

# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



# OUR MOST IMPACTFUL YEAR **EVER**

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*Left: New signage will be installed throughout the Lake Pueblo State Park trail system starting in late 2022. This work coincides with major maintenance highlighted in this report. Signage updates will be highlighted in the 2023 annual report following project completion.*

*Cover: Volunteers perform erosion control on Conduit trail during a Second Sunday work day.*

# Mission & Vision

In 2022, the SCTB board developed internal reference materials to maintain focus and effectiveness in identifying and pursuing priorities aligned with our mission.

**WHAT  
WE'RE  
ABOUT**

**TRAIL WORK  
EDUCATION  
OUTREACH**



**Mission:** We strive to build and maintain sustainable trails, engage the community, and foster relationships to support a healthy Southern Colorado.

**Vision:** A Southern Colorado with sustainably developed and managed trail resources aligned with the the evolving needs of the region's population and stakeholders.

# 2022 Leadership

Southern Colorado Trail Builders is run by a committed volunteer board of directors.



## **PRESIDENT - GIGOT HUDSPETH**

I'm a fifth generation Southern Colorado native; and I've been a fan of trail riding since I bought my first StumpJumper in 1983. The trails in Pueblo and surrounding vicinity are tremendous assets for our community. I'm passionate about exploring and promoting our outdoor resources.



## **VICE PRESIDENT - MIKE MCHENRY**

The outdoor recreation opportunities - particularly our trail systems and the amazing climate - drew me to the Pueblo area. I believe SCTB is making a significant difference in the community and the local economy by advocating for and promoting our trails.



## **MEMBERSHIP CHAIR - ADAM DAVIDSON**

Spending time on trails transformed my life. I hope I can share every bit of the benefits I've experienced. I want to use my experience and passion to encourage our Southern Colorado community to get outside when they can, to make the most of where we are and to enjoy the time we have.



## **TREASURER - TOM GUINS**

I moved to Pueblo in 1998 from Maryland and discovered the hiking/biking paths at Lake Pueblo. Hiking is still my primary means of maintaining my health. I encourage everyone I meet to discover and explore the many outdoor recreational opportunities near Pueblo.



## **SECRETARY - ANGIE POWERS**

I believe that SCTB can play a major role not just in building and maintaining trail assets, but in helping people in southern Colorado (and beyond) see their value and continue to make decisions that expand use and access. Working with SCTB allows me to serve the community while sharing my love of hiking, biking, running, and birding—an ideal combination!

# Consistency Makes for Major Impact!

New for 2022, SCTB launched a monthly “Second Sunday” work day model, increasing the number of regular work days and simplifying volunteer scheduling



# \$20,482

value of volunteer trail  
maintenance hours in 2022\*

\*\$31.51 per hour value of volunteer labor in  
Colorado in 2022 per Philanthropy Colorado

## 48 individual volunteers logged 650 hours in 2022.

The volunteers in the Southern Colorado region continue to provide the time, muscle, and commitment to keep the area’s trails accessible and well-maintained. Volunteer hours can be used as a matching currency in certain grant opportunities, so these hours often equal dollars on future projects!

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# Growing Organizational Relationships

Over the course of 2022, SCTB continued to cultivate regional stakeholder and trail contractor relationships crucial to trail access, maintenance and development

Lake Pueblo  
State Park



Pueblo  
Mountain  
Park



**NATURE  
& WILDLIFE**  
DISCOVERY  
CENTER



Pike San  
Isabel  
National  
Forest



Thank you to each  
of our partners in  
the outdoors.

# Southern Colorado Trails Bash

For the seventh consecutive year, SCTB hosted the annual Trails Bash event in the spring to bring the community together and get people out on the trails



The community celebrated trails with:

- Hikes, trail runs, and mountain bike rides
- Games and giveaways
- Wood-fired pizza from Stoke

**100+**  
**attendees**

2022 was our largest  
Trails Bash ever!



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# Trail Trimming Efficiency

SCTB's efficiency improved in 2022 thanks to a combination of donations and CPW partnership, improving SCTB's tool arsenal and maintenance capacity.



## Brush Trimmer Upgrades

Community donations allowed SCTB to fund the purchase of six steel-blade powered brush cutters. These trimmers have massively increased the efficiency of SCTB volunteers and the overall trail experience at Lake Pueblo State Park.

## ATV Brush Mower

Lake Pueblo State Park (Colorado Parks & Wildlife) invested in a 48" wide brush mower and ATV for SCTB trail maintenance. The mower dramatically reduces the number of labor hours required to perform the annual trimming necessary throughout the system.



# Beulah: Carhart Trail Improvements

Donations and grants made over \$14,000 of professional trail improvements possible on the Carhart Trail in Beulah, Colorado!



## Funding Trail Improvements

The Pueblo Mountain Park's Carhart Trail, completed in 2019, was hand built by SCTB with over 1,500 volunteer hours and community donations.

