We all share this place.

Whether we have feet, fins, or feathers, nature is our home. It’s where we come together and connect. It’s where we find peace. It’s how we survive.

Your favorite spot to take a break from the chaos of the day might also be a safe winter home for a bald eagle. When you see a mother bear and her cubs in your backyard, they also are seeing you in theirs.

Our mission at the Delaware Highlands Conservancy is to protect these special places: the working farms and forests, clean waters, and wildlife habitat of the Upper Delaware River region. In 2017, with our members, friends, volunteers, landowners, and community partners, we worked together toward our shared goal. Our annual report is a celebration of you and all that you help to make possible.

Conservancy Receives National Recognition

In 2017, the Conservancy renewed our national land trust accreditation through the Land Trust Alliance—proving once again that we are committed to professional excellence and to maintaining your trust in our conservation work. As an accredited land trust, the Conservancy has protected nearly 15,000 acres of working farms and forests, clean waters, and wildlife habitat to date in the Upper Delaware River region in Pennsylvania and New York.
**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 in 2017, thanks to support from our partners, grant funders, and of course, you—our members and friends. Thank you for stopping by our Upper Delaware Visitor Center in Lackawaxen, joining us for an Eagle Watch bus tour, or taking action to protect land and water for people and for eagles.

**Thank You to Our Volunteers**
More than sixty volunteers donated almost 900 hours of their time to the Conservancy in 2017. They are the people who welcome visitors to our eagle observation areas, stuff envelopes, plant flowers and mow the grass at our New York office, and serve on our board and committees to guide our work—and we can’t thank them enough for their generosity, enthusiasm, and everything they do to make our work possible.

**Scholarships Awarded to Local Students**
The annual “Delaware Highlands Conservancy/Yeaman Scholarship” in the amount of $1,000 was awarded to Truth Muller, a 2017 homeschooled graduate from within the Monticello School District, and the “Vanessa Van Gorder Memorial Scholarship” in the amount of $1,000 to Alexandra Squatrito, a 2017 graduate of Wallenpaupack Area High School.

**$2 for a Better Tomorrow**
Through our Green Lodging Partnership program in 2017, participating local hotels, resorts, B&Bs, and even campgrounds together raised more than $55,000 to protect everything that’s special about our region, one $2 donation at a time. Visit DelawareHighlands.org/greenlodging to see our complete list of partners and plan your next local getaway.

**Tri-Angle Farm Protected**
Fifty acres in Pike County, PA is now permanently conserved and is protecting clean water and wildlife habitat. Adjacent to the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, Tri-Angle Farm has created a **corridor of unbroken, protected habitat** which is important for the safe nesting and migration of birds and wildlife.
2017 Donors

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Select Assets as of 12/31/17

- Stewardship & Defense Funds $ 694,000
- Cash & Marketable Securities $ 408,000
- Land Protection Funds $ 262,000
- Property & Equipment $ 136,000
- Accounts Receivable $ 94,000
- Other $ 9,000

Total: $ 1,603,000

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

PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

Dear Members and Friends,

The Conservancy’s work continued at a steady pace during 2017 with good news on many fronts. We were very pleased to add to our growing list of almost 15,000 acres of protected land and are setting the stage for major land protection activities in 2018. You’ll be hearing about these activities as they unfold. Have you noticed our steady stream of updates, articles, photos, events, invitations, and newsletters in your social media sites and your mailbox? Our goal is to keep you informed, involved, and proud of all the activities that you support and that further the mission of the Conservancy.

Our Executive Director, Diane Rosencrance, and her hard-working and knowledgeable team make it happen. Our Board and Committee members, volunteers all, give their time and expertise to help lead the organization to new levels of effectiveness and success. And kudos to our Eagle Committee, who oversee our eagle viewing season. You won’t meet a more committed and EXCITED group of volunteers.

Most important, this Annual Report contains a list of our generous and faithful donors. To each we say “thank you.” Thank you for investing in our mission “to conserve the forests, farms and waters of the Upper Delaware River region.” Thank you for helping to ensure that future generations will be able to enjoy the bounty and the beauty of the Delaware Highlands. And thank you for working side by side with us as partners in this effort to protect our environment.

