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**LARGE LANDSCAPE  
CONSERVATION**

2023 Annual Report









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# Year-End Reflections

## A call to action for the planet

In December 2022, history was made in the snow-blanketed city of Montreal. It was there that countries from around the world made a commitment to protect and connect 30% of the planet by 2030 when they signed the Global Biodiversity Framework. The Center for Large Landscape Conservation had a hand in this massive accomplishment by providing language for goals and targets for ecological connectivity. We are thrilled that ecological connectivity is part of this ambitious framework. Now we have our work cut out for us, as the framework is just the first step towards change.



A major limiting factor in meeting the Global Biodiversity Framework targets is the unprecedented habitat fragmentation resulting from the exponential building of roads, rails, pipelines, canals, and transmission lines—also known as linear infrastructure. While we realize that every nation needs functional and efficient linear infrastructure to support their economies and their communities, the same thinking employed with hybrid cars and solar energy should also be applied to building or retrofitting roads and rails.

Ideally, important wildlife habitat areas can be avoided in new development, and when we do build, let's do so with nature and climate change in mind. This choice could make all the difference in our planet's ability to reach the Global Biodiversity Framework's goals.

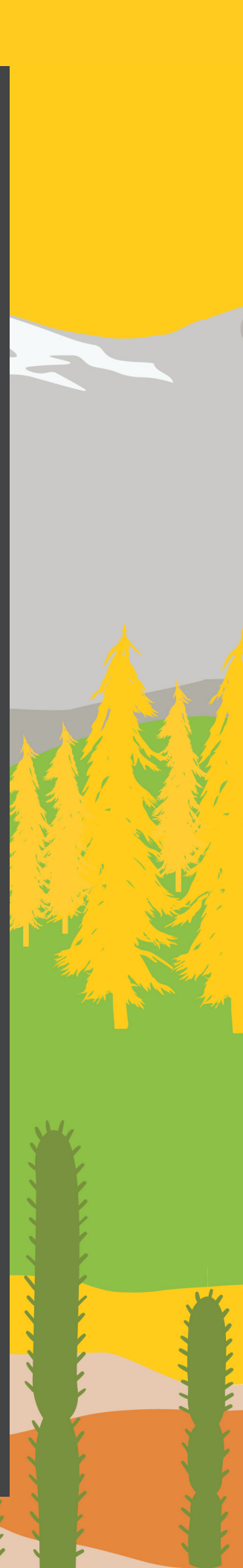
Here at the Center, we used this new Global Biodiversity Framework as a guidepost and call to action for our own seven-year strategic framework that will guide our work here in the U.S. and globally (see page 6).

In the following pages you will find a huge number of accomplishments that solidify the Center's leadership in the implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework by creating and applying connectivity science, informing policies, building networks, and providing technical assistance for on-the-ground conservation. These next seven years leading up to 2030 are crucial, and we are confident we are ready to play a pivotal role in protecting the planet's precious—and threatened—biodiversity.

Thank you for your support throughout 2023, and we hope you will join us in our efforts in 2024 and beyond to reconnect the world's large landscapes.

Sincerely,

Gary Tabor, Chief Executive Officer





# 2023 AT A GLANCE

6

Conducted assessments and applied the latest science to conserve connectivity and wildlife corridors on **6 continents**

15

Awarded, through the Network for Landscape Conservation's Catalyst Fund, **15 new grants** totaling **\$356,700** for landscape conservation partnerships

7

Secured ecological connectivity goals and targets in the Global Biodiversity Framework, which will guide worldwide conservation investments for the next **7 years**

25

Trained **25 rangers** in Turkmenistan to use the SMART spatial data tool to better track wildlife presence and management

4

Used spatial analysis to identify **4 regions to prioritize conservation** in the Transverse Ranges of Southern California based on climate resilience, habitat, biodiversity, and equitable access

6

Coordinated experts across 13 countries to create guidelines for constructing **6 types of wildlife crossing structures** for Asian elephants



11

Identified the best potential locations for wildlife crossings on highways in **11 western states** based on analyses of collisions, connectivity, and costs

25

Furthered the science of ecological connectivity and landscape conservation by co-authoring more than **25 publications and papers**

4

Led an interdisciplinary task force working to provide safe passage across roads for the **Mojave desert tortoise** in **4 states**

11

Developed a cutting-edge approach to select **11 priority sites for potential wildlife crossings** on two busy highways in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem





# Looking to the Future: A New Strategic Framework

All over the world, rapid human population growth and development are fracturing nature, driving biodiversity loss, hindering wildlife movement, and disrupting critical natural processes that support all life. The Center for Large Landscape Conservation was established in recognition of the fundamental importance of maintaining ecosystem resilience and biodiversity in the face of this growth through large-landscape connectivity conservation. As the concept of large-scale conservation has taken hold, the Center has grown to be a leader and a hub for an expanding global movement to safeguard nature through a focus on creating ecological networks.

