



Dear Supporters, Partners, and Friends of View the Future,

As 2024 comes to a close, we reflect with immense gratitude on the progress we've made in our mission to preserve and protect the environment, culture, and recreational opportunities in our region. Thanks to your unwavering support and the dedication of our board and new staff, we've achieved remarkable milestones that will continue to benefit our community for generations to come.

This year, we expanded our capacity, strengthened key partnerships, and made significant strides in local environmental and cultural preservation. Among our most exciting achievements was hiring our first paid staff member and Executive Director, Gretchen Dubie. With over 30 years of experience in nonprofit leadership and environmental conservation, Gretchen is already proving to be an invaluable asset in guiding View the Future toward its vision for the future.

A Year of Growth and Gratitude

As we close the year, we extend our deepest thanks to you—our supporters, donors, partners, volunteers, board members, and all those who've worked alongside us in pursuit of our mission. Your generosity has been inspiring. This year, our donations surpassed the previous year, enabling us to continue our work in preserving and rehabilitating the lands, trails, and cultural sites that make our community so special. These donations will directly support our ongoing stewardship efforts, and we couldn't be more grateful.

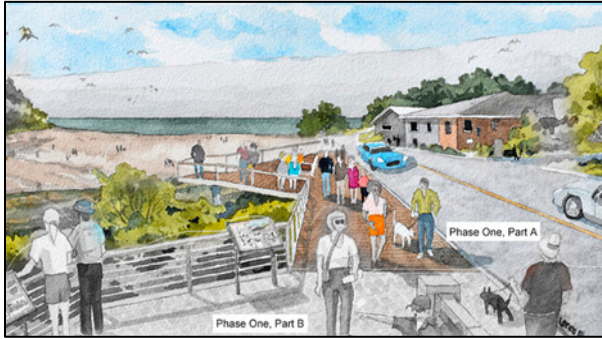
Looking ahead to 2025, with your continued support, we will build on this momentum and continue focusing on key initiatives:

- **Land Protection:** We will work with conservation partners to acquire and protect the Yachats viewshed, an area of 1,100 acres that we hope to help restore, preserve, and offer for soft recreation.



- **Cultural Preservation:** We will continue to advocate for and protect the rich cultural history of our area, including ongoing efforts to preserve archaeological sites and First Nation heritage.

- **Trail and Conservation Initiatives:** We will continue to expand conservation easements in our region and support new recreational projects, including the City of Yachats Estuary Boardwalk, which will connect to the Oregon Coast Trail.



2024: Our Accomplishments

We are pleased to share that, just a year and a half into our five-year Strategic Plan, we are well on track to meet our goals.

Strengthening Our Internal Capacity

- **Executive Director:** In 2024, we welcomed Gretchen Dubie as our first Executive Director. With her deep experience in nonprofit leadership and community engagement, Gretchen has been instrumental in building our capacity.
- **Expanded Board and Volunteer Leadership:** We also welcomed Kendra Carver to our board, bringing expertise in marketing and organizational development. Our volunteer base has grown significantly, with several new members contributing to our conservation and fundraising efforts.
- **Website and Communication Tools:** We are excited to announce that **our new website will be launched in January 2025**, which will further enhance our ability to engage with supporters. We've also updated our View the Future brochure and Yachats Ridge Tour materials and instituted a Customer Relationship Management (CRM) tool to improve communication with our donors.

Cultural History and Protection

- In 2024, we deepened our commitment to cultural preservation through educational outreach and public engagement. We held 13 presentations on local First Nation history, both locally and statewide, including collaborations with the Ford Family Foundation, the Eugene Alternative School, and the International Environmental Law Conference.
- We co-sponsored key cultural events such as Zachary Stocks' "450 years of Black History in 45 Minutes" and Dr. Roxanne Manning's workshop on Compassionate Dialogue to Dismantling Racism.
- View the Future co-chair Joanne Kittel, an Honorary Tribal Member of the Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI), **was asked by the Tribal leadership on the planning committee to lead the ceremony at the Amanda Gathering Area at 15th Annual New Year's Day Peace Hike in 2025.**



Environmental Protection and Land Conservation

- Yachats Ridge: Our dedicated work to protect the 1,100 acres of Yachats Ridge continues. Although Oregon Parks Department funding did not materialize this year, we are actively seeking conservation partners and landowners to move forward with this vital project.
- We provided guided tours of Yachats Ridge for 161 community members and key government officials, all of whom have expressed strong support for the acquisition and preservation of this land.
- We also continued our work with private landowners and conservation associations to advance conservation easements and collaborated with the City of Yachats to facilitate the transfer of 804 Mitigation Funds toward preserving a key estuary property.
- We conducted annual inspections and reports for our 5 conservation easements totaling 43 acres of protected lands.

Recreation and Stewardship

- We are proud to be a member of the City of Yachats workgroup planning the Estuary Boardwalk, which will form a crucial segment of the Oregon Coast Trail.



- View the Future continues to steward the Amanda Statue and Gathering Area, including installing new interpretive signs to highlight local First Nation history on the Yaxaik and Amanda Trails.
- View the Future is represented on the Advisory Committee for developing the City of Yachats Master Plan.



Farewell and Gratitude

As we look ahead to 2025, we also say a bittersweet goodbye to three of our dedicated board members retiring this year. We are grateful for their years of service and commitment to our mission:

- **Michael Hempen:** An active member for 8 years, Michael has contributed to conservation easement acquisitions, recreational projects, and tours of Yachats Ridge.
- **Sherry Dickinson:** A 9-year member, Sherry served as co-secretary and kept our records impeccable, always ensuring we stayed on track with legalities and minute-taking.
- **Liz Byrd:** Serving for 2 years, Liz has been invaluable in our conservation efforts, leading hikes, conducting research, and volunteering on the conservation committee.

Although they are retiring from the board, we are thrilled that they will remain active as volunteers, continuing to contribute their expertise and passion to our work.

A Thank You to All

On behalf of our Board of Directors, Executive Director, and all our volunteers, we offer our heartfelt thanks to you for your unwavering support. Together, we are making a tangible difference in the preservation of our natural and cultural heritage. We wish you all a peaceful, joyful, and prosperous 2025!

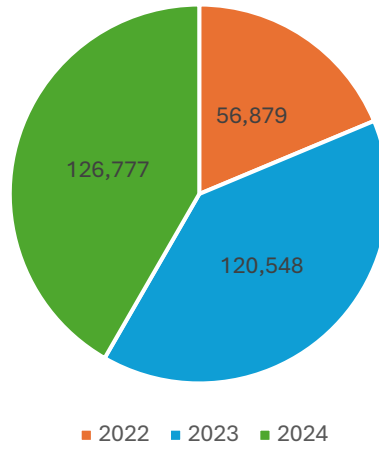
Warm regards,

John Theilacker & Joanne Kittel
Co-Chairs, View the Future





View the Future Donations by year



Volunteer Hours by Year

