Looking Ahead
2018 ANNUAL REPORT
“As early members of the Green Lodging Partnership, the program opened our eyes to how our offering could support efforts to protect the local environment and, at the same time, share with our guests the unique wildlife, land, and water resources in our region—and inspire them to protect it, too.”

– Alan Rosenblatt
ECCE Bed & Breakfast

Reflections, as we soar ahead

As the Delaware Highlands Conservancy enters our 25th year in 2019, we’re celebrating you and everything you make possible. And even though we face many challenges in our world, we also celebrate our accomplishments and look forward to what’s ahead in the coming years. It’s an opportunity for all of us to work together to shape the future of this region we love.

Our mission is to protect the working farms and forests, clean waters, and wildlife habitat of the Upper Delaware River region.

Your support of the Conservancy is an investment in that mission. It’s an investment in places to feel safe—for a person or an eagle or a two-inch salamander. In places to breathe easy. To drink clean water. To spend your hard-earned money on locally grown food—and in so doing, to support a local family. It’s an investment in special places in nature and in our communities, today and for future generations.

In the past 25 years, we’ve worked together with our members, friends, volunteers, landowners, and partners to protect more than 15,000 acres of lands and waters—from small family farms to large working forests, hunting and fishing clubs, cherished childhood vacation spots, and special places for local communities to enjoy.

Every piece of conserved land will forever protect our shared natural heritage and tell an important part of our story. But we’re just getting started—and we hope you’ll help us write the next chapter of the story as we look ahead to our next 25 years.

Thank you for being part of our community.
Scholarships Awarded to Local Students

The “Delaware Highlands Conservancy/Yeaman Scholarship” for $1,000 was awarded to Carly Naundorff, a 2018 graduate of Delaware Valley School District. It has been given annually since 2004 to a student planning to pursue a field in environmental studies in college in honor of the Conservancy’s founder, Barbara Yeaman.

The “Vanessa Van Gorder Memorial Scholarship” for $1,000 to Ali Brand, a 2018 graduate of Wallenpaupack Area High School. The Conservancy established this scholarship in 2015 in Vanessa’s memory and to honor her dream of becoming an educator. It is open to students pursuing a career in education or environmental stewardship.

$2 for a Better Tomorrow

Through our Green Lodging Partnership in 2018, participating local hotels, resorts, B&Bs, and campgrounds together raised nearly $50,000 to protect everything that’s special about our region, one $2 donation at a time.

PLAN YOUR NEXT GETAWAY...
see our complete list of partners at: DelawareHighlands.org/greenlodging

Drinks for the Delaware

The Conservancy launched a new program in 2018 to benefit the Upper Delaware River region. Modeled after the successful Green Lodging Partnership, participating Drinks for the Delaware Partners—breweries, distilleries, and coffee shops—offer their customers the opportunity to contribute directly to the protection of our clean drinking water with every sip through a $1-per-drink donation to the Conservancy.

SUPPORT LAND AND WATER...
by enjoying a drink at one of our participating partners: DelawareHighlands.org/drinksforthedelaware
Eagles of the Upper Delaware

The bald eagles that share our region are thriving. They find safe habitat here, whether they are year-round residents or winter visitors searching for open water to fish and healthy forests for nesting and roosting.

Our educational programming reached thousands of people this winter, thanks to support from our partners, grant funders, and a dedicated group of 55 volunteers donating more than 700 hours of their time on winter weekends.

THANK YOU... for stopping by our Upper Delaware Visitor Center in Lackawaxen, joining us for an Eagle Watch bus tour, and taking action to protect land and water for people and for eagles.

Women and Their Woods Educational Retreat

The Women and Their Woods Educational Retreat is an in-depth, fun, engaging, and thought-provoking workshop on caring for your woodlands now and into the future.

The 5th Educational Retreat was held in September 2018 at the Highlights Foundation’s Retreat Center in Milanville, PA. Attendees spent four days and three nights learning, networking and applying new knowledge about forest stewardship.

