



# American Chestnut Land Trust

## ANNUAL REPORT 2022

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ACLT's Hiking Challenge Facebook Group

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# ACLT MISSION STATEMENT

*Connecting People with the Land Since 1986*

- We promote land conservation and preservation throughout Southern Maryland.
- We preserve and conserve the natural and cultural resources of the Parkers Creek and Governors Run watersheds for the benefit of this and future generations.
- We provide environmentally sustainable public access to managed properties for educational, scientific, recreational and cultural purposes.



# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

5-Year Plan Goal: To retain an effective and efficient operation, guided by the Standards and Practices set by the Land Trust Alliance, with adequate operating and capital funding resources, to carry out the mission and to achieve the vision of the ACLT.







Be the change you wish to see in the world.  
American Chestnut Land Trust

Our world has changed, and ACLT is changing too, to take on the challenges that our local and regional ecosystems are facing,

In 1986, land preservation was the best thing that we could do for the environment (it still is). Of course, excess carbon was already being introduced in the air and scientists were already raising concerns, but it had been difficult to show a measurable trend of the temperature increases and difficult for the average citizen to take it seriously.

Bigger storms, droughts and floods the last few years have raised the level of concern and now 72% of U.S. citizens believe that climate change is happening[1]. We need better tools and large landscape planning to take on these challenges. That is why we formed the Southern Maryland Conservation Alliance (SMCA) in 2021. The results so far are very encouraging.

[1]

[bit.ly/2021YaleClimateChangeReport](https://bit.ly/2021YaleClimateChangeReport)

**“ Our world has changed, and ACLT is changing too ... to take on the challenges that our local and regional eco-systems are facing. ”**

# Think Southern Maryland



In the big picture, land trusts will be key to humankind's success in addressing climate change and ACLT is a great example. Our Mission says that we are to "promote land conservation and preservation throughout Southern Maryland." By doing so, SMCA's land trusts are sequestering carbon in forests, meadows, and marshes at a regional level and protecting wildlife habitats and wildlife corridors as species move around in a warming climate.

Second, our mission says that "we provide environmentally sustainable public access to managed properties for educational, scientific, recreational and cultural purposes."

I believe that our founders knew that the best tool we have to educate the public and expand our membership base is to invite them to experience the wild lands of Parkers Creek. Now we also use our kiosks, website, blogs and newsletters to reinforce the importance of conserving land, while SMCA is educating the public at a regional level. Scientific research has been going on in our watersheds for decades. As early as 1998 we began monitoring the water quality of Parkers Creek and removing invasive species. Now, with our Science Committee, we are monitoring herps, macroinvertebrates, forests, and fish, because the first step in addressing climate change is to monitor change.

# A Game Changer!

## 5-Year Capacity Grant

The best tool for us in 2022 has been the Capacity Grant awarded to ACLT by anonymous donors. With this 5-year grant, we were able to hire Mary Hoover to serve as our Southern Maryland Regional Coordinator for the 40 organizations dedicated to its mission. We were also able to hire Clara Brill-Carlat to serve as Assistant Land Manager, as ACLT increases its level of stewardship to mitigate climate change, fight more invasives, and establish more trails as our land ownership grows. Finally, our newest hire is Chris Riollano, Donor Relations Coordinator. She is working part-time to build our donor base should the Board decide to expand Climate Change work beyond the five year Grant.



