Madonna.

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A Journey Around the Ridge Trail

We kicked off 2022 by refreshing tools to support Circumnavigators, including our trail tracker and registration system. On the new webpage you will find a collection of trail tales, including one from Walter Moore, who shared: “circumnavigation really opens up extraordinary experiences almost everytime you go out. If it’s not learning about a new area, it’s just the trail itself that’s stunning.” We hope you find inspiration from these stories and take on this challenge yourself! When you are done, you will have 400+ miles of your own stories, plus your name on the coveted wall-of-fame. Ridgetail.org/Circumnavigation
1. Helen Putnam Park to Downtown
ACTIVE PROJECT, 1 mile
Expands iconic park and improves connectivity with Petaluma neighborhoods

2. Sugar Hood Loop/McCormick Ranch
ACTIVE PROJECT, 2.4 miles
Connects through a historic ranch in the Mayacamas Mountains with views of San Francisco Bay

3. Calistoga Ridge Trail
OPENING SOON, 4.9 miles
Connects Bothe-Napa Valley and Robert Louis Stevenson State parks

4. Patwino Worrtla Kodoi Dihi Open Space
OPENING SOON, 2.5 miles
Access to 1,500-acre preserve including an accessible “All People’s Trail”

5. Suscol Headwaters Park Phase 2
ACTIVE PROJECT, 2 miles
Trail extension and new staging area to improve access

6. Carquinez Strait Scenic Loop Trail
ACTIVE PROJECT, 30 miles
Five regional trails linking Martinez, Benicia, Vallejo, Port Costa, and Crockett

7. Garin Regional Park to Niles Canyon
ACTIVE PROJECT, 6.5 miles
Extends the East Bay’s longest continuous stretch to nearly 50 miles

8. Máyyan 'Ooyákma - Coyote Ridge Open Space
OPENING SOON, 3.8 miles
Access to 1,800-acre new preserve, home to wildlife like tule elk and golden eagles

9. Los Alamitos Creek to Almaden Quicksilver
DEDICATED, 0.7 miles
Small-but-mighty gap closure creates 23 miles of continuous multi-use Ridge Trail

10. Mount Madonna to Mount Umunhum
ACTIVE PROJECT, 31 miles
Evaluating potential route improvements with regional partners

11. Southern Skyline Ridge Trail Extension
COMING SOON, 6 miles
Significant extension of new trail miles through SFPUC watershed
**2022 FINANCIALS**

**Income**
- Individuals: $672,998
- State Park Bonds: $179,823
- Foundations/Corporations: $138,759
- Events: $135,170
- Other Government Agencies: $106,115
- Other: $557
- TOTAL: $1,233,421

**Expenses**
- Fundraising: $226,557
- Administration: $92,342
- TOTAL: $1,218,981

**Programs**
- Action: Trail Planning, Coordination & Construction: $432,673
- Advocacy: Outreach and Education: $202,691
- Adventure: Trail Outings & Events: $264,719
- TOTAL PROGRAMS: $900,082

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...along with the thousands of Ridge Trail members, advocates, volunteers and supporters propelling our mission forward to connect people to parks and open space, now and for future generations.

**State Coastal Conservancy**
The Coastal Conservancy acts with others to protect and restore, and increase public access to, California’s coast, ocean, coastal watersheds, and the San Francisco Bay Area.

**WoodNext Foundation**
REI Co-op
American Trails
Bay Area Barns and Trails
City of San José
Clif Family Foundation

Columbia Sportswear
East Bay Regional Park District
Greater California Delta Trail
Greater Vallejo Recreation District
GU Energy Labs
JINS Eyewear
John Muir Land Trust
Marin County Parks and Open Space
Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
Mountain Hardwear
Napa County Regional Parks & Open Space District
Peninsula Open Space Trust

San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
San Francisco Recreation & Park District
Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation
Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority
Silicon Valley Mountain Bikers
Spottswoode Winery
Sports Basement
Solano Land Trust
Solano Open Space
Sonoma County Ag + Open Space District
Whole Foods Market