To maximize the incredible opportunities to affect widespread change both nationally and internationally, the Center has refined a strategic vision and roadmap with the launch of a new Strategic Framework to guide our work through 2030.

## OUR MISSION:

*To advance ecological connectivity for climate resilience worldwide through science, policy, practice, and collaboration.*

## Conservation Goal and Outcomes

Our connectivity conservation goal and outcomes comprise the heart and soul of our Strategic Framework. They describe our vision of **a world where nature and people thrive in connected, resilient landscapes** and help define the activities needed to achieve it. The Center is just one actor within a larger group of committed individuals and organizations working to achieve large-scale ecological connectivity. We will track both general progress towards these outcomes as well as our specific contribution towards them.

## GOAL: INCREASE THE RESILIENCE OF LARGE LANDSCAPES

This goal is our North Star—the direction we will continue to follow. Ecosystems are inherently self-balancing when in a healthy state. In the face of significant and rapid changes, nature—and life that depends on it—needs the space and flexibility that ecological networks provide to adapt, balance, and function properly.

### OUTCOME 1

Ecological networks are strengthened by increasing the number of corridors that are governed, managed, or stewarded.

### OUTCOME 2

Land and waterscape permeability is increased and improved.

### OUTCOME 3

New linear infrastructure incorporates connectivity and wildlife-movement safeguards.

## THREE CORE STRATEGIES

The Center has defined three core strategies based on our knowledge, experience, and role in the larger conservation movement. They generate enabling conditions that most effectively lead to direct action on the ground, in communities and boardrooms, and by government agencies.

### Strategy 1

Strengthening and generating policy and planning frameworks

### Strategy 2

Undertaking cutting-edge science and sharing best practices

### Strategy 3

Establishing and supporting networks, strategic collaborations, and partnerships



# INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

Habitat fragmentation, biodiversity loss, and climate change are global crises, affecting every country on Earth. To tackle these challenges, the Center for Large Landscape Conservation is the leader of a fast-growing movement to safeguard the interconnections of landscapes and seascapes around the world. Our International Connectivity Program takes a highly collaborative approach to conserve the ecological connectivity of habitats, species, and natural processes at a global scale.

## Connecting and Conserving the Natural Wonders of Turkmenistan

Turkmenistan's "Mountain Ecosystems of Koytendag" (MEK) make up one of the most distinctive and richly biodiverse landscapes in Central Asia. However, the area faces mounting threats to its conservation, including agricultural expansion, overgrazing, illegal hunting, and unmanaged tourism. As part of the Center's project Connectivity, Capacity, and Cats, funded by the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF), national and international experts traveled around this extraordinary region in April 2023. They evaluated the presence of important species such as urial, lynx, and markhor, increased monitoring and data-gathering efforts by scientific staff and rangers, and acquired a better understanding of habitat connectivity in the area. These are key activities to increase the possibility of Koytendag State Nature Reserve and adjacent sanctuaries being officially designated as a UNESCO Natural World Heritage Site. A new phase of the Center's work has already begun, with the goal of strengthening management and conservation of vital connections across the border shared by Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

## Protecting the World's Ungulate Migrations

Most of the world's large, terrestrial mammals are ungulates—from gazelles and zebras to elk and pronghorn—and many of them migrate seasonally in massive herds. However, several of these migrations are dwindling or being blocked by human settlement and development. In 2023, the Center participated in the Global Initiative on Ungulate Migration's first meeting and reinforced our commitment toward this effort to apply ungulate tracking data for mapping and identifying opportunities for conserving the world's remaining ungulate migrations.





