



2017 ANNUAL REPORT



PRICKLY PEAR
LAND TRUST

connecting land and people

OUR MISSION



To inspire connections to the landscapes, water, wildlife, recreation and agricultural heritage of west-central Montana through conservation, now and for future generations.

In support of our mission,
OUR CORE VALUES
define our organizational culture



•
Support the enhancement and restoration of conservation values of strategically identified lands.

•
Protect and steward strategically identified open spaces in perpetuity.

•
Provide easy trail access and open spaces that interconnect our community for all to enjoy.

•
Provide information to the community on resource conservation and open space issues.

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Conduct and communicate our business with openness and integrity.

•
Be responsive to, representative of, and in service to our community, or, serve those in our community who have interests in open space and conservation.

•
Instill a connection with the land that fosters its permanent protection.

community conservation

A forgotten field sprung to life last year as Tenmile Creek Park opened to the public.

Comprising 180 acres of former ranchland, this property was acquired in 2016 in partnership with Fort Harrison in order to preserve it as open space.

Community conservation is an approach to land conservation with the goal of connecting the people of a community to place.

Tenmile Creek Park creates these connections by providing accessible walking paths and the only urban creek access to one of Helena's primary water sources.

2017 was a big year for Tenmile Creek Park:

- **A parking area was constructed**
- **Almost three miles of trails were built**
- **A bridge over Tenmile Creek was installed**
- **Numerous volunteer events were hosted**
- **Vault toilet was installed**

If you haven't already, join your fellow community members on the trails at Tenmile Creek Park.



private land conservation

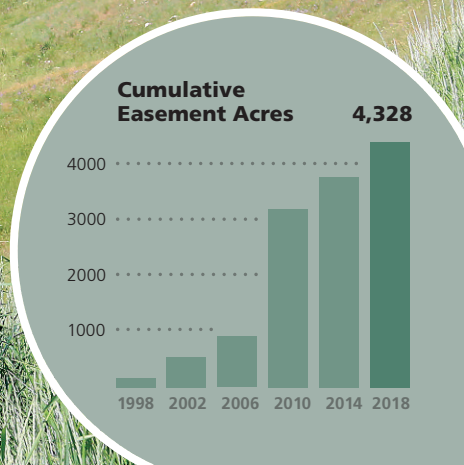
*Dog Creek
on the Mullen
Pass conservation
easement*

It's an exciting time for PPLT's private land conservation projects.

PPLT is working with several landowners on potential projects around Lincoln,

Canyon Ferry and other areas. These projects would protect significant wildlife habitat, as well as agricultural lands and scenic open space.

Stay tuned.



trails

In 2017, we engaged 529 volunteers (including 113 youth) for 1,517 hours for a total value of \$31,907 added to the trail system.

In 2017, Aftershock Trail roared to life on the north side of Mount Ascension and rocked the hiking and mountain biking communities. Named after the earthquake that shook construction crews out of bed last summer, the 1.1-mile Aftershock Trail offers a nice, easy climb for those that do not want to go all the way up the 2006 switchbacks and provides a contrast to the steep Entertainment Trail.

Many hands got dirty building this trail. Initially planned and designed by City of Helena Open Lands and PPLT, the trail was constructed by PPLT staff, Helena Open Lands crews, Montana Conservation Corps crews and numerous volunteers.

A big part of PPLT's trail work includes simply maintaining the existing trails and battling degradation from weather and use. We can't do that without the help of our fantastic volunteers.

Thank you!



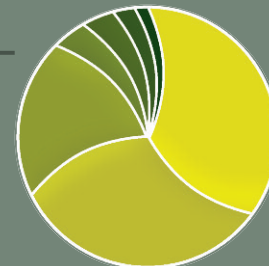
2017 financial summary

Fiscal year ending December 31, 2017

Total assets	\$3,720,069
Liabilities	\$ 509,702
Net assets	\$3,210,367
Unrestricted net assets	\$3,081,100
Restricted net assets	\$ 129,267
Conservation land held	\$1,989,696
Investments	\$ 251,214

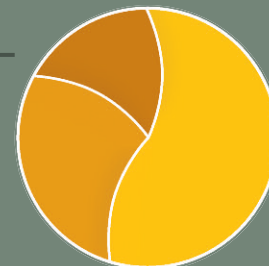
REVENUE

● Dues and contributions	\$ 376,761
● Fundraising events	\$ 344,335
● Grants	\$ 214,504
● Miscellaneous	\$ 42,280
● Investments and other	\$ 41,912
● Sales and program fees	\$ 28,639
● In-Kind, other	\$ 14,452
Total Revenues	\$1,062,883



EXPENSES

● Trails and conservation programs	\$ 540,891
● Fundraising	\$ 279,957
● Administration	\$ 171,506
Total Expenses	\$ 992,354



Notes: Prickly Pear Land Trust is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization under 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. This financial information has not yet been audited.

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