

People have called this red rock country home for millennia — because of the heat and the solitude, not despite them. 2025 didn't make it easy. We showed up at every turn. So did you.

25,000  
Wildlife Photos  
Catalogued

11,000  
Acres Protected  
from  
Federal Sell-offs

2,300  
Attendees at  
77 Events

583  
Volunteer  
Stewardship Hours

11  
Water-wise Gardens  
on Tour

## Our Programs' Words of the Year

### Water — *Listen*

- Advocated for the WCWCD Water Shortage Contingency Plan
- Hosted a community chat about wastewater reuse at the sold-out Peter Annin event.
- Drew 500 attendees across 11 water-wise gardens in the 2nd annual Parade of Gardens!

### Public Lands — *Momentum*

- Packed a congressional hearing in Cedar City & got face time with Rep. Maloy.
- Mobilized thousands of public comments against the latest Northern Corridor Highway push.
- Organized opposition to a 10,000+ acre federal land sell-off.

### Desert Livability — *Catalyst*

- Hosted 10 Strong Towns Conversations on topics like water, open space, and transportation—engaging 265 people (3x more than last year).
- Launched WashCo Strong Towns coalition

### Stewardship — *Tenacity*

- 148 volunteers — including 31 first-timers — put in 583 hours across 23 field projects.
- Monitored 3,000 plants at Beaver Dam Wash
- Weed control for endangered Shivwits milkvetch at Red Cliffs NCA.
- A three-year tortoise monitoring project produced 271,350 indexed photos.

We don't just react to change — we guide it."  
— Stacey Wittek, Executive Director



# Twenty Years Down - The Next Twenty Start Now

Help us write the next chapter for Southern Utah's lands, water, and community.



## 20-Year Legacy Milestones

- Red Cliffs NCA: Successfully defended against the Northern Corridor Highway — twice.
- Shifted county conversation from the Lake Powell Pipeline to conservation-first policy.
- Parade of Gardens: Launched Southern Utah's cornerstone annual water-wise landscaping event.
- Wildlife: Catalogued 1.38 million+ photos informing BLM land management decisions.
- Contributed thousands of volunteer hours restoring federal and state public lands.

148  
Volunteers  
in the Field

31  
First-Time  
Volunteers

23  
Field Project  
Days

271K  
Photos  
Indexed

10  
Strong Towns  
Conversations

265  
Participants  
(up from 80)

## Help Us Write the Next Twenty Years.

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