



TRINIDAD COASTAL LAND TRUST

SPRING 2023 NEWSLETTER & 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



Stewardship Volunteers helped restore Houda Point by planting native plants like flowering currant, pacific stonecrop, and beach strawberry.

Celebrating Coastal Resilience

To say that this winter has been full of surprises would be an understatement. Though TCLT's public beaches and trails typically face yearly winter damage, this winter's strong ocean swells, extreme high tides, and stormwater erosion took a considerable toll on some of our most beloved public access trails and vista points. High winds and heavy downpours led to power outages that affected the Trinidad area for weeks. And then it even snowed on the coast!

But against the backdrop of stormy skies, the flowering currants are bursting with pink blossoms, red alders are beginning to leaf out, and the first of the Common Murres are returning to offshore rocks for their annual roosting and nesting ritual. And it was not just the coming of spring that kept our spirits up. During the power outages and the cold snaps, our community stepped forward with hot meals and warm clothes for those in need in Trinidad and across the county. At our stewardship work days in January and February, devoted TCLT volunteers showed up despite the weather and helped clear coastal forests of invasive plants.

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Stewardship Volunteers at Houda Point.

Thoughts from the Board

Jennifer Savage



Trinidad will always hold a special place in my heart, not only because of all the happy adventures my husband and I had there with our children when they were young, but because the ocean off Houda Point is where I first stood up on a proper wave, gliding down its face and into a lifelong pursuit. Some years later, my kids would learn to surf at Moonstone, take tidepooling field trips to Baker Beach and lug their boards up and down the stairs that lead to Camel Rock. Although we didn't have much money during those years, the ability to access the breathtaking, vibrant Trinidad coast made me feel rich in more important ways.

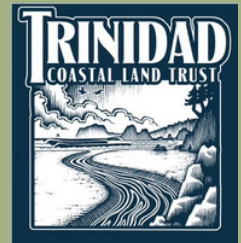
The joy and inspiration provided by this stretch of Humboldt County is central to Trinidad Coastal Land Trust's purpose of providing coastal access and education for all people while caring for and restoring the coastal ecosystems of the Trinidad area. In making access easier for people, we're building both literal trails and metaphorical ones. The tangible ones lead to places where families, friends and solo adventurers can make memories such as finding sea stars and nudibranchs at Baker Beach, building sandcastles at Moonstone, enjoying a picnic at Luffenholtz Beach and hiking through the wild coastal forests covering other TCLT managed properties. The less visible trails convey knowledge, understanding, and the desire to protect and enhance these special places to the people visiting them.

We do this by providing educational walks, stewardship opportunities and other activities sharing information about geology, seabirds, plant identification, lichens and intertidal life. This focus on connecting people from throughout Humboldt County and beyond with our coastal recreational, scientific and scenic offerings helps to ensure that the lands and waters within our jurisdiction will be treasured and cared for into the future.

Get Involved!

There are many ways to support our work:

- Become a **Sustaining Monthly Member**
- Offer a **one time donation**
- Be a **Business Partner**
- Sign up as a **Stewardship volunteer**
- Follow us on **social media**
- Purchase a **T-shirt or hoodie**



www.trinidadcoastallandtrust.org

707-677-2501

Calendar of Events

Stay Up to Date!

Check out our web calendar, sign up for our e-newsletter, or follow us on Instagram and Facebook to find out about all of our upcoming events!



Stewardship Work Days

Our amazing volunteers help restore natural habitat and promote biodiversity by removing invasive plant species from our coastline, and helping to maintain safe and reliable public trails for surfers, dog-walkers, and beach enthusiasts alike. **Registration is required by emailing zoe@trinidadcoastallandtrust.org.**

Luffenholtz Beach and Houda Point Stair Repair

Saturday, April 1st, 9:30am to noon

Baker Beach Stair Repair

Saturday, May 6th, 9:30am to noon

Scenic Drive Coastal Cleanups

Every second Sunday of the month, 10 am to noon

Volunteers will help collect trash from the beaches, trails, and roadside along Scenic Drive in Trinidad.

No registration required!



Volunteers with Upward Bound TRIO making repairs to the Baker Beach trail cable steps.

American Hiking Society Volunteer Vacation

June 4th-10th

This amazing crew of volunteers from across the country will work with TCLT and CA State Parks to repair the trail to College Cove. Reach out to us if you are interested in assisting!

Fall 2023 Stewardship Work Days

First Saturday of each month, 9:30 am to noon

After a summer of fun on the Trinidad coast, come help TCLT care for the coast at our fall volunteer work days, on the first Saturday of each month/ Locations and projects TBD, so please stay tuned!

