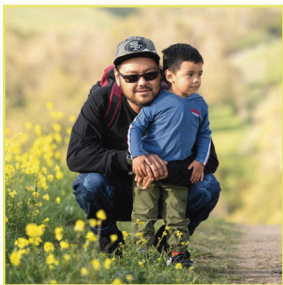




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Mission & Values

The Regional Parks Foundation supports the East Bay Regional Park District through fundraising to provide universal access, environmental stewardship, educational and recreational programs, and the acquisition of parklands.

At the Regional Parks Foundation, we believe connections with nature are critical for leading a healthy, balanced life. Every day, we provide resources to ensure underserved populations have equal access to nature through the East Bay Regional Park District's parks, trails, programs, and services. When we do, lives are changed, and we inspire the next generation of environmental stewards to value and protect open space and the environment.



30 million annual visits

73 regional parks

55 miles of shoreline

~\$200 million generated in annual regional economic activity

1,330 miles of trails

126,809 acres managed





Youth Development

1,322

5th and 6th grade students and teachers participated in three-day/two-night environmental education experience at WOLF School Camp Arroyo

128

children attended summer and Adventure Camp

10

North Richmond youth trained as Watershed Restoration Apprentices

The Foundation is committed to ensuring more young people can learn from and enjoy life-changing experiences in the parks. Through hands-on science education and outdoor skills, we inspire the next generation of environmental leaders. Our youth programs give local students the chance to learn about the environment and connect with nature in their own neighborhoods, helping them become the park stewards of tomorrow.





Health, Wellness & Safety



8,175

students certified in CPR, First Aid,
and Hands-only CPR

9,169

students provided aquatic safety
and workforce training

600

people participated in
Parks Prescription Program

Spending time in nature boosts both our mental and physical well-being. The Regional Parks Foundation supports healthier communities by helping people get outdoors and stay active. We provide everything from water safety programs and trail gear to rescue equipment, giving park visitors and staff the tools and confidence they need to safely enjoy our parks and recreational spaces.





Environmental Stewardship

As extreme weather events and industrial activities continue to shape our world, the Foundation works to protect habitats and wildlife so they can not only survive but thrive. We invest in and support community engagement, education, and stewardship efforts to keep natural habitats and surrounding communities safe and accessible for all.



667-acre

Fuels Reduction Project completed in East Bay Hills

10X

increase in wintering of western snowy plovers thanks to ongoing nesting site enhancements at Crown Beach



Universal Access

At the Foundation, we believe parks must be accessible to everyone. Our goal is to remove barriers and create a welcoming space for all by supporting programs that reach historically underserved communities and reflect the East Bay's rich diversity.

We provide transportation for school groups and translation services for park programs. We also offer activities for youth and adults with disabilities, collaborate with local libraries on the Backpacks to Parks initiative, and provide scholarships and free memberships to those in need. These efforts help make park visits more affordable and offer meaningful experiences that create lasting connections.

31,777

park visitors received bus transportation to community programs

86%

increase in All Abilities Day participants (1,270 in 2024 → 2,358 in 2025)

114

low-income participants enrolled in **234** weeks of aquatic and summer camps





Community Engagement

Show your love for the parks through one of the Foundation's many community engagement opportunities. Partner with us to keep parks accessible for all and to protect wildlife and open space for generations to come. We can't do it without you!

36,225

people reached through community engagement opportunities

800

people attended Pride in the Park

1,200

hot dogs enjoyed by families at National Night Out

Strategic Planning

In 2025, we collaborated with our board of directors to reimagine the Foundation's strategic plan to guide and inform our mission and work over the next five years and into the future. We look forward to sharing more details with you about this transformative update in 2026.

Institutional Partners

Thank you to our corporate and institutional partners who provide critical support for Regional Parks Foundation programs and initiatives:





With your ongoing support, we're inspiring the next generation of environmental stewards and nurturing lasting connections to East Bay Regional Parks. In 2025, we awarded grants to help launch seven new programs in partnership with the East Bay Regional Park District. Every gift from community members like you helps advance and expand our impact. **Thank you!**

13,329 donors/members

17,332 individual gifts

Bequests & Legacy Gifts

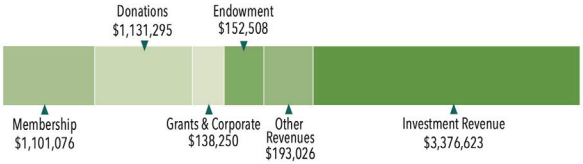
The Regional Parks Foundation provides a thoughtful estate planning program for those who want to leave a lasting legacy in support of the causes that matter to them. We offer regular seminars and our Planned Giving Subcommittee*—an expert team in estate planning, tax strategies, and wealth management—ensures donors have the guidance and resources they need to make informed decisions.

\$231,380 total value of bequests

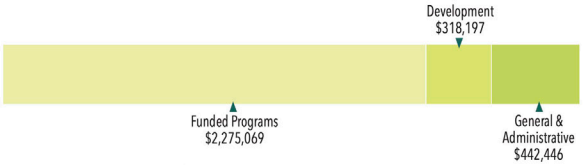
**Special thanks to our Planned Giving Subcommittee members: Kirsten Howe (Chair), Yakov Berenshteyn, Connor Merrigan, Robert Silverman, and Mark Weaver.*

2025 Financials

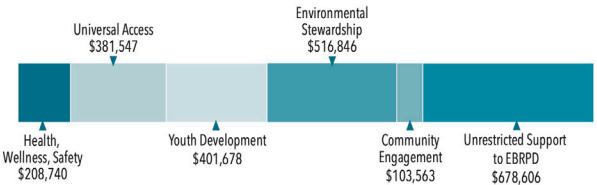
Revenue



Grants & Expenditures*



Program Funding



*The Regional Parks Foundation received \$1,452,325 in in-kind labor and facilities support from the East Bay Regional Park District.





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- Paola Pinedo, *Membership Development Associate*



The Regional Parks Foundation is proud to partner with the East Bay Regional Park District to connect communities to the outdoors while stewarding the parks and open spaces that make the East Bay an extraordinary place to live, work, and play.