# Providing Workable Solutions for Protecting Nature During Infrastructure Development

In July, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)—the world's premier environmental network—released its first publication detailing solutions for safeguarding biodiversity in the face of rapidly expanding linear transport infrastructure. The report was developed in collaboration with the Center for Large Landscape Conservation and offers practical, feasible, and science-based strategies to conserve wildlife and nature when planning, building, and operating roads, railways, and canals. Over the course of nearly four years, staff from the Center worked with more than 30 experts from around the world to deliver this groundbreaking contribution supporting protected and conserved area managers, transport and industry practitioners, conservationists and stakeholders, and the global conservation community. The Center and partners will continue to distribute this important resource across the globe through trainings, webinars, and presentations to increase awareness and inspire commitment to address the impact of roads, railways, and canals on global biodiversity. Visit [Largelandscapes.org/twg-report](https://www.largelandscapes.org/twg-report)



Addressing ecological connectivity in the development of roads, railways and canals

Robert Ament, Anthony Clevenger, and Rodney van der Ree, Editors



IUCN WCPA Technical Report Series No. 5



## Safeguarding Ape and Gibbon Habitat

The Center completed the A.P.E. (Assess. Protect. Evaluate.) Project, addressing the threats of rapidly expanding roads and other linear transport infrastructure (LTI) to great apes and gibbons in three key landscapes in Asia and Africa. The A.P.E. assessment included mapping and ten case studies of LTI impacts. The Center has presented this work at conferences and webinars, and has highlighted the policies and actions that countries and partners can take to safeguard apes and gibbons from future and expanding LTI.



Photo Credit: Gregoire Dubé



# The ALIGN Project: Supporting Biodiversity and Livelihoods in Asia

The Center's expertise in providing solutions worldwide to the ecological impacts of roads and other linear infrastructure (LI) helps reduce biodiversity loss and wildlife mortality from collisions and electrocutions, as well as numerous other threats such as habitat degradation and fragmentation. In 2023, we continued work on the Asia's Linear Infrastructure safeGuarding Nature (ALIGN) Project funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). The project aims to implement effective, high-quality safeguard measures to minimize adverse impacts from LI development on people, wildlife, and natural resources throughout Asia—a richly biodiverse region that is experiencing the highest rates of infrastructure investment globally.

In the second year of this four-year project with World Wildlife Fund (WWF) as our partner, the Center provided technical expertise by helping define best practices and providing guidelines for governments, financiers, and engineers to protect nature during LI development. We are also working closely with our WWF partners in the three focal countries of Nepal, India, and Mongolia to enhance partnerships and build capacity. For example, in 2023 we developed training modules about crossing structures for fish and other aquatic species and reducing bird collisions with power lines.

Three staff members recently traveled to India for the ALIGN Project's annual team meeting where, with colleagues, they engaged with government officials, engineers, consultants, academics, and others to plan impactful ALIGN activities for the upcoming year. The ALIGN Project team continues to identify important international standards and best practices for implementing effective natural resource safeguards during LI development. Visit [alignproject.org](https://alignproject.org)





# UNITED STATES PROGRAM



For millennia, wildlife has moved freely across the North American landscape. But each year, millions of acres of habitat are lost to human development, creating barriers to this movement and putting wildlife populations at risk of extinction. We need to restore the vital connections that development has fractured.

## Identifying the Best Locations in the West for Wildlife Crossings

The effectiveness of highway wildlife crossings in reducing wildlife-vehicle collisions is well documented. So, where should they be built? In collaboration with Montana State University's Western Transportation Institute, we completed the 'West-Wide Study to Identify Important Highway Locations for Wildlife Crossings.' This study used a unique regional methodology that evaluated economic costs and habitat connectivity—in addition to the usual focus on road safety—to identify potential highway sections for future wildlife crossings and fencing. When combined with existing state-specific data, the findings can be used by decision-makers to prioritize projects for federal funding.

## Providing Wildlife Crossings Guidance for Land Trusts and their Partners

Wildlife crossings such as overpasses and underpasses require adjacent land—which is often privately owned—to be protected from development. To advance this key element of connectivity conservation, the Center introduced the 'Land Trusts & Wildlife Crossing Structures Toolkit!' This resource is inspiring land trusts and landowners to join partnerships to conserve habitat in key areas that could host wildlife crossings. Visit [Largelandscapes.org/land-trusts-toolkit](https://Largelandscapes.org/land-trusts-toolkit)

## Planning for Safer Roads in Montana

The Center led the development of Montana's Wildlife and Transportation Planning Tool, released in January. This statewide tool highlights highway segments to consider for wildlife crossing structures or other mitigation measures using collision data and considering important areas for wildlife movement.