Educational Opportunities

Space is limited and registration is required. Please email info@trinidadcoastallandtrust.org or call (707)677-2501 to sign up!

Native Plants of Trinidad Head

Saturday, May 13th, 2 to 4pm

Join naturalists Mindy Hiley and Annie Reid to discover the array of spring wildflowers and lush plant life of Trinidad Head. This walk will be focused on learning more about our green neighbors, including basic plant identification and stories about medicinal and edible uses. We will walk a portion of the Trinidad Head trail and end at the historic lighthouse viewing area.

Journey Through Trinidads Coastal Geology

Sunday, June 11th, 12 to 2 pm

Oceanographer and geologist Danny O'Shea will lead us on an in-depth and fascinating journey through the history of our unique rocky Trinidad shoreline. Danny is skilled at helping students of all levels relate to and understand the processes that shape the coast and create the dramatic landscapes we enjoy.

Baker Beach Bioblitz

Sunday, July 2nd, 6 to 8:30am

Explore the colorful and diverse tidepools of Baker Beach with TCLT's Executive Director Michelle Kunst, while contributing to Snapshot Cal Coast - a statewide community science initiative to capture biodiversity and be on the frontlines of documenting coastal changes.

Seaweed! Explorando Juntos with Friends of the Dunes

Saturday, July 8th, 9 to 11am

Vengan a explorar las diferentes algas que crecen en nuestra costa rocosa con Friends of the Dunes y Trinidad Coastal Land Trust. Aprendan sobre las algas comestibles, donde viven, cómo cosecharlas, y cómo prepararlas. El evento es bilingüe y gratuito. El espacio es limitado, manden un texto al (702) 498-0935 o un correo electrónico a daisy@friendsofthedunes.org para confirmar su asistencia.

Join Friends of the Dunes and Trinidad Coastal Land Trust to explore the diverse seaweeds that grows on our rocky shore. Learn about different edible seaweeds' life history, where they grow, how to harvest, and how to prepare them. Event is a free Spanish bilingual event. Space is limited. Please email daisy@friendsofthedunes.org to RSVP.

Nature Journaling Workshop

Date TBD

Join TCLT in collaboration with The Wildlands Conservancy and the National Park Service to connect with our coastal and marine environment through observational practices, mindful documentation, writing, and more! Explore the value and basics of keeping a nature journal and learn methods for engaging in community science.

Celebrating Coastal Resilience *(Continued from page 1)*

And finally, the outpouring of financial support from our TCLT community at the end of 2022 will help ensure the continuation of our education and stewardship programs this coming year.

We are uplifted both by the people and partners who help us work toward our purpose as a small land managing nonprofit, and by the resilient and vibrant coastline that continues to inspire and unite us.

On the Horizon

In addition to hosting monthly stewardship work days, coastal cleanups, and free coastal education events, the TCLT team and our collaborators have a busy year of seaside fun ahead of us.

We are working with an enthusiastic team of 7th graders from Trinidad Union School to monitor human disturbance to Common Murres, funded by the National Environmental Education Foundation and in support of the North Coast Seabird Protection Network’s **community science initiatives**. This spring, students will learn to use spotting scopes, record data, and communicate science with the public, all from a beautiful vista point on Trinidad Head! In continuation with last year’s collaboration with the County’s Department of Health and Human Services and supported by California State



Trinidad Union School 7th grade students prepare to monitor human disturbance to seabirds off of Trinidad Head this year.

Parks Outdoor Equity Grant, we’ll be facilitating more free and fun coastal exploration experiences for youth in our community who have been historically underserved. This means more first time experiences with tidepooling, birding, and native plants! We will work with Redwood Community Action Agency to host **family fun boating days and field trips to Little River** for local summer youth programs, as well as to train student trip leaders from Cal Poly Humboldt, as a grantee of the Explore the Coast program of the State Coastal Conservancy. And finally, we are teaming up with a local adventure and conservation organization Our Wilderness Now with funding available from environmental justice organization, Justice Outside, to host kayaking and coastal stewardship opportunities to local youth and families from Spanish-speaking households.

Amidst our busy summer education schedule, we are also tackling some exciting coastal stewardship projects this year. First, we are welcoming another group of volunteers from the



American Hiking Society volunteers on their new stairs at Tepona Point.