**Mary Hoover**  
SMCA's  
Coordinator



**Clara Brill-Carlat**  
Ass't Land  
Manager



**Chris Riollano**  
Donor Relations  
Coord.



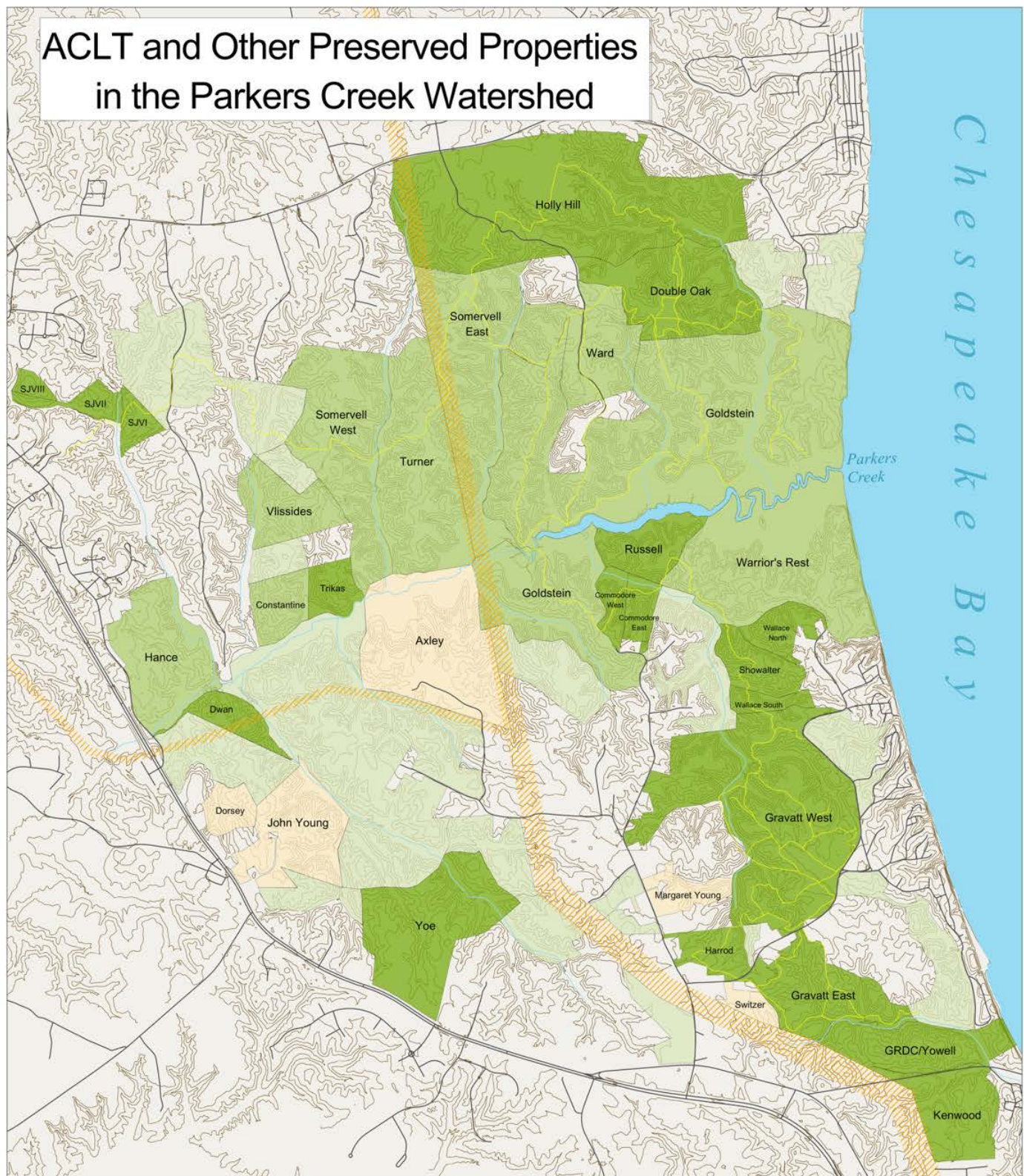
# LAND ACQUISITION & PRESERVATION

5-Year Plan Goal: To preserve land, according to our mission, in Calvert County through acquisition, easements and partnerships.





## LAND PRESERVATION





# LAND ACQUISITION



In 2022, ACLT was proactive at three levels—local, regional, and statewide. In the Parkers Creek/Governors Run watersheds, the Board acquired the 162-acre Yoe property, a beautiful historic farm, with frontage on Farr Creek, the longest tributary to Parkers Creek. It has two small productive farm fields, healthy forests, and a ribbon of pretty meadows.

The Board continually seeks other suitable properties to preserve. In December, staff sent postcards out to all properties eligible for preservation and scheduled an event in early 2023 for those who might be interested preserving their land. Finally, staff met with an owner who is considering selling a property.

