



Conserve
Southwest
Utah

ANNUAL REPORT

2025

25k

WILDLIFE PHOTOS
CATALOGUED



11k

ACRES OF UTAH
PUBLIC LANDS
PROTECTED FROM
PROPOSED
FEDERAL PUBLIC
LAND SELL-OFFS



20
25

2.3k

ATTENDEES AT 77
CSU & PARTNER
EVENTS



11

INSPIRING
WATER-CONSCIOUS
GARDENS



Conserve Southwest Utah (CSU) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to protecting southwest Utah's lands, water, and livability since 2006.

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20 YEARS

People have called this red rock country home for millennia—not despite the heat, the solitude, the harsh beauty, but because of it.

Twenty years isn't much in the desert's time, but for a scrappy group that started with more passion than resources, it matters. CSU grew out of Vision Dixie in 2006—an effort to chart a different path for Washington County, and answer the question: How can we grow without losing what brought us here? From the start, we've worked to protect the public lands and water that make this place what it is.

Two decades on, what we planted is growing through new programs and partnerships—Strong Towns Coalition, Parade of Gardens, and other collaborations we couldn't have imagined at the start. The desert keeps its own time, but the choices we make now will shape this place for generations. We're still here, still asking those hard questions alongside you, our friends, our neighbors.

Thank you.



Stacey Wittek

CSU Executive Director



PUBLIC LANDS

Advocating, Protecting & Educating

In 2025, we defended Southern Utah's public lands through sustained public engagement, coalition-building, and clear-eyed analysis. We rallied community members to attend town halls, send postcards, and speak out against federal land sell-off proposals, and mobilized thousands of public comments opposing the latest attempt to advance the Northern Corridor Highway. We partnered with local organizations to get people out on the trails and deepen firsthand connections to the landscapes at risk.

WORD OF THE YEAR: IMPACT

By standing our ground and clearly affirming what our community values, we helped turn deep local love for public lands into visible, collective action. That impact continues to shape partnerships and paths to lasting protection.



WATER

Cultivating a Resilient Water Future

In 2025, we advanced water conservation across Washington County through policy, education, and public engagement. We supported passage of the WCWCD Water Shortage Contingency Plan, as well as updated ultra-efficiency water practices we have long advocated for. In the spring, we hosted author Peter Annin to help begin a community-wide conversation about water reuse. In the fall, we celebrated the second annual Parade of Gardens Southern Utah, welcoming 500 attendees and showcasing the diverse beauty and possibilities of water-conscious landscapes.

WORD OF THE YEAR: COLLABORATION

We all share **one water**, and progress this year depended on collaboration with local officials, water managers, partner organizations, and across CSU programs. Working together strengthens our ability to plan for a sustainable water future.



DESERT LIVABILITY

Building Strong, Sustainable Communities

In 2025, we welcomed more people than ever into practical, community-based conversations about livability in Washington County. We hosted 10 Strong Towns Conversations on topics like water, open space, and transportation—engaging 265 people (3x more than last year). Our neighborhood walks brought together residents, city officials, and nonprofit leaders to generate on-the-ground input for local planning. And the launch of WashCo Strong Towns coalition formalized a growing local network committed to fostering a thriving, connected, and sustainable community.

WORD OF THE YEAR: CATALYST

By creating spaces for shared learning and dialogue, we catalyzed meaningful connections among residents and local decision-makers—connections that are already strengthening our community’s capacity to plan for a more hopeful future.



STEWARDSHIP

Mobilizing Hands-On Conservation

In 2025, new and returning volunteers played a vital role in caring for Southern Utah’s public lands—contributing 583 hours across 23 field projects to support habitat restoration, invasive plant removal, vegetation surveys, and public lands data collection. One of the year’s most significant accomplishments was the completion of our 3-year desert tortoise and sensitive species monitoring project in Beaver Dam Wash NCA, which generated 271,350 indexed and cataloged photos of 51 wildlife species that will inform public lands management for years to come.

WORD OF THE YEAR: TENACITY

In the face of federal funding cuts and shifting agency capacity, we found new ways to support long-standing partners and stayed committed to seeing projects through. The tenacity of our volunteers mirrors and honors the desert’s own resilience.

