



2020 ANNUAL REPORT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

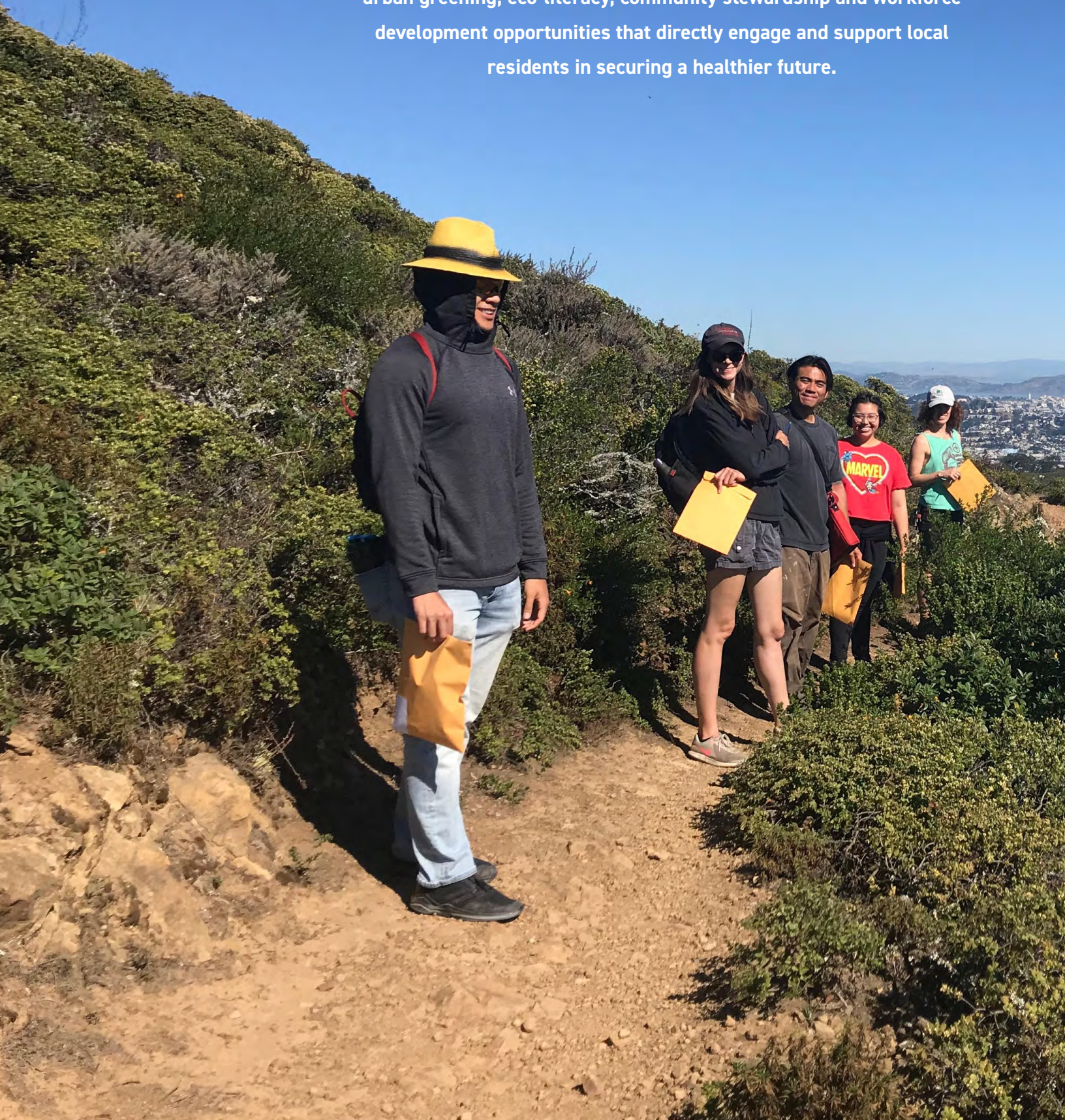


Serving the Bayview Hunters Point Community since 1998



Our Mission

LEJ promotes ecological health, environmental stewardship, and community development in Southeast San Francisco by creating urban greening, eco-literacy, community stewardship and workforce development opportunities that directly engage and support local residents in securing a healthier future.



Young Adult Eco-Apprentices

Eco-Apprentices make all of our work at LEJ possible, from growing over 70,000 native plants in the nursery to providing environmental education programs to approximately 2,000 public school youth and volunteers.



I didn't know that I could lead people but LEJ gave me the opportunity to have this leadership experience. I think that a good leader is also a good follower. LEJ believes in and supports me.

Chantelle Hernandez
Nursery Eco-Apprentice Crew Lead
Celebrating one year with LEJ

Eco-Apprentices interned for 6,470 hours this year.



It feels good that we were able to stay on track and not have any extreme issues in light of COVID-19.