Next, Mary Hoover has been hard at work with the Southern Maryland Conservation Alliance (SMCA). She has arranged workshops on land preservation and how to acquire critical properties when they come up for sale. She actively maintains a watch list for critical properties. SMCA has also helped to derail the sale of a 600-acre tract near the Patuxent, where the owners have been seeking a developer.

Finally, staff has calculated the amount of land preserved, developed, and uncommitted in Maryland and has introduced to SMCA and the state land conservation community the notion that the state ultimately needs to protect at least 50% of its lands. Currently Maryland has no goal for land conservation. Thus far, SMCA members already agree that we need to reach the 50% goal to conserve our fisheries, our hunting and wildlife viewing areas, and our quality of life. A 50% goal is achievable.



Do you want to protect your property rights to farm, hunt, fish, or otherwise enjoy the benefits of your rural land? Do you want to cash in on the value of your land without selling to developers?

If so, land conservation may be the perfect option for you, and ACLT wants to help.

Email Mary Hoover, SMCA Coordinator at [mary@acltweb.org](mailto:mary@acltweb.org) or call (410) 414-3400



# MORE CONSERVATION PROGRESS IN CALVERT COUNTY

As mentioned in our 2021 Annual Report, 2021 was a great year for advocacy in Calvert County and 2022 turned out to be another successful year. Working with the Sustainable Calvert Network, ACLT held a rural lands forum for all candidates in the Calvert County Election. Eleven County Commissioner candidates were present, and those in attendance seemed to be genuinely interested in preserving land. In addition, the current Board of County Commissioners rolled back proposed expansions of the Huntingtown, Prince Frederick, Lusby, and Solomon's Town Centers. Some of these expansions would have had significant impacts on Calvert's watersheds and all of them would have impacted Calvert's single 4-lane highway that runs along the center of the peninsula.

Finally, ACLT was able to form a new watershed friends group in the Mill Creek watershed of Solomons. This watershed is home to Calvert's largest boating and fisheries industries and water quality is a key to their future success.



# LAND ACQUISITION AND STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN STATUS

The Board of Directors and staff have been very active in completing the projects called for in the 2021 Land Acquisition and Stewardship Campaign. In 2022 we accomplished the following:



## Yoe Property Purchase

Purchased the Yoe property, containing 162 acres, and the house in June.



## Yoe House Restoration

Developed a plan for the restoration of the historic Yoe house and initiated the improvements.



## Double Oak Farm Solar

Signed a contract to install solar energy at Double Oak farm to provide for 100% of our electrical needs. The work is to be completed in the spring of 2023.



## Land Stewardship

Completed the long-term stewardship funding commitments for the Yowell and Yoe properties.



## Stream Restoration

Engineered a stream restoration plan for a major feeder stream to Farr Creek on the Yoe property.



## Brown's Church

Still awaiting action on a grant initiated by the owner for Brown's United Methodist Church wherein ACLT has available \$40,000 in matching funds.

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# RESEARCH IN THE WATERSHED

5-Year Plan Goal: To conserve, protect, and restore, the natural resources of the Parkers Creek and Governors Run watersheds and identify threats to their ecological integrity.





# RESEARCH IN THE WATERSHED



Volunteers Beth Noletti and Birgit Sharp collect stream samples during the 2022 Water Quality Blitz.

To restore our land and waterways and successfully address the threat of climate change, our actions must be science-based. ACLT continues to expand scientific research on the land and water, with one of the main avenues for expansion being the annual Water Quality Blitz. In 2022, the Blitz included ACLT's newest friends group, the Friends of Mill Creek (FOMC). The FOMC tested six sites throughout the Mill Creek subwatershed, garnering insights about the water quality surrounding certain urban features. The 2022 results are a springboard for future monitoring and advocacy efforts in this region.

It was the second year of participation for ACLT's other two friends groups, the Friends of St. Leonard Creek (FOSLC) and the Friends of Hunting Creek (FOHC). In 2022, the FOHC took strides to expand stream testing in Hunting Creek, this time including phosphorus measurements and adding two sites to assess macro-invertebrates. FOHC volunteers and ACLT staff worked together to produce an extensive water quality report, detailing these Blitz results.



