The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is a State Agency dedicated to the preservation, restoration, and creation of public parkland. The Conservancy's mission is to form an interlinking system of urban, rural, and river parks, open space, trails, and wildlife habitats that are easily accessible to the public. Since it was established by the California State Legislature in 1980, the Conservancy has helped to preserve over 65,000 acres of parkland in both wilderness and urban settings throughout Southern California.