

ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

FISCAL YEAR END 2025



A Message from Our President

Greetings friends.

Thanks to your support and engagement, GreenTown Los Altos was able to measurably advance our sustainability initiatives in Los Altos and adjacent cities in FY2025. We met our growing number of ongoing commitments while achieving significant new milestones with a relatively constant number of volunteers in all five of our program areas of Clean Air, Conservation, Eating Green, Transportation and Zero Waste.



In transportation, our volunteers taught grade school students the benefits of biking or walking to school through our long-standing WoW! (Walk or Wheels) program. We continued to park dozens of bikes at numerous public events and held our annual ReCycle Bike drive that collects bikes of all condition then refurbishes and distributes them to our underserved youth. Our Zero Waste team of volunteers collected trash from our 'adopted' creeks and highway interchange. The Conservation team maintained public gardens and taught interns and other students sustainable plant care.

We met major milestones. Gary Hedden's team of tree planting volunteers achieved their multi-year goal of planting over 500 Trees in our community and celebrated the accomplishment by coordinating the City's first ever Arbor Day Celebration. The Clean Air group reimaged the Los Altos 2023-2024 EV Fair event into the Living Electric Fair, a downtown showcase of home electrification solutions and activities for all ages. The fair attracted an estimated 1,200 attendees, a 6-fold increase over last year's event.

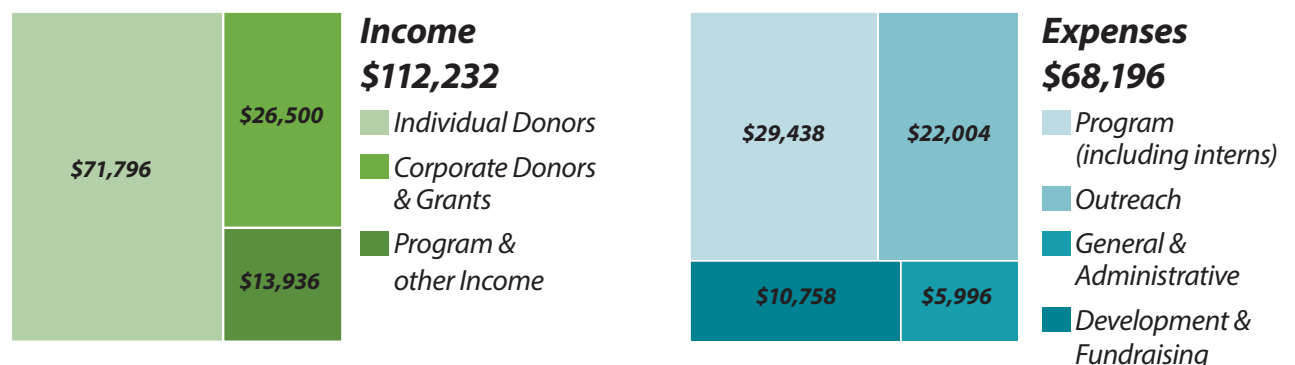
Creating multi-generational volunteer opportunities offers a common purpose by which to bring people together. We feel our hyper local focus with our 'everyone is welcome' approach fosters citizens who will ultimately incorporate sustainability in all aspects of their lives and feel part of the greater fabric of our community.

Growing our volunteer base is critical to our ongoing success and growth. Our momentum continues to build with greater participation. With your help, we believe we are making a difference.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Suresh Venkatraman, GreenTown Los Altos President

GreenTown Los Altos Fiscal Year 2025 by the Numbers





Program Highlights

Clean Air

- Directed a coalition of city organizations to expand the City's previous years' EV Fair to produce the first Los Altos Living Electric Fair. Over 30 exhibitors and multiple interactive opportunities including an all-ages game zone drew an estimated 1,200 visitors, a six-fold attendance increase from the prior years' event.
- Conducted contractor outreach to encourage heat pump water heater permitting and installation over gas water heater alternatives.
- Exhibited at 7 events throughout the year to promote home electrification and available rebates.
- Tracked the City's progress on the ban on gas leaf blower enforcement. Reported significant disparity between warnings and actual citations and encouraged the City to do more to enforce the gas leaf blower ban.



Conservation

- Exceeded the goal of planting 500 trees and hosted an Arbor Day celebration with the city in Lincoln Park.
- Engaged various youth groups throughout the year to maintain the drought-tolerant Demonstration Garden at the Woodland Library.
- Teamed with the Santa Clara County Library District, the City of Los Altos and the Los Altos Library Endowment to plan an expanded outdoor space and native biodiversity hub for nature-based learning and community engagement at the Woodland Library.
- Mentored two student interns in farm-to-table and sustainability techniques using the Los Altos Apricot Orchard as their workspace.
- Mentored two student interns who researched the Tree City USA program and what it would take Los Altos to qualify. (The answer? Not that much. We are almost there.)
- Sponsored a Native Tree talk of the trees on the Google campus.



Eating Green

- Hosted our Fall Fundraiser with a 100% plant-based menu.
- Organized a plant-powered vegan dinner meet up event.
- The GreenTown monthly newsletter featured vegan recipes and Tai Zhan bakery, a popular vegan bakery.

Transportation



- Led the annual ReCycle Bike drive in collaboration with the Silicon Valley Bike Coalition and recycled approx. 80 bicycles.
- The WoW! (Walk or Wheels) program was presented to select elementary schools. Multiple WoW! day events were organized supported by GreenTown in most of the LASD elementary schools.
- Guided bike rides: Organized annual Solstice and Historic Sites of Los Altos group rides.
- Parked hundreds of bikes at several downtown and city events.

Zero Waste



- Completed two Adopt-A-Highway clean ups, collecting over 200 pounds of trash plus several bags of recyclable materials.
- GreenTown volunteers were featured in a CalTrans report about the Adopt-A-Hwy program.
- The Party Pack Program, that allows the checking out of reusable service wear for events, continues to grow in popularity.
- Engaged 78 students from Saint Francis High School, Pack 33 Cub Scouts, Scouting Troop 443, and Bullis Charter School to conduct multiple creek clean ups. GreenTown has 'adopted' Adobe Creek and the Permanente Diversion Channel through Valley Water's Adopt-a-Creek program. Working with students teaches them the responsibility of habitat restoration and waste run-off reduction. Over 215 pounds of trash were collected, many of the items as small as cigarette butts.
- Led a Bullis Charter School South Campus clean up adjacent to the Permanente Creek diversion channel.
- Featured Enviroscape in several public-facing events. This interactive display explains the concept of run-off and water pollution sources.

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