American Hiking Society (AHS) to help us improve the steps leading to College Cove, in collaboration with California State Parks. Our stair rebuild with AHS at Tepona Point last summer was a blast, and we are excited to host the work crew again this June. The work at Tepona Point last year was especially inspiring as we await the inception of the **Tepona Point public access improvement project**. Planning for the landscaped picnic area, ADA accessible viewpoint, and elevated viewing platform is almost complete and we are awaiting implementation funding from our grantors, Wildlife Conservation Board, to begin construction. Additionally, we have our sights set on developing an **Invasive Plant Management Plan** to lay the foundation for a more ambitious approach to invasive plant removal and habitat restoration across our properties, and in collaboration with neighbors. Finally, we are eager to finalize our newest rural residential conservation easement with **Jim and Virginia Waters**, which would create a contiguous piece of protected habitat with our Ruprecht Ranch Conservation Easement and connect a seasonal tributary to Martin Creek.

We are excited to put our energy into a variety of youth-centered programs and land stewardship. We believe that the coast is a source of joy and inspiration and we strive to promote a sense of belonging for the young folks who visit these awe-inspiring outdoor spaces. We are so thankful for the collaborators, mentors, and funders that help make this work possible, as our work in coastal stewardship and education is truly a team effort.

Leave a Lasting Legacy

Are you a property owner in the Trinidad area and consider yourself a caretaker of land? You have many options for ensuring habitat protection in perpetuity on the land you love. You can consider working with the Land Trust to create a conservation easement or you can leave a lasting legacy, or a **Planned Gift**, by making a donation of property, estate, stocks or funds to TCLT, which will extend your dedication to conservation of the Trinidad coastline benefiting future generations of both people and the more-than-human world. **Visit our website, under *Get Involved*, or call us at (707) 677-2501 to learn more about our Planned Giving program and how you can leave your legacy.**

Annual Report 2022



Letter from the Executive Director,

In the Fall of 2022, Trinidad Coastal Land Trust board members and staff gathered together in person for the first time in two and half years to take a close look at the goals we set for our organization back in 2018, evaluate the successes and challenges within that chapter, review stakeholder input, and envision what we wanted the future to hold. It is incredible how much can happen in just a handful of years. We have navigated through two Executive Director transitions, welcomed numerous board members and staff onto the team and said goodbye to others, weathered a global pandemic and associated economic challenges, wrapped up grant funded programs and projects and crafted new ones, built relationships with hundreds of volunteers, supporters, and partners; all revolving around the focus of providing coastal access to those in our community. During our planning process, we realized that our existing mission no longer fully encompassed the work we are trying to do. So, we put our heads together and agreed upon a purpose statement that felt more apt;

“The Trinidad Coastal Land Trust is dedicated to providing coastal access & education for all people while caring for and restoring the coastal ecosystems of the Trinidad area.”

We wanted to find the words to integrate the three tenets that we believe are integral to our purpose; coastal access, education, and healthy ecosystems. We are also excited to be guided by a new and improved vision statement;

“To create a more compassionate and joyful world of engaged communities inspired to care for the coast through visits to safe and welcoming beaches, trails and vista points. In collaboration with local tribes and inspired community members, coastal natural and cultural resources are protected, resilient, and managed in perpetuity for future generations of all species.”

We believe that community members, like you, are central to caring and advocating for the natural spaces that provide us with fulfillment, inspiration, and joy, such as Trinidad. We also believe that Tribal communities need to be at the forefront of land management, which is why we are seeking to engage in conversations and collaborations that increase the capacity and voices of Tribes and Tribal organizations in the management of coastal lands. This has been, and will continue to be an important, and challenging undertaking for the Land Trust.

In addition to updating our strategic vision for the coming years, in 2022 we hosted not one, but two fundraising events, the Inaugural Moonstone Classic and Toast to the Coast Gala. Moonstone Classic was a monumental endeavor; bringing together more than one hundred surf competition contestants, fifteen beach volleyball tournament teams, and three musical performances, all on a perfectly sunny day. We hosted our annual Toast to the Coast Gala at a new venue this year, Septentrio Winery, and had a grand time dancing to the infamous string band Kingfoot,

bidding on local goods, and drinking local wine.

We made great strides in our Tepona Point Public Access Improvements Planning Project, with generous funding from the Wildlife Conservation Board, and volunteer support from the American Hiking Society, with plans to implement improvements during the summer and fall of 2023. With the help of two Cal Poly Humboldt College Corps Fellows, and innumerable volunteers, we've continued regular maintenance of trails and public use amenities, removed large quantities of invasive plants, and replanted with native species. Our education programs have continued and we're proud to be collaborating with an ever growing list of partners, and reaching new youth every season.

This work is possible because of YOU! **Please consider joining our network of monthly donors, offering a one time contribution, or lending a hand at any of our volunteer events.**

Cheers!

