

BIG WATERS LAND TRUST

FY24 ANNUAL REPORT

We are so thankful to have you in our conservation community! Your support and ongoing commitment to conservation are vital to protecting Southwest Florida's land and water.

You are protecting, now and forever, the natural areas and ranchlands so important to the health and productivity of our region's most special places when you support Big Waters Land Trust. Clean water, fresh air, nutritious food, abundant wildlife, increased resiliency, beautiful landscapes to enjoy and the many physical and mental benefits of time outdoors are just a handful of the rewards that come with saving land.

Land conservation is an investment in the well-being and prosperity of our community. And it's your support, your investment, and your voice that fuel everything we do.

While we reflect on the past year's accomplishments, we are not stopping. We are in a race against time and are excited for what the future holds – with you by our side, we know **BIG** things are on the horizon!

We envision a future where the human and natural worlds of Southwest Florida flourish together.

Our mission is to protect the land and water in Southwest Florida for the benefit of people and nature.

20,004

ACRES SAVED ACROSS

60

PROPERTIES

AS OF 9/30/24





Longino Ranch by Mary Lundeberg

656 ACRES
PROTECTED AT LONGINO RANCH BRINGING THE TOTAL CONSERVED LANDS PROTECTING THE WILD & SCENIC MYAKKA RIVER TO OVER 130,000 ACRES



Photo: David Glosser

1,809

VOLUNTEER HOURS DONATED TO FURTHER OUR MISSION AND INCREASE OUR IMPACT

1,176 DONORS

40% OF WHOM WERE NEW DONORS MADE **1,049** GIFTS TO PROTECT SOUTHWEST FLORIDA'S LAND AND WATER

OUR LEGACY SOCIETY GREW TO INCLUDE **50** MEMBERS COMMITTED TO LEAVING SOUTHWEST FLORIDA A LASTING LEGACY

58 ACRES
CONSERVED IN SUBURBAN MANATEE COUNTY EXPANDING THE PROTECTED LANDS ALONG GAP CREEK AND SAFEGUARDING WATER QUALITY



Manatee River Conservation Area by Mary Lundeberg

EVERY DOLLAR RAISED LEVERAGED **4** TIMES SINCE INCEPTION FOR LAND CONSERVATION

20 ACRES

PROTECTED *WITHIN* CHARLOTTE HARBOR PRESERVE STATE PARK USING OUR NORA PATTERSON LAND FUND AND THEN SOLD TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA AS AN ADDITION TO THE PARK WITH THE PROCEEDS DEPOSITED BACK INTO THE FUND!



Charlotte Harbor Preserve State Park

28

YOUTH-SERVING ORGANIZATIONAL PARTNERS

64

COMMUNITY PARTNERS FURTHERING OUR REACH AND DEEPENING OUR RELATIONSHIPS THROUGHOUT THE REGION



3,111

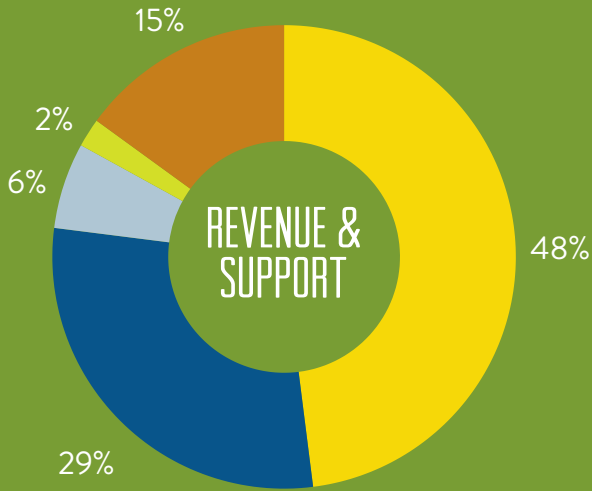
YOUTH SERVED IN OUR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS



1,246

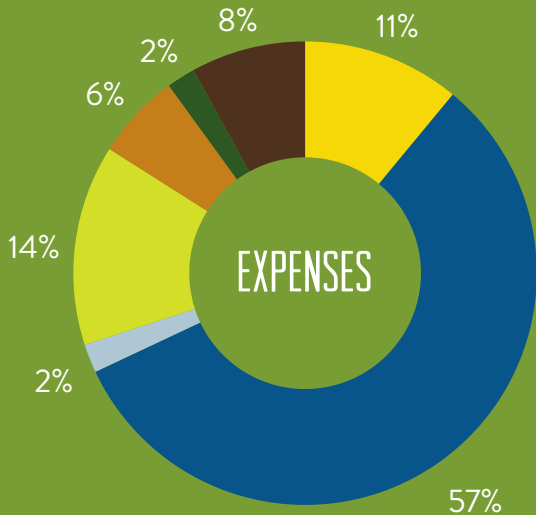
COMMUNITY MEMBERS ATTENDED OUR COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND NATURE EXPERIENCES

FY 2024 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT



● Contributions & Grants	\$3,790,466
● Special Events (net)	\$424,263
● Program Income	\$130,159
● Investment Earnings	\$1,198,380
● Land & Other In-Kind Contributions	\$2,295,698
● Gain on Sale of Property	\$2,669

TOTAL REVENUE: \$7,841,635



● Land Acquisition	\$3,096,999
● Re-Wilding the Quad Parcels	\$92,186
● Outreach & Education	\$744,962
● Operations	\$323,456
● Administrative	\$117,362
● Fundraising	\$440,913
● Land Stewardship	\$590,426

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$5,406,304



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