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Palmer Land Trust  
40th Anniversary

2017  
Spring  
Newsletter

# FOR LAND SAKE



Pikes Peak by The Pikes Peak Guy

## CELEBRATING OUR BIGGEST WINS OF 2016!



Protected  
Water

### WIN #1

#### PROTECTED WATER IN THE LOWER ARKANSAS VALLEY

*By tying water to the land, irrigated working farmland in the Lower Arkansas Valley will remain forever.*



1 Million  
Visitors

### WIN #2

#### 1 MILLION VISITORS AT PALMER PROTECTED PROPERTIES

*Health benefits resulting from parks and open space visits save the community \$56.5 million annually in medical costs.*



Expanded Public  
Open Space

### WIN #3

#### EXPANDED PUBLIC OPEN SPACE IN THE PIKES PEAK REGION

*The permanent protection of Black Canyon Open Space adds a high-quality, accessible property with future trail connectivity opportunities to existing community open space assets.*



Preserved  
Family Farms

### WIN #4

#### PRESERVED FAMILY FARMS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

*In permanently protecting a series of family farms in the Lower Arkansas Valley, Palmer is helping farmers to continue to do what they have done for generations, and safeguard their livelihoods into the future.*

*Your support is positively impacting our community. Thank you! We couldn't have done it without you!*

# SPOTLIGHT

## MEET: Ashley Sherlock

"I am beyond thrilled to be a part of Palmer Land Trust. There are so many elements that draw me to Palmer. The organization is such an inspiration, and a pillar of the conservation community. The more I learn, the more impressed I am.

For me, the icing on the cake is the team. Everyone at Palmer contributes unique and exciting experiences to the ever-changing conservation landscape. We have such a diverse skill set that allows us to adjust quickly to new projects and challenges. There is so much passion, drive, and knowledge within our organization and it shows in the landscapes, farms, and ranches of southern Colorado."



< Ashley Sherlock



Phil and Meg Kendall >

## WHY I GIVE: Phil and Meg Kendall

"Meg and I have been long time Millennium Society members of Palmer Land Trust because of Palmer's active conservation in both urban and rural areas. Meg moved to Colorado after college because she was attracted to the natural beauty of the state. As a third generation native, I stayed in Colorado for the same reason. Both of us spend much of our lives outside, taking in the beauty of the state and enjoying the endless recreational opportunities. We are particularly appreciative of Palmer's efforts to save multi-generational working farms and ranches. But more broadly, we are thankful for Palmer's actions to protect the land we call home for ourselves, our children, and our children's children."

## PROVIDE A CRITICAL FOUNDATION FOR LAND PROTECTION BY JOINING THE MILLENNIUM SOCIETY

Palmer Land Trust just turned 40! Since 1977, you have helped us to protect 105,000 acres of the region's open spaces, farms and ranches, and spectacular landscapes. With rapid population growth and increased demands on our public open spaces, land protection is now more urgent than ever. At Palmer's founding, the state population was 2.7 million. Today that number has more than doubled. The state's population is expected to nearly double again by 2050. By 2040, the population of El Paso County is expected to hit one million people. With this growth comes increased threats to and demands on our land.

Accessible, high quality public recreation, robust agricultural lands, and breathtaking scenic vistas not only significantly enhance our quality of life, but they are also a critical component of Colorado's economy:

- Agricultural land contributes \$41 billion to the state's economy, and nearly 75% of all land in Colorado produces some type of food.

- Abundant, accessible, and high quality open spaces and public parks create local jobs, enhance property values, increase spending at local businesses, attract local tourism, and create local tax revenue.

Your support is more critical than ever. Our goal is to secure 40 new or increased gifts at our Millennium Society level of \$1,000 and above by the end of the year. Millennium Society members provide a critical foundation for continued work conserving southern Colorado's lands. **Every new gift given during the campaign will be matched 60% by the Inasmuch Foundation and a private donor.**

**This means every \$1,000 gift is leveraged into \$1,600.**

Funds raised through the campaign will go directly to the conservation of what we as southern Coloradans hold most dear: inspiring scenic vistas, thriving farms and ranches, and plentiful outdoor recreation. Please join us in keeping southern Colorado *Colorado* while we still can.



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