

# Protecting Eagles; Protecting Us

To open 2012, the Conservancy merged with the popular and successful Eagle Institute to form the “perfect partnership.” Together with our members, volunteers, and the eagles flying above our rivers and forests, we are communicating, and living, the message that eagles—and people—thrive when the lands and waters upon which they depend are healthy and clean.



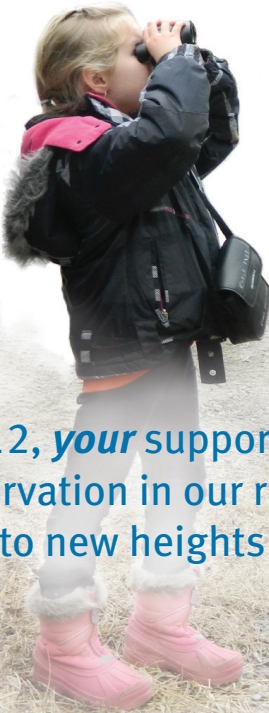
## You Are Our Stars

You, our members and supporters, make land protection and conservation possible. Visit [DelawareHighlands.org](http://DelawareHighlands.org) to see our full list of Conservancy members and supporters. And we thank you all for your generosity and dedication to our beautiful unique Upper Delaware River region.

# DELAWARE HIGHLANDS CONSERVANCY

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In 2012, *your* support took conservation in our region to new heights

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## 2012 Annual Report



Seeing a bald eagle brings squeals of joy from my kids. I support the Conservancy to preserve healthy habitat for eagles and the children that love them.

– Keith Fitzpatrick,  
Conservancy Member



The Conservancy’s first thank-you picnic was a wonderful day. The music, kids’ programs, good food, and fantastic people were a celebration of all of us who work together to protect our region.

–Heather Jacksy, Conservancy Member

## A New York Place to Grow

New York members no longer have to travel to PA to visit the Conservancy, and PA members have a great reason for traveling to NY. In 2012, we cut the ribbon for our new Bethel office, on a beautiful 119-acre protected farm. Thanks to the generous support of Sullivan Renaissance, starting in 2013, we’ll work with you, our members and volunteers, to transform the property into an outdoor classroom for the community with hiking trails, a teaching garden and orchard, and native plants meadows.

### Connect to conservation

The newly designed and easy to use Conservancy website offers visitors great information on everything from events to landowner stories to eagle watching to the latest Conservancy news. Check it out at [DelawareHighlands.org](http://DelawareHighlands.org).



### Connecting tourism dollars to conservation

The Green Lodging Partnership connects visitors to participating lodgings directly to supporting the Conservancy’s land protection mission. See participating partners and find out more about this exciting initiative at [DelawareHighlands.org/initiatives/greenlodging](http://DelawareHighlands.org/initiatives/greenlodging).



### Look where we live!

Get connected to [Trailkeeper.org](http://Trailkeeper.org), a one-stop web resource for Sullivan County’s hiking trails and hikers who want information about great places to walk and where to eat afterwards. And if you need a place to stay, check out our Green Lodging page! Visit [Trailkeeper.org](http://Trailkeeper.org) for all your Sullivan County hiking needs.

# Making Connections



# Connecting People to Forests and Farms



**Women and Their Woods**, an innovative educational initiative started by the Conservancy in 2007, educates women landowners in the region and beyond about how to care for their lands. Now in its fifth successful year, WATW held its second annual multi-day retreat filled with educational programs and opportunities for women landowners to learn about stewarding their lands and to support each other. This year, the Conservancy was instrumental in launching [WomenOwningWoodlands.net](http://WomenOwningWoodlands.net), a website offering information that supports and connects women landowners to each other and to good information about stewardship. Learn more at [DelawareHighlands.org/initiatives](http://DelawareHighlands.org/initiatives).



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# Moving Into the Future

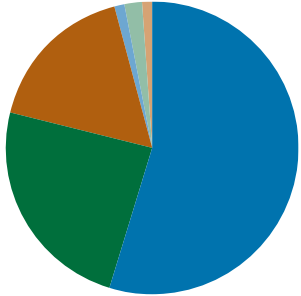
As a land trust, the Conservancy is required to maintain significant reserves so we can monitor and steward the properties we protect and assure their conservation values are sustained forever. This year, due to generous one time gifts of land, income exceeded expenses. However, our fundraising expenses grew as we invested in our capacity to assure we have the resources to meet increasing demands for land protection in our region. Your support has been critical to a strong 2012, and will be even more critical to sustaining the Conservancy in 2013. Unaudited 2012 financials; for the full audited report, visit [DelawareHighlands.org](http://DelawareHighlands.org).