LEARN MORE... about the event and other upcoming opportunities: www.delawarehighlands.org/watw
## 2018 Donors

### River Club Member

Donors of $2,500 or more annually become members of the Conservancy’s River Club. Learn more at [www.delawarehighlands.org/membership-support/river-club](http://www.delawarehighlands.org/membership-support/river-club).

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### You too can support the Delaware Highlands Conservancy with a one-time, sustaining, or legacy gift.

In 2018, the Delaware Highlands Conservancy received donations [in memory of](#) George and Christine Coutts, Phil Fitzpatrick, and Vanessa Van Gorder, and [in honor of](#) Jeff and Maggie Moore, Kennard Scott, Diane Rosencrance, Barbara Yeaman, and Bill Yeaman.

You too can support the Delaware Highlands Conservancy with a one-time, sustaining, or legacy gift. Our Legacy Leaders have included the Conservancy in their will or estate plans, or have helped a parent, partner or loved one leave a legacy. Visit [DelawareHighlands.org](http://www.delawarehighlands.org) to donate now, or contact Bethany Keene at 570-226-3164 to discuss your gift.
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PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

Dear Members and Friends,

“The Main Stem of the Delaware River is the longest un-dammed, free-flowing river east of the Mississippi, extending 330 miles from Hancock, NY to the mouth of the Delaware Bay where it meets the Atlantic Ocean. The river is fed by 216 tributaries…”

In 1994 our founder, Barbara Yeaman, looked at the clear, clean water of the Delaware River flowing past her property and understood that this precious water source had to be protected — and the concept of the Delaware Highlands Conservancy was born. Over the years the Conservancy has been dedicated to translating its mission “to conserve the forests, farmland, clean waters, and wildlife habitat of the Upper Delaware region” into action. In doing so we seek to not only protect and conserve but to educate so that current and future generations can continue to honor our shared heritage and enjoy the wonderful quality of life of this region.

We are deeply grateful for the partnerships that have been forged; for the volunteers that share a great passion for our natural world; for our donors, supporters and funders who make our work possible; and for our skilled and professional staff who actually make it happen. Thank you.

Karen Lutz

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Unaudited financials. For the full audited financial report and our 990, visit DelawareHighlands.org.
You’re Invited  UPCOMING EVENTS

Join the Delaware Highlands Conservancy at our fun and educational events scheduled in 2019.

Most events require advance registration— to learn more and register, visit DelawareHighlands.org or call 570-226-3164 or 845-583-1010. Our events calendar is always available and up-to-date on DelawareHighlands.org.*

MAY 11
Native Plants Walk and Photography Workshop
Milford Experimental Forest • Milford, PA • 9am-Noon
Join Conservancy staff and partners for an educational hike at the Milford Experimental Forest, a 1,191-acre privately owned property. Walk through various forest types including a deer exclosure and demonstration chestnut planting. Native and invasive plant species will be identified and discussed. Learn to take great photos with Sandy Long (SandyLongPhotos.com) to submit to the Conservancy’s photo contest. $10 for members, $20 for non-members.

JUNE 1
Forestry Management for Small Acreages
Lemons Brook Farm • Bethel, NY • 1pm-4pm
Join Conservancy staff and Catskill Forest Association’s Education Forester for a walk through the forest of the 119-acre Lemons Brook Farm. Discussions will include forest health, managing land to meet your goals and objectives, and opportunities to fund land stewardship activities. $10 for non-members; $5 for members of the Conservancy or Catskill Forest Association.

JUNE 22
Birding Walk
Lemons Brook Farm • Bethel, NY • 7am
Join Peter Wulfhorst, member of the Gifford Pinchot Audubon Society, for an early-morning birding walk on the trail at our office in Bethel, NY. Learn about what you see and hear as you enjoy a peaceful walk on our easy, level nature trail. Bring your binoculars; a field guide will be provided. $5 for members; $10 for non-members; and free for children under 12.

JULY 8 & 29 • AUGUST 5 & 19
Open House
Lemons Brook Farm • Bethel, NY • 10am-4pm
Come visit us on specific Mondays this summer from 10am-4pm at the NY office! Meet the staff, tour the property and talk with Land Protection staff about ways to manage and conserve your land.