Michelle Pualani Kunst



Impact Report

January 1 - December 31, 2022

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Stewardship
Work Days &

100

volunteers

Approx
2700 lbs
invasive plants
removed

4 trails
rehabilitated

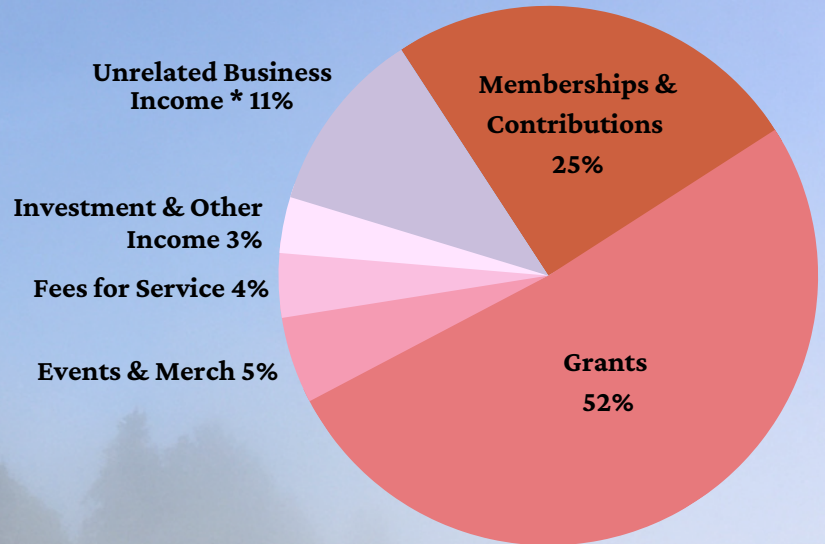
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educational
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Classic

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surf comp
participants at
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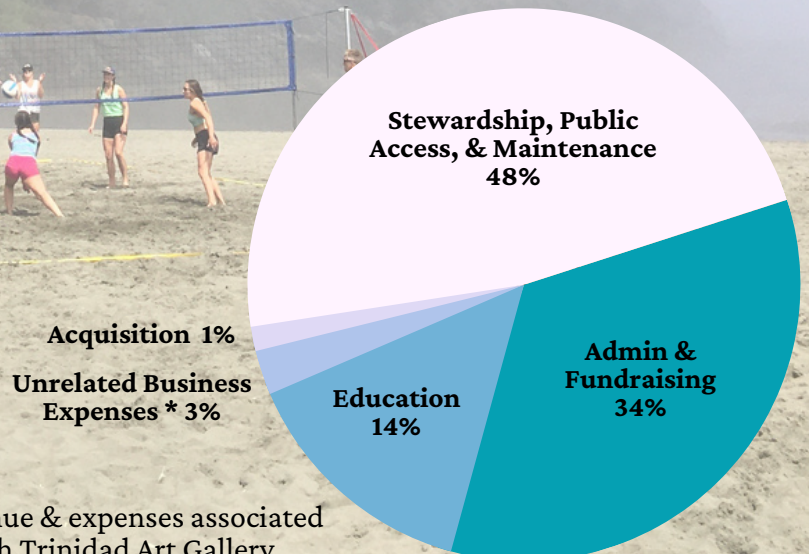
Revenue & Support

Memberships & Contributions	\$56,207
Grants	\$115,124
Events & Merch	\$11,652
Fees for Service	\$8,623
Investment & Other Income	\$7,534
Unrelated Business Income *	\$24,890
TOTAL	\$224,030



Expenses

Admin & Fundraising	\$80,610
Education	\$33,632
Stewardship, Public Access, & Maintenance	\$111,780
Acquisition	\$3,355
Unrelated Business Expenses*	\$6,141
TOTAL	\$235,518



*Revenue & expenses associated with Trinidad Art Gallery.

Thank you to everyone who makes our work possible!

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Conservation Land Foundations
Footprint Foundation
Forbes and Associates - Sarah Corliss
Humboldt Area Foundation
Humboldt Cider Company
Justice Outside
National Environmental Education Foundation
North Coast Cooperative
Northern Region Council of Land Trusts
Redwood Capital Bank
Sea Around Us
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The Local Cider Bar
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Trinidad Retreats
Wildlife Conservation Board



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THANK YOU TO OUR BUSINESS SPONSORS!

We invite you to help support our important work by joining our Business Partner Program. Our recognition opportunities let the community know your business supports protecting our coast while providing opportunities for people to be inspired by this area's amazing beaches, trails, and vista points. Be a part of making sure that these coastal treasures continue to be a source of inspiration for generations to come.

Learn more under *Get Involved* on our website.



**Redwood
Capital Bank**

MURPHY'S
Markets



**NORTH COAST
COOP**

**The Local
Cider Bar**