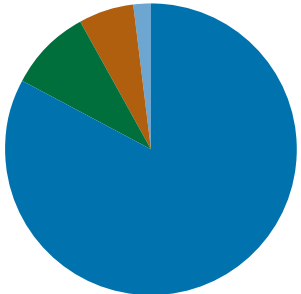
**Barbara Is Our Hero**  
Conservancy founder Barbara Yeaman was awarded PA Land Trust Association's *Lifetime Conservation Achievement Award*, for a lifetime of work protecting the lands and waters that sustain us all. We are proud of Barbara, and Barbara is proud of Conservancy members dedicated to protecting our unique Upper Delaware River region.



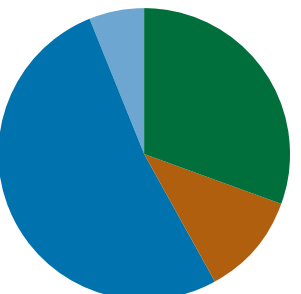
**Another Successful Gala**  
Our 2012 annual *Foods of the Delaware Dinner* celebrated the "perfect partnership" of the Conservancy and the Eagle Institute. Thanks to generous gala-goers and sponsors, the evening raised significant funds for the Conservancy's land protection mission.



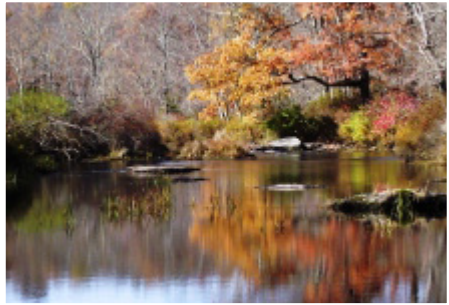
Operating Income	
Grants	\$ 652,185
Land Protection	\$ 287,406
Donations	\$ 202,302
Events	\$ 111,415
Services	\$ 22,970
Investments	\$ 11,840
Total Expenses:	\$1,288,120



Operating Expenses	
Program Expenses	\$ 886,029
Management & General	\$ 98,724
Losses on Properties	\$ 65,953
Fundraising	\$ 18,390
Total Expenses:	\$1,069,075



Select Assets as of 12/31/12	
Stewardship-Defense Funds	\$ 676,545
Cash & Marketable Securities	\$ 397,764
Land Protection Funds	\$ 150,000
Accounts Receivable	\$ 77,123
Total Expenses:	\$1,301,432



**Beaver Run**  
The combined efforts of the Conservancy, PA DCNR, Pike County Scenic Rural Character Preservation Program, and the Common Waters Fund protected the 857-acre property belonging to the Beaver Run Hunting and Fishing Club. Protecting Beaver Run means sustaining forests that filter our ground water and running water that feeds the Delaware River, the drinking water source for millions. Three public trails now at the edge of the property make previously difficult-to-reach parts of Delaware State Forest more easily accessible to residents and visitors.



**Mongaup River Forest**  
31 acres of forestlands donated by the Kinsey-Hand family will be protected with an easement and resold. Funds from the sale will contribute directly to our land protection mission. The forests will help sustain scenic views in Sullivan County, filter groundwater, and protect the health of the Mongaup River, adjacent to the property.

**"We're excited about the permanent protection of our property. We have always been good stewards of our land, and we're proud of the fact that we've taken this step to permanently protect all of the important natural assets here."** — Jim Pastva, *President Beaver Run Hunting and Fishing Club*



**Turner Brook Reserve**  
This lush, forested 36-acre property is adjacent to the Neversink Unique Area. Its protection helps sustain the scenic beauty of the whole area and creates an important conservation buffer that protects the high falls and the state lands of Neversink Gorge.



**Rose Valley Forest**  
Though Rose Valley Forest does not actually connect to Turner Brook Reserve, it is a 26-acre forested block north of Turner Brook Reserve and the Unique area. Protecting both these properties this year begins the building of a greenway that adds to the area's scenic views and to the protection and environmental health of Neversink Unique Area that so many people visit and enjoy.



**Mitchell Pond Brook**  
Tom Raleigh, an original supporter of the Conservancy, willed that his 23-acre forested parcel be protected. Upon his passing, his niece, Mimi, went one step further and donated the land to the Conservancy. The Conservancy protected the property with an easement and sold it to a conservation buyer who will care for its forests and assure that Mitchell Pond Brook, which drains into the Delaware, stays clean and healthy.



# Healthy Land and Clean Water Protected Forever