

Conserving Nevada for 35 Years

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The Nature Conservancy
Nevada



1984

We turned a planned 20,000-lot subdivision into the 13,000-acre **Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge**.



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1987

We crafted Nevada's first conservation easements, saving 7,000 acres of wetlands and two family cattle ranches at **Franklin Lake**.



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1988

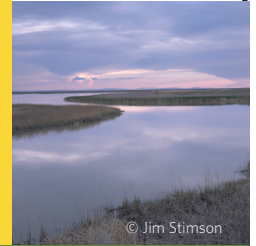
A win-win for developers and nature, we protected 5,000 acres at **Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area**.



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1989

We developed an innovative program to acquire 30,000 acre-feet of water rights to restore **Stillwater Marsh**.



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1990

We secured **\$47.2 million** for conservation through Nevada's first statewide conservation bond, **Question 5**.



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1991

Nevada became the first Conservancy chapter to conserve **one million acres**, largely thanks to our work to save desert tortoise habitat.



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1999

We protected 625 acres on the **Amargosa River** to protect the threatened Amargosa Toad.



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2000

We launched our work on the **Carson River** with the purchase of 800 acres at **River Fork Ranch**.



2002

We secured **\$200 million** for open space, lakes, and rivers through **Question 1**, Nevada's second conservation bond.



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2006

We began full-scale restoration at **McCarran Ranch** on the **Truckee River**, reviving five river miles for nature and people.



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2007

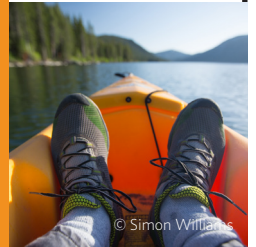
We protected seven river miles and 3,000 acres along the **Truckee River canyon corridor** at the Nevada-California border.



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2010

We acquired more than 3,000 acres surrounding **Independence Lake**, protecting native fish and drinking water.



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2012

We worked with partners on an historic agreement between the U.S. and Mexico on the **Colorado River** that will help raise water levels in Lake Mead.



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2013

We celebrated the restoration of 10 miles of the **Truckee River** at our fifth project area on the river, the Tracy site.



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2013

We helped protect 3,800 acres at **Fairfield Ranch**, our first conservation success on the **Walker River**.



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2014

We began evaluating up to 2 million acres of land in eastern Nevada to guide restoration efforts, supporting sage grouse and the state's economy.

2017

We formed the Virgin River Coalition with a group of community members, federal land managers, local officials, and others.



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2018

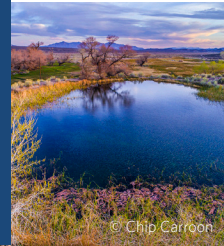
With the Nevada Mining Association, we helped pass a regulatory change that will make it easier to develop renewable energy on old industrial sites.



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2019

We acquired the 900-acre **TJ Ranch** to help protect the headwaters of the **Amargosa River**.



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2019

We completed the Indicators of Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems Database, an online interactive story map of Nevada's hidden water.



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