OUR TEAM

Staff

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Executive Director (Jan-Nov)

Stacey Wittek

*Public Lands Program Manager
Executive Director (Nov-Current)*

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Fred Armstrong

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Listen

A garden is forever changing. Shifts in weather, soil chemistry, or even shade can dramatically affect how plants bloom and grow. Gardening well means listening well. It requires careful observation—tuning in to what each plant needs.

At its core, gardening is a relationship.

This is the connection I witness every year at the Parade of Gardens Southern Utah—a powerful example of what it means to be good stewards of the land.

Southern Utah is home to an extraordinary ecosystem, from resilient desert animals like tortoises and gila monsters to rare plants like the bearclaw poppy, found only in Washington County. Living here, it's easy to take this beauty for granted. We work, play, and create amid red rock landscapes—but do we stop to listen?

At Conserve Southwest Utah, we practice this kind of listening every day, honoring both the land and the community that exists within it. When you see us this year, come talk with us. Tell us about your corner of the world, and help us better care for the land, water and air we all share.



Karen Goodfellow

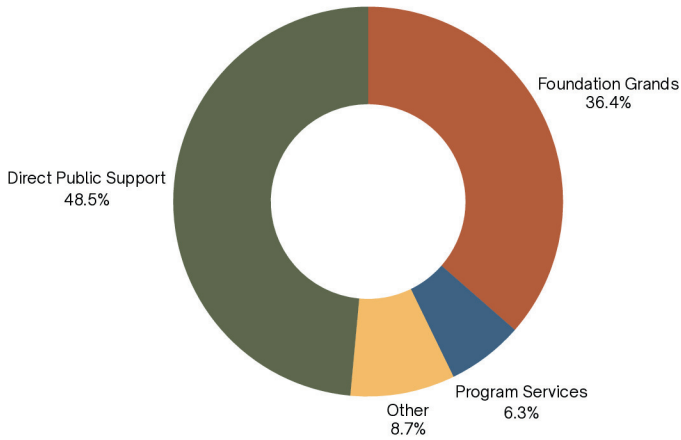
Board Vice President, PGSU Event Manager
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2025 FINANCIALS

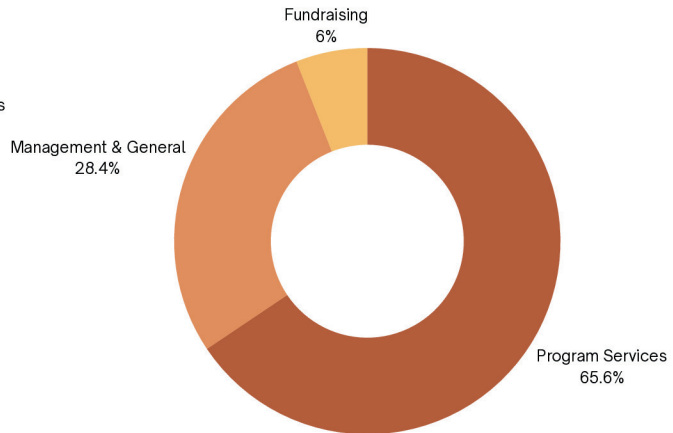


Revenue



Direct Public Support.....	\$186,776
Foundation Grants.....	\$140,250
Federal Funding.....	\$0
Program Services.....	\$24,418
Other Income.....	\$33,402
TOTAL REVENUE.....	\$384,846

Expenses



Program Services.....	\$218,514
Management & General.....	\$94,733
Fundraising.....	\$19,897
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	\$333,145

Balance Sheet

TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$214,539
Liabilities.....	\$76.00
Equity.....	\$214,463
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY....	\$214,539



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Partners

CSU's work has always been grounded in partnership. We work alongside community members, local leaders, scientists, land stewards, and advocates who care deeply about the place we all call home. Protecting land and water isn't something any one organization can do alone—it happens through shared effort, learning, and responsibility.

In the American West, we inherit a long tradition of people passing through a wild landscape larger than themselves. Inhabiting a place, even briefly, requires we tend it with care and leave it better for those who come next. Everybody brings something different to the wagon train: ideas, skills, resources, and a willingness to show up.

As we look ahead, we're inviting partners to help carry this work forward. Our goal is to raise \$400,000 by the end of 2026 to expand CSU's impact. Together, we can honor the past, meet the needs of the present, and invest in a resilient future for our community and the lands and water that sustain it.



Ed Andrechak

Board President





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