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2021 Annual Report



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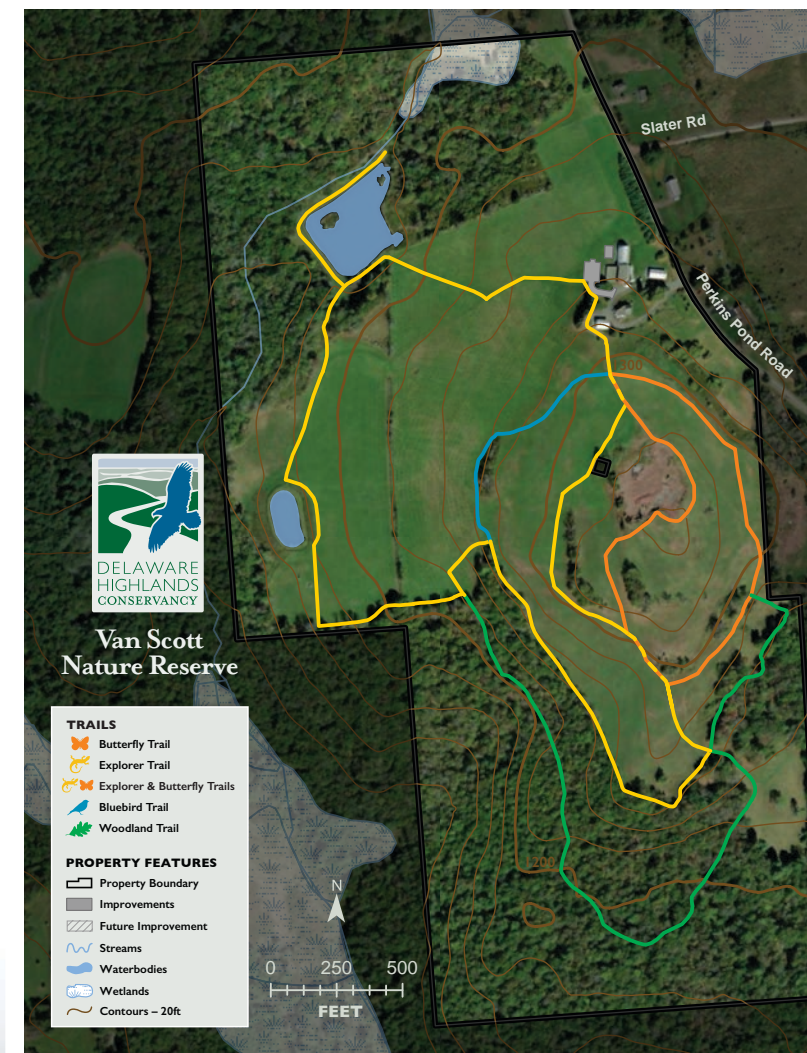
2021 was a year of new challenges and opportunities for the Conservancy, bringing the most significant change since the organization was founded in 1994: the establishment of our first nature reserve and permanent headquarters in Beach Lake, PA.

The 144-acre **Van Scott Nature Reserve** was donated to the Conservancy by the Van Scott family in May 2020 and officially opened to the public in October 2021, featuring more than three miles of walking trails through wildflower meadows, wetlands, and forests with scenic views to the foothills of the Catskills and High Point in New Jersey. The Reserve is now home to the Conservancy's year-round educational programming including nature walks, forestry and land management workshops, demonstration projects, and winter Eagle Watch. Over time, other farm structures will be adapted for new and enhanced educational programs.

The Conservancy's continued growth would not be possible without the dedicated support of our members, volunteers, and friends. In 2021, our volunteers donated countless hours of their personal time serving on committees, on our Board of Directors, or working on the Van Scott Nature Reserve as we prepared to open. Although the pandemic prevented our winter Eagle Watch season, thousands of people joined us online for our virtual educational programs, and, later in the year, for guided walks outdoors at the Reserve.

We are looking forward to a full calendar of events in 2022 and are deeply grateful to all those who continued to support the Conservancy, whether by contributing to a fundraising appeal, participating in the photo contest, bidding on an item in the online auction, or joining us for a beautiful evening outdoors at Woodloch for our Back to Nature Celebration in September. Despite facing their own challenges this year, the local businesses in the Green Lodging Partnership and Drinks for the Delaware together contributed nearly \$60,000 toward local conservation in 2021, directly helping to protect the land, water, and wildlife of our region.

Thank you for being part of our community and for your investment in a healthy, sustainable future.



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Join the Conservancy and Bright Kids Yoga instructors from The Cooperage Project for a gentle and all-age appropriate outdoor yoga practice designed to heighten our awareness of our thoughts and surroundings. A short walk and nature-themed craft will accompany the experience. Registration is limited to 20 participants.



2021 Donors

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Donors of \$2,500 or more annually (from July 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021) become members of the Conservancy’s River Club. Learn more at www.delawarehighlands.org/membership-support/river-club.

