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2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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Thank You!

2022 was a year of growth for the Conservancy as we settled in to our new home at the Van Scott Nature Reserve in Beach Lake, PA and returned to hosting in-person events including hikes, workshops, and our popular winter Eagle Watch program. The 144-acre Reserve with three miles of hiking trails through the woods and wildflower meadows is the perfect place for fun and educational activities for all ages.

This year also brought a change in board leadership. After nine years on the Board of Directors, with the last seven years leading the Conservancy during a time of unprecedented growth, Karen Lutz retired as President, and we welcomed Mary Sue Price as President and Barbara Cuffe as Vice President. Several new faces from the region also brought their expertise to the organization, including Kevin Barber, Morristown, NJ; Amy Erlwein, Jeffersonville, NY; Nancy Kiesendahl Bloch, Hawley, PA; and Scott Van Gorder, Hawley, PA, all of whom have joined the board for new three-year terms. Also retiring in 2022 was Grant Genzlinger, a founding director of the Conservancy who just completed his third term on the board and who had served as President from 2001-2003 and 2007-2008.

We continued to host our popular community programs in 2022, including the annual *Confluence: Land, Water, Wildlife* photo contest in partnership with The Artery Gallery in Milford, PA. The Green Lodging Partnership, which offers visitors the opportunity to contribute to the protection of the Upper Delaware River region with every reservation, raised nearly \$68,000 in a record year. Our dedicated team of more than 80 volunteers donated countless hours of their personal time serving on committees, on our Board of Directors, helping out around the Reserve, or on our winter 2022 Eagle Watch program. And, with many land protection projects underway, our staff, board, and committee members are busier than ever.

This work is made possible because of the support of the members and friends who generously contribute to the Conservancy, whether through financial support, volunteer time, or attendance at our events. Thank you for your continued investment in a sustainable future for the Upper Delaware River region, and we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events in 2023!

*Directors who served on and retired from the board in 2022.



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Celebrating the People and Places of the Upper Delaware



Through the **Green Lodging Partnership**, guests at participating lodgings in the Upper Delaware River region are invited to make a \$3-per-stay donation to support the Conservancy's mission. **In 2022, the program raised nearly \$68,000** in support of local conservation! The Partnership also celebrated its 10-year anniversary in 2022 with pilot partners from Woodloch Resorts and Settlers Hospitality (pictured). **Together, all of the Green Lodging Partners—from small B&Bs to large resorts—raised nearly half a million dollars in the program's first ten years!** [Learn more at delawarehighlands.org/greenlodging](https://delawarehighlands.org/greenlodging).



The Vanessa Joy VanGorder Memorial Scholarship Fund was **generously supported by the Fall Music Festival at Dorflinger, with a contribution of \$2,000** from funds raised during their fall event. In 2022, the scholarship was awarded to Owen Anderson (pictured, with Beth and Scott VanGorder), a graduate of Eldred Junior-Senior High School. Owen is attending SUNY Cobleskill in their A.A.S. Landscape Development program with guaranteed admission to SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry for a B.L.A. in Landscape Architecture. [Contributions to the scholarship fund may be made at DelawareHighlands.org or by mail to 571 Perkins Pond Rd, Beach Lake, PA 18405.](https://delawarehighlands.org)



On Saturday, October 8, 2022, the staff and Board of Directors were honored to **dedicate a bench at the Van Scott Nature Reserve in memory of our dear friend and founding member Ed Wesely**. It was a very special day to remember Ed and his many contributions to protecting nature, wildlife conservation, and education, and to welcome Ed's partner and Conservancy founder Barbara Yeaman, her daughter Suzanne, and son Bill (pictured) to the Reserve. You can visit Ed's Bench along the Butterfly Trail, surrounded by meadows of milkweed and native wildflowers, in recognition of Ed's devotion to monarch butterfly conservation. [Read more at delawarehighlands.org/remembering-ed-wesely](https://delawarehighlands.org/remembering-ed-wesely).



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.](https://delawarehighlands.org/eagles)

2022 Donors

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Woodloch Resort

President's Remarks

Dear Members, Partners, and Friends,
The Delaware Highlands Conservancy represents a very special consortium of Upper Delaware farmers, residents, longstanding and newer arrivals both, landowners, businesses, especially our thriving hospitality and tourism sector, outdoorsmen and women, and our many non-for-profit partners – all united in our desire to preserve farmlands, forests and clean waters while championing a sustainable economic model for our region.