Photo Credit: Florence Deffner

## Continuing Efforts to Save the Mojave Desert Tortoise

Mojave desert tortoises need to move—and often cross roads—to find food, water, and mates. But tragically, more than 13,000 of them are hit and killed each year by automobiles in the Southwest United States. In March, we completed a technical guide and policy report on how to reduce the road mortality rate for this threatened species. Developed through collaboration with an interagency team, the technical guide highlights innovative measures that can reduce desert tortoise mortality. The policy report highlights administrative policies and funding opportunities that will support the strategic implementation of these measures across the desert tortoise's range in Arizona, California, Nevada, and Utah.

## Planning for Climate Adaptation with a Tribal Partner

The Center continues work with the Aaniiih and Nakoda first peoples of the Fort Belknap Indian Community (FBIC) on planning to maximize their resilience in the face of climate change. The FBIC finalized its Climate Change Adaptation Report this past year to help guide efforts to build climate resilience in their Little Rocky Mountains community. The Center supported this significant undertaking by providing technical assistance on the comprehensive report. The plan outlined in the report addresses a broad range of climate impacts—from human health to forest and fisheries health—and offers recommendations to reduce and prepare for them.



## Collaborating with the U.S. Forest Service

The Center continues to work with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) to integrate ecological connectivity and consider wildlife corridors in national forest planning, notably in Montana's Bridger-Teton and Lolo National Forests. We have also partnered with USFS's Office of Sustainability to integrate connectivity data into the Climate Risk Viewer, which guides the agency's climate resilience policies.





# SCIENCE AT THE CENTER: 4 APPROACHES

## INFORMING PLANNING, PROJECTS & POLICIES AROUND THE GLOBE

Science is fundamental to the Center for Large Landscape Conservation’s work: It provides the knowledge, tools, and insights necessary to effectively reconnect our fragmented natural world. Scientific evidence empowers us to make a case for connectivity conservation, informs conservation policies, and gives us the best techniques so we can make the maximum impact, replicate successes, and adapt to lessons learned. Our team of scientists—spatial ecologists, road ecologists, and experts in connectivity science—apply the best available science to help our partners achieve their conservation goals and create new, cutting-edge tools and data-driven approaches to address gaps in research to measure, plan, and monitor connectivity.

The Center for Large Landscape Conservation uses four primary science approaches:



### Preserving Corridors and Migrations in National Forests

As the U.S. population continues to grow—and new homes, roads, and other development create additional barriers for wildlife movement on private land—the importance of our national forests for habitat connectivity will only increase. That’s why the Center for Large Landscape Conservation worked with U.S. Forest Service staff in Montana to develop an innovative habitat connectivity model that is now being used to inform long-range planning for multiple national forests. The model maps potential movement corridors for a wide range of species and is being used to designate “key linkage areas” for wildlife movement in forest plans. The model’s strengths lie in its efficiency and practicality: it uses a few representative “generic species” to mirror broader wildlife needs, identifies connections across the larger multi-jurisdictional landscape, and leverages existing public data, thereby reducing the time and costs typically associated with connectivity studies.

### 1 Modeling conservation corridors to connect protected and undeveloped lands

Using species information and environmental data as input, we use algorithms to model which areas best allow species to move between protected and undeveloped areas. The resulting maps are decision-support tools informing where to protect or restore connectivity and thereby counteract fragmentation.

### 3 Prioritizing new areas to protect and connect

To ensure landscape connectivity, establishing new protected and conserved areas in strategic locations is a key conservation strategy. We apply systematic conservation planning, a scientific discipline in itself, to make recommendations for creating adequate, representative, connected, and efficient ecological networks for conservation.