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The Lodge at Woodloch
Lower Catskills Fields & Forest
Pepacton Cabins
Santosh on the Ridge
The Settlers Inn
Silver Birches
Woodloch Resort

Drinks for the Delaware Partners

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Black & Brass Coffee Co.
Camp Umpy's Bagels & Stuff
Fauchere Hospitality
Jive Bar
Native Honesdale
Northeast Family Farms
Seminary Hill Orchard & Cider
Tom Quick Inn

President's Remarks

Dear Members, Partners, and Friends,

Our 2021 Annual Report presents an overview of meaningful progress integrating the past, the present and now great excitement about the future. With our new headquarters located at the Van Scott Nature Reserve we have so many opportunities to realize our full potential. We are deeply grateful to all who have been involved in and contributed to the progress we have made over the years.

As we move forward, we will be focused on one of our most important initiatives – our \$5 million capital campaign known as our Fund for the Future. This fundraising effort will not only ensure support for our ongoing operations but will also be key to realizing the Van Scott Nature Reserve as a fully functioning conservation education center.

We know you share our excitement about the future and our mission to preserve open spaces and natural areas and educate people of all ages about the importance of sustainability and environmental stewardship. You can continue to play a role by volunteering your time and talent for the various activities taking place at the Van Scott Nature Reserve and by providing financial support. Thank you for your commitment to the Delaware Highlands Conservancy. As you've seen in this Annual Report your generosity is truly making a difference.

Karen Lutz

Good News from the Upper Delaware River Region



Through the **Green Lodging Partnership**, guests at participating lodgings in the Upper Delaware River region are invited to make a \$2 per stay donation to support the Conservancy's mission. Its sister program, **Drinks for the Delaware**, invites customers to donate through a small up-charge on a featured beverage at participating local businesses. Together, these programs **raised nearly \$60,000 for local conservation** in 2021!

Learn more about our business partners at delawarehighlands.org/greenlodging and delawarehighlands.org/drinksforthedelaware.



Whether it's the resident pairs that build nests, raise their young, and live here year-round or the hundreds that flock here in the winter in search of clean water to fish and large stands of trees for perching and roosting, **the bald eagles that share our region are thriving**. The Upper Delaware River region is one of the largest wintering habitats for eagles in the northeast United States, and protected lands provide the safe habitat the eagles need, now and for future generations.

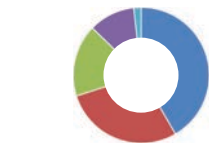
Learn more about the eagles in our region, their habitat and behavior, and the best places to safely view them at delawarehighlands.org/eagles.

Scholarships Supporting Local Students

The Vanessa Van Gorder Memorial Scholarship Fund was **generously supported by the Fall Music Festival at Dorflinger in 2021, with a contribution of \$3,000** from funds raised during their 2020 fall event. The Conservancy established the scholarship in 2015 in memory of Vanessa, who passed away on December 25, 2014. A recent graduate from West Chester University with a degree in education, Vanessa was passionate about the outdoors and loved exploring the lakes, rivers, and forests of the Upper Delaware River region with her friends and family. The scholarship honors Vanessa's dream of becoming an educator.

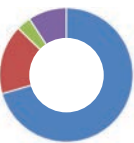
The Conservancy awarded its Delaware Highlands Conservancy/Yeamon Scholarship for \$1,175 to Amy Carpenter (left), a 2021 graduate from Delaware Valley High School, and the Vanessa Van Gorder Memorial Scholarship for \$1,000 to Ella Clabaugh, a 2021 graduate of Wallenpaupack Area High School. Amy is attending Susquehanna University to study Earth and Environmental Science, and Ella is attending Lafayette College to study Environmental Science.

To continue to encourage study and careers in natural science and education, contributions to the scholarship fund can be made online at DelawareHighlands.org or by mail to 571 Perkins Pond Rd, Beach Lake, PA 18405.



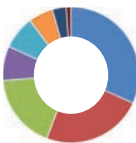
Operating Income 2021

Grants	\$278,000
Donations & Bequests	\$190,000
Events and Education	\$115,000
Investment Income	\$73,000
Land Protection and Services	\$12,000
Total:	\$668,000



Operating Expenses 2021

Program Expenses	\$502,000
Management and General	\$119,000
Loss on Real Estate	\$66,000
Fundraising	\$25,000
Total:	\$712,000



Select Assets as of 12/31/21

Fund for the Future	\$1,488,000
Property & Equipment	\$1,116,000
Monitoring funds	\$840,000
Cash and Reserves	\$378,000
Legal Defense funds	\$374,000
Accounts Receivable & Prepaids	\$272,000
Eagle Habitat Funds	\$152,000
Educational Scholarship funds	\$53,000
Total:	\$4,673,000



Unaudited financials. For the full audited financial report and our 990, visit www.DelawareHighlands.org.

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Foods of the Delaware Highlands Dinner

June 3 • Settlers Inn, Hawley, PA

Join us for a unique culinary experience with seasonal ingredients from local farms featured in a creative, collaborative menu. This special summer event will also feature live music, an exciting collection of live and silent auction items, and much more, outdoors at the Settlers Inn. Tickets are \$150 per person with additional opportunities to sponsor the event.

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