

Dear Friend of the Parks:



Visitors share their vision for new parklands during an Off the Grid event on the Presidio Main Post in 2014

In 2015, the National Park Service (NPS) launched a yearlong celebration leading up to the 2016 Centennial of its founding. The theme for the festivities, heralded across all 407 park units under the care of the NPS, is “Find Your Park.”

Here at the Parks Conservancy, for nearly 35 years, we have been helping people—of all ages and backgrounds, from near and far, and with recreational interests of every variety—find their park among more than 80,000 spectacular acres north and south of the Golden Gate.

Parks represent different things to different people. In the pages of this *2015 Report to the Community*, we profile just a few of the functions and roles that the Golden Gate National Parks serve for our diverse communities. We highlight how the Conservancy defines and elevates those purposes—by protecting and enhancing landscapes, restoring

wildlife habitat while preserving visitor access, offering educational and interpretive programs, developing innovative ways to connect with and understand park resources, leveraging the parks to spark social and environmental change, and fostering partnerships that fulfill a common mission.

We are proud to collaborate with the NPS; Presidio Trust; Golden Gate Bridge, Highway, and Transportation District; and our partners in the Tamalpais Lands Collaborative on this important work.

In the Golden Gate National Parks, we are fortunate to enjoy more than 30 unique park sites—from cultural treasures to natural wonders. Each visitor imbues each of these sites with his or her own meanings, memories, and special magic. Providing a space for all to do so is the cherished responsibility of those who steward public lands.

Thus we take our work on the New Presidio Parklands Project as a solemn duty—and an exciting opportunity. This extraordinary endeavor, a Presidio Trust-led effort to create a new 13-acre park atop the tunnels of the future Presidio Parkway and along Crissy Field, constitutes a once-in-a-lifetime moment, unfurling over the next few months. The Conservancy is proud to play the key role we have practiced for over three decades: making sure the community is central in making this place.

In this year and so many years past, thank you for your guidance and generous support in helping us find that purpose.

In return, we promise to help you always, always find your park.

With our most heartfelt thanks,

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Mark Buell (left) and Greg Moore