### Creating a Network of Protected Areas in Saudi Arabia

The AlUla county of Saudi Arabia provides habitat for desert-adapted species such as gazelles, ostriches, and even—in the future—the re-introduced Arabian leopard. The Royal Commission for AlUla is developing the area, which is about the size of Belgium, as a tourist destination based on its rich cultural history and its potential for wildlife watching. A world-class system of protected areas covering 80% of the county—an increase from the current 40%—is the country’s goal. The International Union for Conservation of Nature, in partnership with the Royal Commission, contracted the Center to provide technical assistance to help meet AlUla’s conservation goals. Combining systematic conservation planning and connectivity modeling, the Center identified the best places for new reserves and corridors, resulting in a connected ecological network for conservation. The connectivity analysis also highlighted best locations for mitigating the effects of roads when traffic volume increases with growing tourism.

### Reducing Wildlife-Vehicle Collisions Near Two Gateways to Yellowstone

Elk, bison, grizzly bears, and other spectacular species that inhabit Yellowstone National Park also roam throughout a patchwork of public and private lands that make up the greater ecosystem. Unfortunately, the rate of wildlife-vehicle collisions in this region is increasing as the numbers of both visitors and residents grow. The Center has completed, along with partners, assessments of wildlife movement and transportation on US-191 and Highway 89—two busy Montana highways leading to and from Yellowstone. In both cases, the research teams analyzed data on reported collisions, animal carcass counts, wildlife movement, and other factors to identify key locations in which to consider wildlife crossing structures or other measures to reduce collisions and improve habitat connectivity. These assessments were important first steps toward reducing the risks to both humans and wildlife in these gateways to Yellowstone, and can be used by decision-makers to consider options for next steps.

### 2 Identifying best locations for road mitigation measures such as wildlife crossings

Roads greatly contribute to fragmenting landscapes. To ensure landscape permeability and keep habitats connected we evaluate data, including roadkill locations, wildlife movement data, and suitable habitat maps to identify priority locations for prospective road mitigation measures such as wildlife crossings and animal detection systems.

### 4 Monitoring connectivity

Being able to measure a baseline and monitor changes over time is vital for determining the effectiveness and impact of connectivity conservation measures and support adaptive management. The science team measures a suite of connectivity indicators, such as the habitat quality in the corridor, the human modification index, and the density of linear infrastructure, to track changes in the functionality of ecological corridors.

### Maintaining and Restoring Landscape Connectivity in Africa

The transboundary area of Southern Kenya and Northern Tanzania encompasses some of Africa’s most globally significant conservation areas and a huge diversity of wildlife, including several iconic species. However, severe habitat fragmentation and degradation threaten the viability of wildlife populations and the ecosystems that support millions of people. Strategically maintaining, enhancing, and restoring ecological connectivity between habitat areas is an effective strategy to address these adverse effects. The Center, in collaboration with WWF and other partners, is delineating conservation corridors based on the movement needs of seven focal species—including elephants, wildebeest, cheetahs, and lions—and is calculating connectivity metrics for each corridor. This baseline will enable WWF and others to monitor connectivity changes over time, which is the foundation for adaptive land management.

Photo Credit: Holly Pippel



# UNITED STATES POLICY

The Center for Large Landscape Conservation supports policymakers to integrate connectivity considerations into economic, conservation, and climate policies and funding streams at federal, state, and local levels. We also serve as technical advisors for state, tribal, and federal natural resource and transportation agencies to implement plans and projects that take a landscape-scale approach to conservation.



## Congressional Funding for Landscape Conservation and Connectivity

The Center consistently serves as a leader in the movement to secure federal funding for landscape conservation and connectivity through the annual congressional appropriations process. Following a 2022 coalition letter to the Secretary of the Interior, which a Center staff member authored, calling for the department to set aside robust, dedicated funding for habitat connectivity, the President's Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Request contained the first-ever requests for such funding (\$26.4 million). The Center then authored joint testimony—signed by coalition partners—to the Senate Committee on Appropriations endorsing the U.S. Department of the Interior's landscape conservation and connectivity funding requests across a dozen programs and five agencies, totaling nearly \$1.4 billion. We will continue working with Congressional appropriators to secure as much of this funding as possible.

## Guidance on Climate-informed Wildlife Crossings

As federal agencies were preparing to begin evaluating applications for grants under the Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program (WCPP), the Center co-authored a paper on how to incorporate climate change considerations into planning and designing wildlife crossings. Our Director of Government Affairs Anna Wearn, along with the report's other co-authors, presented the findings at the International Conference on Ecology and Transportation and briefed U.S. Department of Transportation leaders. The WCPP Notice of Funding Opportunity, released shortly after the briefing, included climate resilience measures as criteria in evaluating grant applications.