# Parkers Creek Water Quality Blitz 2022 Results (NO<sub>23</sub>)



The 2022 Water Quality Blitz results for Parkers Creek were similar to the year prior, with only one site increasing in NO<sub>23</sub> concentration and several sites decreasing. You can see from the map that 25 out of the 28 sites tested are considered to have “good” water quality, based on the threshold of 0.7 mg/l total nitrogen. The three sites with “fair” NO<sub>23</sub> levels are all on the Holly Hill property near the farm.

Water quality near the Holly Hill farm fields has been a hotspot for ACLT research in the past several years, and 2022 saw the continuation of macroinvertebrate sampling in this area.

Under the leadership of Clara Brill-Carlatt, then Chesapeake Conservation Corps intern and now Assistant Land Manager, ACLT staff and volunteers donned muckboots and tirelessly sorted through buckets of bugs, collecting data at 7 different sites. With management techniques in place to curb the effects of the Holly Hill farm on Parkers Creek streams, and potential stream restoration projects in the future, these data are necessary for determining the efficacy of our interventions.

# OTHER WORK

## Phragmites Control

Scientists from the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center continued studying the growth of hand-planted native grasses in plots where phragmites has been removed. Results showed that native replantings were not very useful in low salinity sites, but intermediate salinity sites seemed to benefit from the hand-planted natives.

## Tidal Water Quality

Dr. Lora Harris with the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory (CBL) continued to monitor three tidal sites on Parkers Creek. CBL also published a non-tidal report for Calvert watersheds, analyzing data collected through the county's monitoring program that ran from 2010-2018.

## Vernal Pools

Dr. Chris Rowe continued monitoring vernal pools for amphibian use, water quality, depth, and temperature. Environmental DNA (eDNA) samples were also collected to confirm amphibious species presence.

## Non-tidal Water Quality

Water quality data continued to be gathered on a quarterly basis for the main stem of Parkers Creek. A team was assembled in 2022 to organize and look for trends in the long-term data.

## Forest Diversity

Forest diversity data were collected for two plots on the Yoe property.

## Fish Survey

An invasive fish survey was conducted in the main stem of Parkers Creek to attempt to quantify invasive fish populations.



Top: ACLT staff and volunteers collecting macroinvertebrate samples. Bottom: Caddisfly larva in its self-made protective case.



# MANAGING THE LAND

5-Year Plan Goal: *Manage all of the lands, structures, and waters for which we are responsible in an environmentally sustainable manner by which their natural and cultural resources are preserved, sustained, and enhanced to the maximum extent possible.*





## PROPERTY MONITORING & TRAIL MAINTENANCE

A land trust is charged with not only preserving land, but stewarding it in perpetuity. At ACLT, our Land Management staff and volunteers work hard to accomplish the hefty task of safeguarding and improving over 3,500 acres of forest, meadow, marsh, and farmland and providing sustainable public access. Throughout the year, we diligently addressed issues such as illegal dumping, trespassing, flooding, erosion, and invasive species. ACLT completed annual property monitoring visits to assess the condition of each fee simple and conservation easement property and compiled reports to maintain Land Trust Alliance Accreditation.

We identified sections of property boundaries that need additional marking and signage in order to protect ACLT against poaching and trespassing. We also regularly checked the condition of our trails and made necessary improvements, such as closing off a flooded portion of the PF2Bay Trail and replacing it with a winding path that curves up the hill beside the stream. On Parkers Creek Road Trail, we built two staircases and rerouted an eroded section of the trail up onto the nearby ridgetop, providing hikers with beautiful views of Parkers Creek in the winter.