JULY 11 & 25 • AUGUST 8 & 22
Open House
508 River Street • Hawley, PA • 10am-4pm
Come visit us on specific Thursdays this summer from 10am-4pm at the PA office! Meet the staff and talk with Land Protection staff to learn about ways to manage and conserve your land.

AUGUST 24
Firefly Picnic
Lemons Brook Farm • Bethel, NY • 3pm-6pm
Join the Conservancy for our annual community picnic for our members and friends. Enjoy a delicious catered meal, a Live Birds of Prey Presentation with Bill Streeter of the Delaware Valley Raptor Center, craft beer selections, a guided trail walk, crafts, and much more! $10 for members, $25 for non-members, and free for children under 12.

OCTOBER 6
Walk in Penn’s Woods at Stairway Ridge
Westfall Township, PA • 9am-12pm
Join the Conservancy and PA DCNR Bureau of Forestry for a guided fall hike on this protected property and the adjacent Stairway Wild Area in Westfall Township, Pike County, PA. Wear hiking shoes, dress for the weather, and bring water for this moderately strenuous trail. This event is free and open to the public, but registration is required.

OCTOBER 12
Conserving and Managing Your Family Lands
Cornell Cooperative Extension • Liberty, NY • 9am-12pm
Learn about the financial benefits of land conservation and land management and the funding opportunities available to you. Light refreshments will be provided. Free; registration required.

*Event dates and times subject to change. Visit DelawareHighlands.org for the most up-to-date information. Refunds are not issued for cancelled reservations or no-shows.
Photo Contest

Confluence: Land, Water, and Wildlife
The Conservancy is pleased to announce our second annual juried photo contest for the Upper Delaware River region, open to professional and amateur photographers.

Confluence: Land, Water, and Wildlife invites photographers to capture striking nature-inspired photos in four categories: landscape, wildlife, macro, and water. Without disturbing or harming any creature or its habitat, be creative in showcasing the diverse wildlife, plants, and special places of our region.

Photos will be judged on creativity, originality, composition, clarity and quality, and impact. The Conservancy is offering a guided Photography Workshop and Native Plants Walk on May 11th in Milford, PA, but participation in the walk and workshop is not required to enter the contest.

Photographers may submit entries from May 1st until August 31st. The winning photos will be chosen by a panel of judges, along with one People’s Choice, and will be hung at the ARTery gallery in Milford, PA, beginning with a reception on November 9th from 6-9pm. The ARTery is a cooperative owned and operated by successful and emerging artists and artisans from the Tri-State area.

Photographers are invited to submit no more than two photos to the contest. Entrants must agree to the Official Rules and submit a $10 entry fee to be eligible. For full contest details, to download the Official Rules, and to submit your photos, please visit www.delawarehighlands.org/photo-contest.

Water Even the smallest streams eventually find their way to the Delaware River. In this broad category, consider how water impacts our lives—and how our everyday lives impact the water. How do you interact with water in nature? How does the land and our forests help to keep the water clean? How does clean water impact the landscape, the wildlife, the people of this region?

Landscape The Upper Delaware River region is known for its beautiful views—scenic vistas of forests, farms, and the river itself. How does this landscape illustrate our story, our heritage? What makes this region special? Why is it worth protecting? How does it feel to be in nature? Consider the story your landscape photo is telling.

Wildlife From a honeybee to a bald eagle, a chipmunk to a black bear, we share our world with thousands of other creatures. What do we have in common? What does it look like to live in harmony with wildlife? What changes happen at night, or underwater? Without disturbing or harming any creature or its habitat, be creative in showcasing the diverse wildlife of our region and the spaces where our lives overlap.

Macro Looking closely at nature—plants, wildlife, even rocks—often reveals hidden worlds and fascinating details. For these extreme close-ups, try to show us an out-of-the-ordinary way of looking at something.
Thank you...

Your support protects clean water, working farms and forests, and wildlife habitat—forever.

Visit DelawareHighlands.org to learn more.