Mandy, Nursery Manager

Eco-Apprentices accomplished the following this year:

- Grew over 70,000 native plants in the nurseries
- Raised 17,000 native seeds into plants for habitat restoration
- Provided environmental education programs to approximately 2,000 public school youth and volunteers
- Led volunteers and school groups to plant 1,402 native plants at restoration sites in Bayview Hunters Point

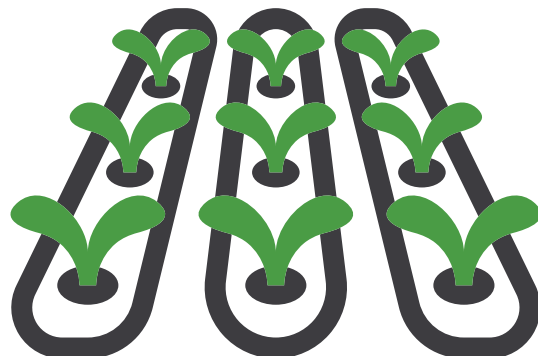
High School Eco-Apprentices

During the summer of 2019, LEJ hosted the Summer Youth Leadership Academy, co-facilitated by one of LEJ's Young Adult Eco-Apprentices. Youth gained valuable knowledge about environmental injustices in their community. Youth also learned about the role of plants, stewardship, and advocacy in addressing air quality issues.



I don't really know for sure what I want to be when I grow up. All I know is that I have many options to choose from and environment is one of my choices...Regardless of what my choice may be, I will always have a love for nature and the environment around me; I will seek other programs like this in the future.

Xyra, Age 17





Eco-Adventures

LEJ brings youth together from public schools, after school programs, and other youth organizations to camp, kayak, practice environmental stewardship, and learn about community health and environmental justice in San Francisco.



I could do this all day - this is fun!!
Josaiah, Age 10

Over 30 youth camped at Sunrise point during programs this year. For many, this was their first time to camp outdoors.



I enjoyed kayaking in the water, cooking with the other campers, and making s'mores around the fire. Would definitely camp again!!
Greenagers Camper, Age 14

Volunteers, Park Champs, Community Garden

The stewardship we do at LEJ would not be possible without the effort of our volunteers.

38,000 volunteer hours were dedicated to California's first urban State Park, Candlestick Point State Recreation Area

Community and corporate volunteer groups are essential to helping us maintain our nursery and meet the propagation numbers for our plant contracts.

A special thanks to all the volunteer groups who helped us out this year. Please see the full 2020 Annual Report for a complete list.



Transplanting is pretty fun. Ice plant removal is a workout and satisfying!
Treasure Island Development Authority Volunteer





Collaborations

LEJ has over 50 collaborations with public schools, community-based organizations, and State and private entities.

LEJ stewards 7 local open spaces and multiple sidewalk gardens throughout the City and County of San Francisco: Treasure Island & Yerba Buena Island, Candlestick Point State Recreation Area, Heron's Head Park, Golden Gate Park, Starr King Open Space, and Pier 94.



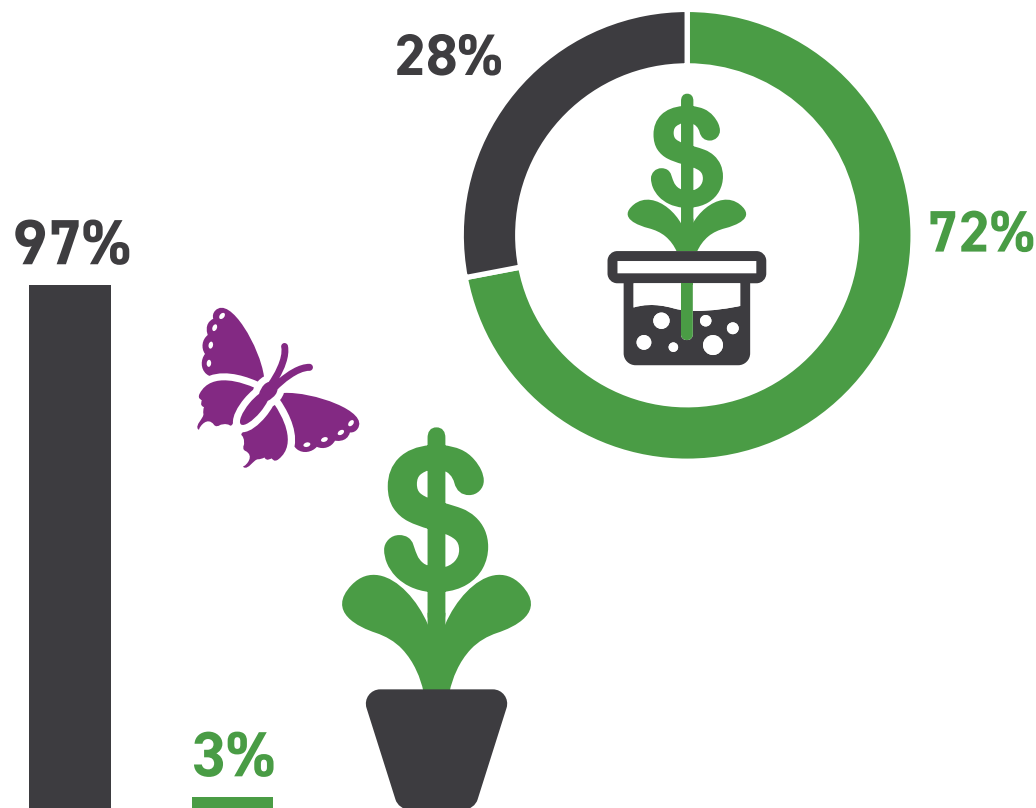
Financials

72% of LEJ's revenue was earned through plant sales and restoration contracts.

Only 28% came from foundations, corporate donors, and individual donations.

Through our unique partnership with State Parks, we are able to make a direct investment into the work we do.

97% of our expenses go toward program expenses and salaries.





A special thanks to our supporters for 2019-2020!

Please see our full 2020 Annual Report for a complete list of donors, collaborators, board members, and staff.

Thank you for your continued support.

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