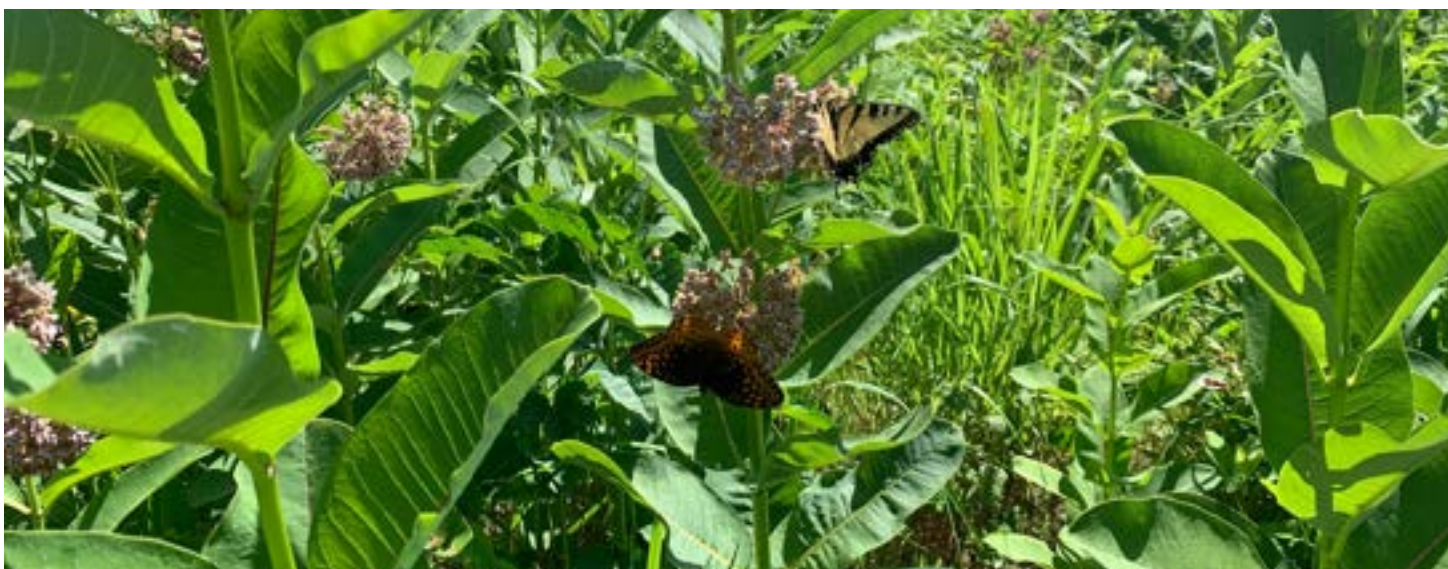




# MEADOWS



In 2022, we continued the multi-year process of establishing permanent meadow habitat at ACLT. On the Holly Hill property, we planted a 45-foot buffer of grasses and wildflowers alongside the agricultural fields to capture runoff and create habitat for pollinators. 2022 was the fourth and final year of the buffer planting effort, which was partially funded through the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). We also continued meadow site preparations in the fields by the Griffin Meadow Trail and by the South Side trailhead. The prep included a controlled burn at the South Side and herbicide application in both locations to control invasives before native species are planted in the future. At the newly-acquired Yoe property, Thursday Trail Adventures volunteers began clearing saplings from the existing meadows to reclaim meadow habitat on an otherwise forested property.





# INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL

From the meadows to the woods to the Parkers Creek marsh, we continued the fight against invasive species. We dedicated significant time and energy to battling wavyleaf basketgrass, which has outcompeted native vegetation in two large patches of the forest floor at ACLT. Volunteers spent 13 summer workdays pulling and cutting wavyleaf near the North Side trailhead to minimize the spread of seeds in the fall. Using grant money and NRCS funding, ACLT also hired licensed herbicide applicators who sprayed sections of the infestation. In addition to wavyleaf, staff and volunteers worked to control several other invasive plants including bittersweet, wisteria, lespedeza, and phragmites. To support our efforts this past year and in the future, ACLT entered into the Conservation Stewardship Program through NRCS, which provides funding for conservation practices such as invasive species removal.







# DOUBLE OAK FARM & FOOD FOREST

The Double Oak Farm and Food Forest had another successful year in 2022. Staff and volunteers installed a new, stronger fence around the farm to protect the crops from deer, groundhogs, and other animals. 2,961 pounds of fresh produce, including sweet potatoes, cabbages, tomatoes, and garlic, were donated to the St. John Vianney Interfaith Food Pantry, and several fruits and vegetables also won awards at the county fair. The vibrant flower beds cultivated by ACLT's "flower girls" volunteers added a spectacular pop of color to the farm.