You make all of this important work possible.

Karen Lutz
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You’re Invited  **UPCOMING 2018 EVENTS**

Join the Delaware Highlands Conservancy at our fun and educational events scheduled in 2018.
Most events require advance registration—call the Conservancy at 570-226-3164, 845-583-1010, or email info@delawarehighlands.org to learn more.
Our events calendar is always available and up-to-date on DelawareHighlands.org.

**APRIL 21 • Earth Day**
**Gallery Opening • ARTery Gallery • Milford, PA**
Join us for an opening reception to view the winning 15 photos from the Sharing Place: Eagles and Their Environs photo contest. The winning photos will be exhibited with the ARTery member artists’ own interpretations of eagles and other birds.

**APRIL 28**
**Foods of the Delaware Highlands Dinner**
**Silver Birches Waterfront • Hawley, PA**
Join the Conservancy for our annual Foods of the Delaware Highlands wine and food pairing dinner. This highly anticipated annual dinner is the Conservancy’s primary benefit event, featuring delicious farm-to-fork cuisine paired with appropriate fine wines. Exciting live and silent auctions highlight the beauty and bounty of the Upper Delaware. Tickets are $140.00 per person for the four-course meal.

**MAY 12**
**Forestry Walk • Lemons Brook Farm • Bethel, NY**
Join Conservancy staff and Mike Fournier, the State Forester for New York Natural Resources Conservation Service, for a walk through the forest of the protected 119-acre Lemons Brook Farm, home of the Conservancy’s New York office. Discussions will include forest health, habitat for wildlife, managing land to meet your goals and objectives, and opportunities to fund land stewardship activities.

**MAY 19**
**Native Plants Walk • Milford Experimental Forest • Milford, PA**
Join Conservancy staff and partners for an educational hike at the Milford Experimental Forest, a 1,191-acre privately owned property. Participants will be guided through various forest types including a deer exclosure and demonstration chestnut planting. Native and invasive plant species will be identified and discussed.

**JUNE 2**
**Money Grows on Trees • Lacawac Sanctuary, PA**
We’ll hike with Lacawac Sanctuary’s consulting forester, Josh Flad, and the Conservancy’s Land Protection Associate, Avery Siler, to visit a recent timber harvest at the Sanctuary and learn how you can manage your woodlot for ecological and financial benefits.

**JULY 8**
**Birding Walk • Lemons Brook Farm • Bethel, NY**
Join one of our expert volunteers for an early-morning birding walk on the woodland trail at our office in Bethel. You’ll learn about what you see and hear as you enjoy a peaceful walk on our easy, level nature trail.

**JULY 10 & 24 • AUGUST 14 & 28**
**Open House • Lemons Brook Farm • Bethel, NY**
On the second and fourth Wednesdays in July and August from 10am-12pm, you’re invited to stop by our office in Bethel, NY to meet and chat with our Land Protection Coordinator, Susan LaCroix, and Conservation Programs staff. Enjoy a cup of coffee and get your questions answered.

**AUGUST 11**
**Nature Walk • Lemons Brook Farm • Bethel, NY**
Join one of our expert volunteers for a walk on the woodland trail at our office in Bethel. You’ll learn about what you see and hear as you enjoy a peaceful walk on our easy, level nature trail.

**SEPTEMBER 6-9**
**Women and Their Woods Educational Retreat**
**Highlights Foundation Workshop Facility • Boyd’s Mill, PA**
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. No matter the size of your woodlands or if you’re not yet an owner, join us for four days and three nights of learning, networking, and applying new knowledge about good forest stewardship.

**SEPTEMBER 15**
**Firefly Picnic • Lemons Brook Farm • Bethel, NY**
Join the Conservancy for our annual free community picnic for our members and friends. Enjoy a delicious catered dinner, craft beer selections, a guided trail walk, live music, crafts, and much more!

*Event dates and times subject to change. Visit DelawareHighlands.org for the most up-to-date information.*
Thank you...

Because of you, we’re able to protect clean waters, working farms and forests, and wildlife habitat.
Visit DelawareHighlands.org to see even more details on how your support makes a difference.