# Promoting Habitat Connectivity Funding & Policy Opportunities in the Infrastructure Law

The Center for Large Landscape Conservation is helping to facilitate a successful rollout of the \$350-million, national Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program by educating potential applicants and their partners. To enhance understanding of this program and other new federal funding and policy opportunities made available by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law of 2021, the Center has created and jointly developed a number of free online resources, including toolkits, guides, and webinars. Ultimately, the Center is working with coalition partners to ensure the pilot program—which to date has made available \$110 million in habitat connectivity project funding—is successful so that Congress permanently authorizes and fully funds it in the next infrastructure bill.

Visit [Largelandscapes.org/BIL](https://largelandscapes.org/BIL)

## Director of Government Affairs on Temporary Detail to the Department of the Interior

We're excited to share that our Director of Government Affairs, Anna Wearn, has started a one-year detail (secondment) from the Center for Large Landscape Conservation to the U.S. Department of the Interior as a policy advisor and program analyst to help advance the federal government's climate resilience and landscape conservation goals.

## State Policy: Supporting Colorado's Leadership on Wildlife Crossings

The Center helped secure an additional \$500,000 in state funding this year for the new Colorado Wildlife Safe Passages Fund, which was established last year via legislation we helped develop. The fund is supporting the Colorado Wildlife and Transportation Alliance, on which we serve, and contributed to five new wildlife crossings projects in the state that were collaboratively identified as top priorities. Colorado's legislation is inspiring the establishment of similar wildlife crossings accounts by other state legislatures seeking to dedicate the matching funds necessary to unlock new federal infrastructure dollars for wildlife crossings.





# FISCALLY SPONSORED PROJECTS

The Center for Large Landscape Conservation fiscally sponsors two networks, providing them with strategic counsel, organizational infrastructure, and management to allow them to focus on reaching their program goals. These two networks represent key aspects of how the Center carries out our mission to foster and expand the practice of landscape conservation.

## UNITED STATES BIOSPHERE NETWORK



United States  
Biosphere Network

Learn more at  
[biospherenetwork.org](https://biospherenetwork.org)

The U.S. Biosphere Network (USBN) is a U.S.-wide community consisting of the 28 UNESCO designated biosphere regions and their partner organizations. USBN fosters local, national, and international connections among biosphere regions to facilitate their sharing of best practices and to support their work toward connecting people and nature. In 2023, the USBN:

- Elected six new leaders to guide the network for the next three years. The Steering Committee guides the Network's Biosphere Working Group, the informal body made up of representatives from the 28 U.S. biosphere regions. See a list of Steering Committee members at [biospherenetwork.org](https://biospherenetwork.org)
- Hired its first staff person, a part-time USBN Coordinator, Dr. Kelly Cerialo (Paul Smith's College, Champlain-Adirondack Biosphere Network) to assist with supporting and facilitating connections among the 28 U.S. Biosphere Regions.
- Expanded its Youth Board to more than 30 members and offered professional development workshops and exchanges.
- Developed a system to evaluate the vulnerability of communities to climate change impacts to help inform climate adaptation planning.
- Established transboundary partnerships with the Canadian Biosphere Reserve Association and moved forward a joint project of creating an Atlas of Climate & Environmental Change for Champlain-Adirondack and Frontenac Arch Biosphere Reserves in the U.S. and Canada.



# NETWORK FOR LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION



Learn more at  
[landscapeconservation.org](https://landscapeconservation.org)

Photo Credit: Trees, Water & People



The Network for Landscape Conservation (NLC) is a national network that aims to connect conservation professionals working to advance collaborative, landscape approaches to addressing the 21st Century challenges we face, including the interwoven biodiversity, climate, and environmental injustice crises. As a nationwide community of more than 300 organizational partners and nearly 6,000 practitioners, the Network comes together to provide a common voice and vision for landscape conservation and stewardship, from the local landscape level to the national level—and beyond. In 2023, the Network:

- Awarded **15 Catalyst Fund grant awards** as part of this program's fifth annual grant cycle. The Fund, which is designed to provide essential collaborative capacity support to place-based, community-grounded landscape partnerships, has supported 70 landscape partnerships (including 20 Indigenous-led) from across the country since its launch in 2019, distributing nearly \$1.7 million in grants.
- Convened an in-person retreat in May (see photo, above) as part of the peer learning component of the Catalyst Fund, with representatives from 26 partnerships sharing several days of connection, inspiration, reflection, and exploration, while having the chance to engage with the Network's Coordinating Committee.
- Developed a proposal for a National Landscape Partnership Fund with the goal of taking the Catalyst Fund to scale with federal funding. The missing piece in conservation success across the U.S. is ensuring ample funding to support landscape partnerships to maximize the potential impact of federal project implementation funds.
- Released, in collaboration with the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, the white paper **'How Landscape Conservation Partnerships Are Working to Address Climate Change'** and partnered with the Salazar Center for North American Conservation to host a webinar series to share case studies and lessons learned that were highlighted in the paper in greater detail.
- Continued to prioritize knowledge-transfer and connection within the landscape conservation community, distributing a bimonthly **Landscape Conservation Bulletin** and hosting the **Landscape Conservation in Action webinar series**.

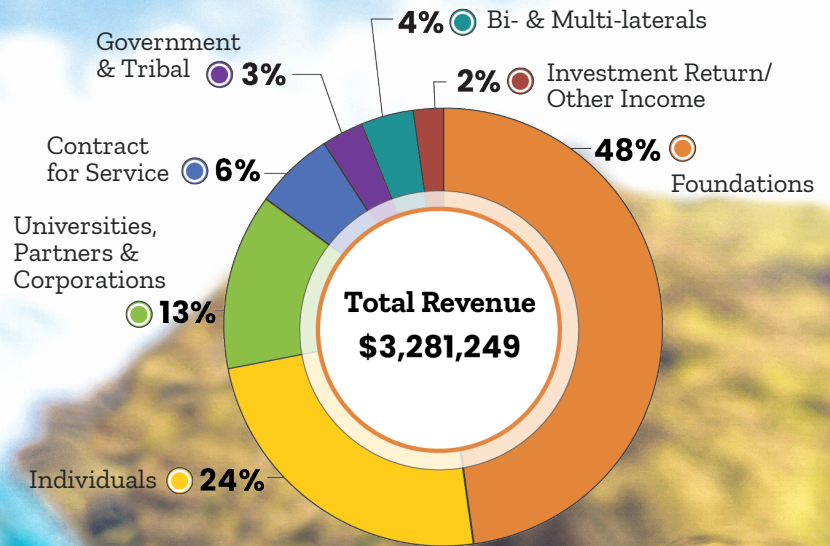


# Financial Statements

## Statement of Activities for July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

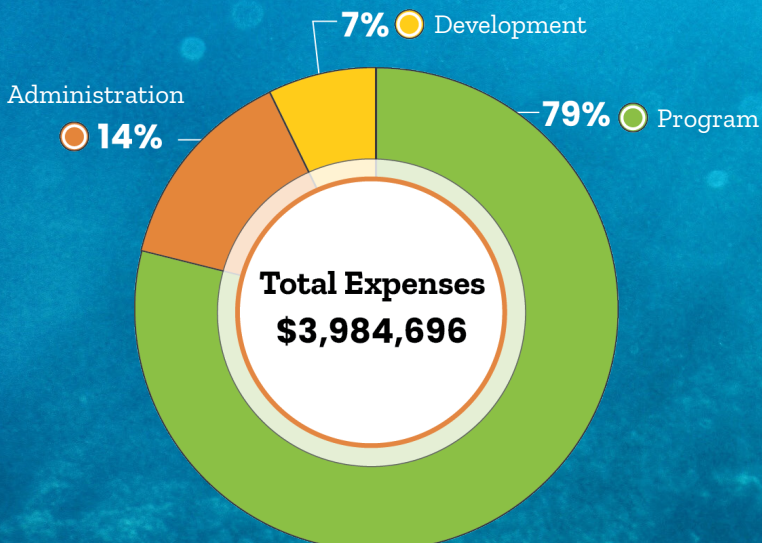
### Revenue

Foundations	\$1,565,439
Individuals	801,868
Universities, Partners & Corporations	425,788
Contract for Service	200,685
Government & Tribal	93,537
Bi- & Multi-laterals	129,472
Investment Return/Other Income	64,460
<b>Total Fiscal Year Revenue</b>	<b>\$3,281,249</b>



### Expenses

Program	\$3,141,349
Administration	566,233
Development	277,114
<b>Total Fiscal Year Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,984,696</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>(\$703,447)</b>





## Financial Position as of June 30, 2023

The Center for Large Landscape Conservation is a 501(c)(3) organization supported by a broad network of foundations, government agencies, universities, and individuals. The Center finished the year with an operating deficit of \$703,447, which included spending of just over \$1 million in restricted net assets recorded in prior accounting years. Unrestricted net assets grew by \$317,000 during this period, allowing us to increase the level of our Board Designated Cash Reserve.