In 2022, SCTB funded \$14,225 of professional trail equipment and labor to widen portions of the tread, improve backslope stability in steep terrain, and add rolling grade reversals to improve drainage. Work was performed by Timberline TrailCraft.

SCTB received grants from CPW, San Isabel Electric Association and Basin Electric Power Cooperative to fund this work . This project represents a continuing partnership with NWDC to maintain and improve the trails at the Pueblo Mountain Park



# Tool Maintenance and Organization

Trail tools take a beating. In 2022 SCTB performed maintenance on our fleet of trail tools and upgraded our tool shed located at Lake Pueblo State Park

## Tool Safety and Maintenance

Like the trails, our fleet of tools needs TLC too. One of our Second Sunday work days this year was dedicated to tool repairs, tuning and sharpening.



## Tool Storage Upgrades

CPW provides SCTB a tool storage shed located at Lake Pueblo State Park. In 2022, SCTB installed racks and hooks to organize our fleet of trail tools.

# Lake Pueblo: Major Trail Improvements

SCTB guided and oversaw \$181,275 of contracted trail work and signage improvements made possible by CPW funds, community support, and volunteers



## Improving sustainability:

SCTB supported contractor Singletrack Trails to complete work on key realignments of South Shore, Conduit, Arkansas Point, and Rollercoaster trails to improve trail sustainability and accessibility.



## Meeting Modern Standards:

SCTB supported contractor Singletrack Trails in the fall of 2022 as they updated aged Technical Trail Features at Lake Pueblo State Park to improve user experience and meet modern trail feature standards.

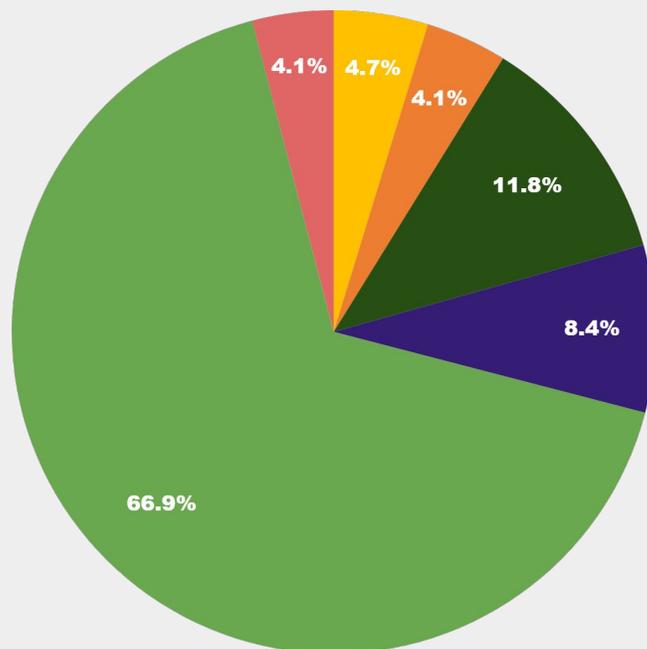


# Financials at a Glance

As a volunteer run organization, SCTB is dedicated to being a good steward of the trails as well as the donor and grantor funds making our work possible.

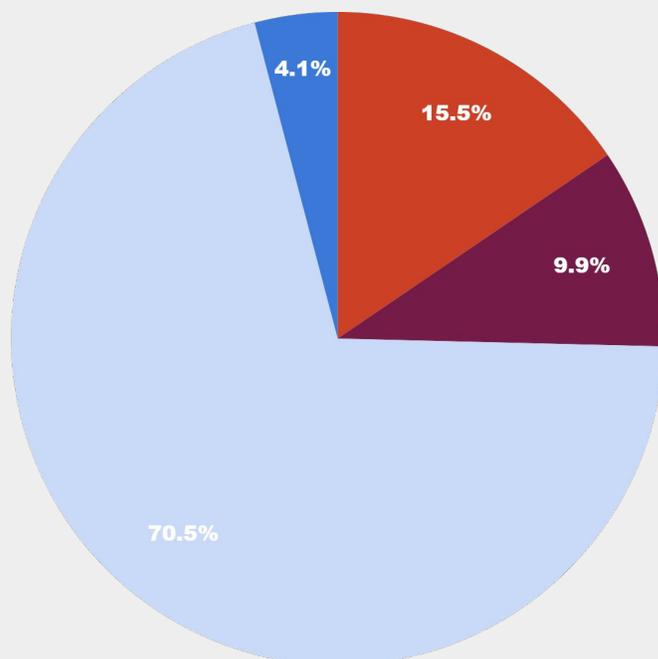
## Expenses

- **Administrative** \$ 1,010.33
- **Insurance** \$ 873.00
- **Equipment** \$ 2,523.65
- **Community & Volunteer Event Expenses** \$ 1,792.91
- **Trail Improvements - Contractor** \$ 14,275.97
- **Membership Gifts** \$ 871.48