In 2022, the Conservancy's second year of operation in our new home—the 144-acre Van Scott Nature Reserve in Beach Lake—the Conservancy has fully embraced our added role as an area destination. Visitors have hiked the Reserve's three miles of groomed trails through beautiful meadows, ponds and forests, and have taken in the views from a breathtaking high-top overlooking three states. Families have been engaged in learning opportunities that will only expand as, with your help, we raise funds for a permanent environmental education center. We are ever grateful to the Van Scott family, and to all of those listed in this report, who so loyally and generously enable this organization to grow to meet the needs of our communities.

I share in pride in these accomplishments with founder and Director Emerita Barbara Yeaman, outgoing President Karen Lutz, our Executive Director Diane Rosencrance and staff, and indeed all of our directors and members. We are accredited by the Land Trust Alliance, a mark of distinction recognizing land trusts that meet national quality standards. Thus the over 80 landowners who have entrusted over 18,000 acres to our stewardship—and you, our friends and supporters —can be assured that the Delaware Highlands Conservancy will first and foremost protect all we hold dear in our environment. We look forward to sharing our mission and growing together!

Mary Sue Sweeney Price, President



Upcoming Events at the Reserve

Events require advance registration, and a small registration fee may be requested. Visit [DelawareHighlands.org/events](https://delawarehighlands.org/events) or call 570-226-3164 ext. 2 for additional details, to register, and to view our complete Calendar of Events. Learn more about the Reserve at [DelawareHighlands.org/VSNR](https://delawarehighlands.org/VSNR).

Pollinators and Their Plants

April 6 • 4pm-6pm
Thinking about creating a pollinator garden this spring? Join us as we discuss native plants that attract pollinators like butterflies and bees and different methods of planting to make your pollinator garden more diverse and welcoming to a multitude of different species.

Edible and Medicinal Plant Walk with The Botanical Hiker

April 15 • 1pm-4pm
Join certified herbalist Heather Houskeeper, aka the Botanical Hiker, in exploring the array of edible and medicinal plants at the Reserve. Heather will provide methods for correct identification, harvest, and preparation. Many of these plants are easy to recognize and may be found in your own backyard or on other favorite trails. Learn how to transform our regional plants into delicious snacks and valuable home remedies. Our walk will be easy to moderate in nature with stops along the way to meet the plants!

Earth Day Crafts Drop-In

April 21 • 4pm-6pm
Drop in any time between 4pm and 6pm on Friday, April 21st to kick off Earth Day weekend by creating crafts with the Conservancy! While you are creating your craft you will also have the opportunity to learn about some of the things you can do to help our planet. All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult to attend.

Black Bears of the Woods

May 10 • 4pm-5pm
Join Education and Volunteer Coordinator Rachel Morrow for a closer look into the mysterious life of the elusive black bear. What do black bears eat? What happens to nuisance bears? What should you do if you see a black bear in the woods? Get answers to these questions and more!

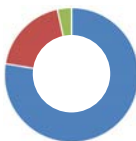
Boundin' Furbearers

May 24 • 4pm-5pm
Ever wonder about the difference between a red fox and a grey fox? Did you know that grey fox are the only member of the canine family that can climb trees? Do opossums really play dead? What is a fisher? Join our Education and Volunteer Coordinator Rachel Morrow to learn about the various furry animals that live in the woods around us!



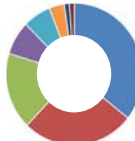
Operating Income 2022

Grants	\$248,000
Donations & Bequests	\$196,000
Events and Education	\$108,000
Operating Reserves	\$90,000
Investment Income	\$77,630
Land Protection and Services	\$3,000
Total:	\$722,630



Operating Expenses & Loss 2022

Program Expenses	\$590,000
Management and General	\$144,000
Fundraising	\$26,000
Total:	\$760,000
Investment Loss	\$401,000



Select Assets as of 12/31/22

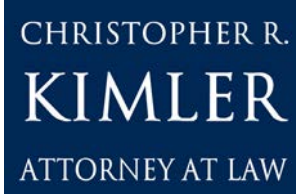
Fund for the Future	\$1,433,000
Property & Equipment	\$1,069,000
Monitoring funds	\$706,000
Legal Defense funds	\$309,000
Cash and Reserves	\$267,000
Eagle Habitat funds	\$144,000
Educational Scholarship funds	\$50,000
Accounts Receivable & Prepaids	\$46,000
Total:	\$4,024,000



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Foods of the Delaware Highlands

April 29 • The Inn at Woodloch, 5:30pm-9pm

Enjoy a four-course dinner from Chef Dan Corcoran featuring seasonal ingredients from local farms. An online silent auction and live auction will feature fun and unique activities, art, and more highlighting the beauty and bounty of the Upper Delaware.

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