The Center's financial position continues to be exceptionally strong, with a debt to asset ratio of only 6%. Currently less than 40% of the Center's Total Net Assets are restricted for specific project activities that will take place over the next two years, with many of these flowing through the organizations that we fiscally sponsor.

## Thank You!

Our work to restore nature would not be possible without contributions from our loyal donors. We extend our utmost gratitude to these supporters. To learn more about how your contributions are having an impact, visit us at [Largelandscapes.org](https://www.largelandscapes.org)

### Assets

#### Current Assets

Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$3,425,685
Low-risk Investments	493,775
Grants & Other Receivables	727,999
Other Current Assets	6,494

Fixed Assets	2,152
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<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$4,656,105</b>
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### Liabilities & Equity

#### Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$22,159
Credit Cards Payable	17,544
Payroll Liabilities	21,684
Accrued Vacation	113,418
Accrued Wages	94,633
Deposits	11,016

<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$280,454</b>
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#### Net Assets

Without Donor Restrictions	\$1,674,595
Board Designated Reserve	1,021,448
With Donor Restrictions	1,679,608

<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$4,375,651</b>
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<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>\$4,656,105</b>
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# WAYS TO SUPPORT

As the crises facing our natural world become more urgent, and the challenges more complex, it will take all of us working together to solve them. At the Center for Large Landscape Conservation, we believe that conserving and connecting habitat at the landscape scale is one of our most powerful tools for tackling the dual climate and biodiversity crises.

When you give a gift to the Center, you're playing an active role in advancing the most effective, cutting-edge solutions to safeguard healthy wildlife populations and maintain ecosystem resilience.

To learn more, visit our website at [Largelandscapes.org/support](https://www.largelandscapes.org/support) or contact [MeganWebb@largelandscapes.org](mailto:MeganWebb@largelandscapes.org)

## Support Conservation with a Gift



Support the Center's global conservation solutions today. You'll play a part in protecting wildlife habitats and biodiversity and increasing climate resilience worldwide. Donate online, by check, or by electronic transfer.

## Give Through Your Donor Advised Fund



Learn how you can make a powerful impact on nature and simplify your giving through your Donor Advised Fund.

## Grow Your Monthly Impact



Join a special group of supporters who provide monthly, ongoing support that helps generate cutting-edge science and best practices that preserve and sustain landscapes, wildlife, and communities.

## Become A Partner in Conservation



Make a special commitment with an annual contribution of \$1,000 or more and receive special updates, invites and more.

## Establish a Corporate Partnership



The Center's strategic partners help us multiply and amplify connectivity efforts, protecting even more habitats, species, and landscapes. Contact [MeganWebb@largelandscapes.org](mailto:MeganWebb@largelandscapes.org) for more information.

## Leave a Lasting Legacy



Planned giving is an impactful way to leave a legacy for the Earth's landscapes and communities. Contact [Deb@largelandscapes.org](mailto:Deb@largelandscapes.org) to explore options.

## Honor and Remember



Remember and honor loved ones by supporting the Center's work with a gift that safeguards nature for the future.

## Give the Gift of Stock



A gift of stock can provide much-needed support for the Center's projects and offer you financial benefits as well.



# 2023 INSTITUTIONAL DONORS

It is only through the generosity of funding partners that we at the Center for Large Landscape Conservation can achieve our mission to advance ecological connectivity for climate resilience worldwide. The following foundations and other organizations provided the highest levels of support this past year, and their steadfast commitment to investing in connecting and restoring nature is greatly valued.

444S Foundation

Alaska Conservation Foundation

The Arthur Vining Davis Foundations

Big Sky Resort Area District

Bunting Family Foundation

Cinnabar Foundation

Commission for Environmental Cooperation

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