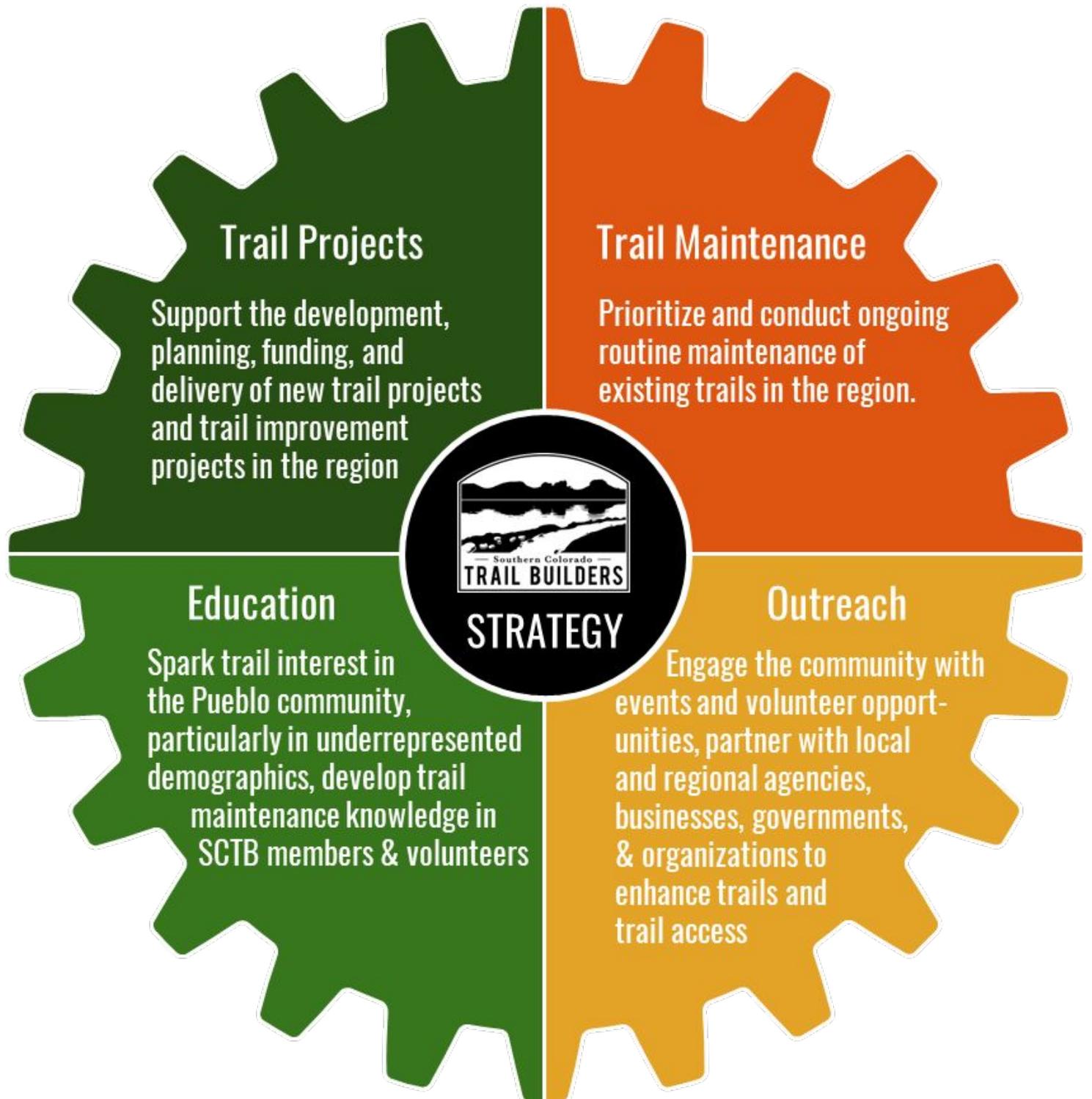
## Income

- **Annual Memberships** \$ 2,441.40
- **Individual Donations** \$ 1,556.53
- **Grant Funding** \$ 11,107.50
- **Corporate Support** \$ 645.43



# A Strategic Plan for the Future

working of this year's momentum for 2023 and beyond



# Support Trails in Southern Colorado

There are many ways to support SCTB's actions to develop and improve our region's trails

## Join

Your membership dollars provide direct support to our overhead operating costs such as liability insurance, technology, promotional materials, and tool maintenance,

## Donate

Your donation improves our ability to perform trail work and educate the community.

## Sponsor

Your Business' sponsorship of SCTB allows us to grow and increases our capacity to conduct trail maintenance, initiate new trail projects

## Volunteer

The work we do is 100% conducted by volunteers. Consider volunteering your time at an upcoming outreach/education event or trail work day.

