

Conservation Committee Description

The Conservation Programs Committee (CC) manages the land and water resource protection and stewardship programs and activities of VIEW THE FUTURE, consistent with the 2023-2028 Strategic Plan.

1. The CC prioritizes the permanent protection of valuable resource lands generally outside the Yachats City limits by working with willing landowners through the use of donated conservation easements.

The CC develops lasting partnerships with other organizations, Tribes, and governmental bodies to help achieve natural and cultural resource protection.

The CC sponsors events and educates the public on land and water issues through its website and other forms of social media.

2. The CC works closely with landowners to design an irrevocable conservation easement that meets their financial goals while protecting the land in perpetuity.

The most distinguishing feature of a conservation easement is that it enables the land subject to the easement to be retained in private ownership and continue to be used primarily for open space purposes. The easement, typically held by a land trust, achieves specific conservation objectives and includes monitoring and enforcement provisions that apply for the life of the easement.

Our CC prioritizes the permanent protection of rural lands in the Yachats region for several reasons. These include:

- Maintain and enhance our region's watersheds.
- Perpetuate and foster the growth of healthy forests.
- Maintain and improve wildlife habitat and migration corridors.
- Ensure that open lands are carefully managed, so that they are always available for sustainable agriculture, forestry, and ecological diversity.

3. The CC identifies and advocates for the preservation of the few local archaeological sites remaining, assuring that the City of Yachats, Lincoln County, and the state abide by the archaeological preservation statutes.

The CC also educates and encourages private landowners to identify and preserve archaeological sites on their properties.

The CC educates the public as to how to handle any artifacts found.

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The CC researches documents and updates local significant history including local indigenous history under local tribes' supervision, parks, trails, and significant historical local sites.

The CC sponsors presenters and gives presentations on local cultural and historical truths.

4. The CC also partners with federal, state, and county governments, and others, on local or regional recreation projects that enhance the well-being and safety of residents and visitors alike.