



**Annual  
Report  
For Year  
2016**

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Virgin River Land Preservation Association

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## **Our Mission:**

**Working with communities and landowners to preserve southwestern Utah's heritage of scenic beauty, open lands, and quality of life.**



## Program Accomplishments

The most important program service provided by Virgin River Land is the day-in-day-out activity required to meet our stewardship responsibilities for the conservation easements we hold. Maintaining landowner relationships, visiting and monitoring our easement properties at least once a year, and keeping current with industry standards are critical to successfully achieving our mission. While this work doesn't make a big splash, it is a large part of what we do.

The board worked tirelessly to further develop the Greater Zion Conservation Fund program, a one-percent voluntary contribution collected by participating businesses throughout Washington County to fund protection of critical lands and inholdings near Zion National Park. Program materials were designed by Sandy Bell Design of Springdale, including a super logo that will become a recognized symbol of participation and support. Several business owners were contacted and we anticipate their future support.

We have begun the process transferring long-term protection of our Babylon parcel, an approximately 5 acre parcel within the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve, to the Bureau of Land Management. This transfer frees up our resources to protect other critical open lands which provide habitat to southwest Utah's native species and recreation access to area residents.

We have begun the process of acquiring easements and fee title to a large acreage property that is part of the Virgin River Corridor. This project will be accomplished with several other Conservation Organizations as active partners.

Finally, projects are progressing to expand permanent conservation in Pine Valley Meadows and Confluence Park. We are also working with land owners in other areas of Washington, Iron, and Kane Counties who want to conserve their land with conservation easements. We look forward to the possibility of completing a couple of these projects in 2017, thanks to the ongoing support of our members and partners who make our work possible.

**VIRGIN RIVER LAND PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION**  
**Statement of Activities**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2016**

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
<b>PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUES</b>			
Cash Contributions	\$ 3,304	\$ 0	\$ 3,304
Noncash Contributions	3,419	0	3,419
In-Kind Contributions	3,000	0	3,000
Interest and Dividend Income	541	141	682
Loss on Sale of Assets	(225)	0	(225)
	<u>10,039</u>	<u>141</u>	<u>10,180</u>
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUES</b>			
	10,039	141	10,180
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Salaries and Wages	6,602	0	6,602
Professional Fees	3,000	0	3,000
Insurance	2,708	0	2,708
Rent	1,440	0	1,440
Appraisals	1,100	0	1,100
Outside Services	744	301	1,045
Assessment Fees	820	0	820
Payroll Tax Expense	605	0	605
Dues and Subscriptions	350	0	350
Printing and Reproduction	150	0	150
Postage and Delivery	149	0	149
Office Supplies	123	0	123
Bank Charges	102	0	102
Depreciation	27	0	27
Property Tax	8	0	8
	<u>17,928</u>	<u>301</u>	<u>18,229</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>			
	17,928	301	18,229
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>			
	(7,889)	(160)	(8,049)
<b>NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>			
	<u>3,750,747</u>	<u>212,126</u>	<u>3,962,873</u>
<b>NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR</b>			
	<u>\$ 3,742,858</u>	<u>\$ 211,966</u>	<u>\$ 3,954,824</u>

**VIRGIN RIVER LAND PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION**  
**Statement of Functional Expenses**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2016**

<b>EXPENSES</b>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Administration</u>	<u>Fundraising</u>	<u>Total</u>
Salaries and Wages	\$ 4,622	\$ 990	\$ 990	\$ 6,602
Professional Fees	2,500	500	0	3,000
Insurance	2,166	542	0	2,708
Rent	1,152	144	144	1,440
Appraisals	1,100	0	0	1,100
Outside Services	1,045	0	0	1,045
Assessment Fees	820	0	0	820
Payroll Tax Expense	423	91	91	605
Dues and Subscriptions	210	70	70	350
Printing and Reproduction	150	0	0	150
Postage and Delivery	100	0	49	149
Office Supplies	99	12	12	123
Bank Charges	102	0	0	102
Depreciation	0	27	0	27
Property Tax	8	0	0	8
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$ 14,497</u>	<u>\$ 2,376</u>	<u>\$ 1,356</u>	<u>\$ 18,229</u>

See Accountant's Compilation Report