WHERE DO YOUR NICKELS GO?



PROTECTING FARMLAND FOREVER

Across the country, we lose a staggering 175 acres of farmland every hour. But here in Marin, we're writing a different story.

The first farmland trust in the nation, MALT was founded in 1980 by Ellen Straus and Phyllis Faber — and a broad coalition of ranchers, environmentalists and community leaders — to protect the future of farming in Marin County from mounting pressures for development. MALT's co-founders, Ellen Straus and Phyllis Faber, came together in their desire to protect the land, preserve West Marin's agricultural community and promote local food. Ellen and her husband, Bill, ran a dairy on the eastern shores of Tomales Bay; Phyllis was a meticulous botanist and active environmentalist.

To date, MALT has protected more than 54,000 acres of Marin farmland, forever. MALT's model of using conservation easements to prevent development has been replicated to save family farms all over the country.

Donations from our community and programs like United Markets Nickel Jars, MALT protects at-risk farmland in Marin County, forever. For more information about MALT and how you can help with their mission, please visit malt.org.