# CHESAPEAKE CONSERVATION CORPS

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Like in previous years, ACLT hosted two Chesapeake Conservation Corps members provided by the Chesapeake Bay Trust (CBT) who assisted with farm and land management operations. As capstone projects, the Corps members completed a manual for Double Oak Farm and collected data on stream health on the Holly Hill property. ACLT also received a grant from CBT to bring Corps members from other host sites to work at ACLT for a day. The Corps members assisted with removing wavyleaf basketgrass, preparing rows for planting on the farm, and building a boardwalk on the PF2Bay Trail before enjoying a canoe trip on Parkers Creek in the afternoon.





# MARYLAND MASTER NATURALISTS AT ACLT



For the 10th year in a row, ACLT hosted the Maryland Master Naturalist program in the spring. Participants learned about Southern Maryland ecosystems and practiced identifying trees, birds, insects, and herpetofauna. They also collaborated on projects that included addressing flooding issues on trails, completing a trail reroute, and creating informative posters for the North Side barn porch. The 2022 program added 18 graduates to ACLT's dedicated volunteer workforce.





# THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

In 2022, our hardworking volunteers played a critical role in every aspect of our work: maintaining our 24 miles of trails, controlling invasive species across 3,500 acres of land, growing nearly 3,000 pounds of produce using sustainable practices, and assisting with countless other projects. We are so grateful for our volunteers and everything they do for ACLT.

7,437

2022 Total  
Volunteer Hours





# OUTREACH & MEMBERSHIP

5-Year Plan Goal: Optimize our outreach programs to serve the ACLT mission throughout Southern Maryland; encourage and support strong growth in ACLT's membership and volunteer programs through enhanced communications, programs and activities







# 2022 EVENTS & HIKES

**74K**

Hikers

**1356**

Event/Hike  
Attendees

**9**

Guided Canoe  
Trips

**6**

Hosted Events

**2**

Off-Site Events

**3**

Guided Hikes

**2**

Volunteer  
Training  
Sessions

**1**

Volunteer  
Appreciation  
Dinner





As the world returned to some sense of normalcy in 2022, ACLT's Outreach & Membership Committee (O&MC) resumed many in-person events and continued with the more popular virtual ones. Our most popular virtual event was the 12 Hikes Challenge, which was continued into 2022. Participants must take one hike each month, every month of the year to qualify to win ACLT merchandise at the end of the year. This challenge was created in 2021 to encourage people to get outside and onto our trails while the pandemic was still raging. It has been a huge success and has kept people coming back to the trails and staying engaged with ACLT through social media.







# #ACLTROCKS



Hikes were made even more fun with the hiding of painted rocks throughout the year. Along with O&MC resident artist, Jan Degeneffe, several other artists participating in the 12 Hikes Challenge produced beautifully embellished special holiday-themed rocks for Valentine's, St. Patrick's, Spring, 4th of July, Halloween, and Christmas. The idea behind hiding painted rocks is to spread a little joy and kindness during these uncertain times. Each rock includes the hashtag #acltrocks. A search of the hashtag on social media returns hundreds of photos of hikers who are thrilled to find one.





# RETURNING TO "NORMAL"



Leprechaun Hunt



Post Meeting Hike



Clara talks about beaver dam analogs



Autumn explains stream restoration project

The Valentine's "Show Some Love" rock hunt was continued in 2022, as was the Leprechaun Hunt in March. But by Spring, it was evident that event attendance was returning to pre-pandemic levels due to the fact that so many other in-person activities were now being held throughout the area. Some events and activities, such as the Earth Day 5K and members-only full moon hikes, were cancelled due to low registration numbers. At the same time, ACLT's Annual Meeting, which was a hybrid virtual/in-person event, was a huge success. Participants were given the opportunity to watch the presentations by staff and committees online with an option to join us afterwards for a boxed lunch picnic at Double Oak Barn and hike on the Holly Hill Trail. Participants stopped along the way to hear from Land Management staff about ongoing efforts to control erosion and the new beaver dam analog initiative.

Annual Mtg Photos by Carl Fleischhauer

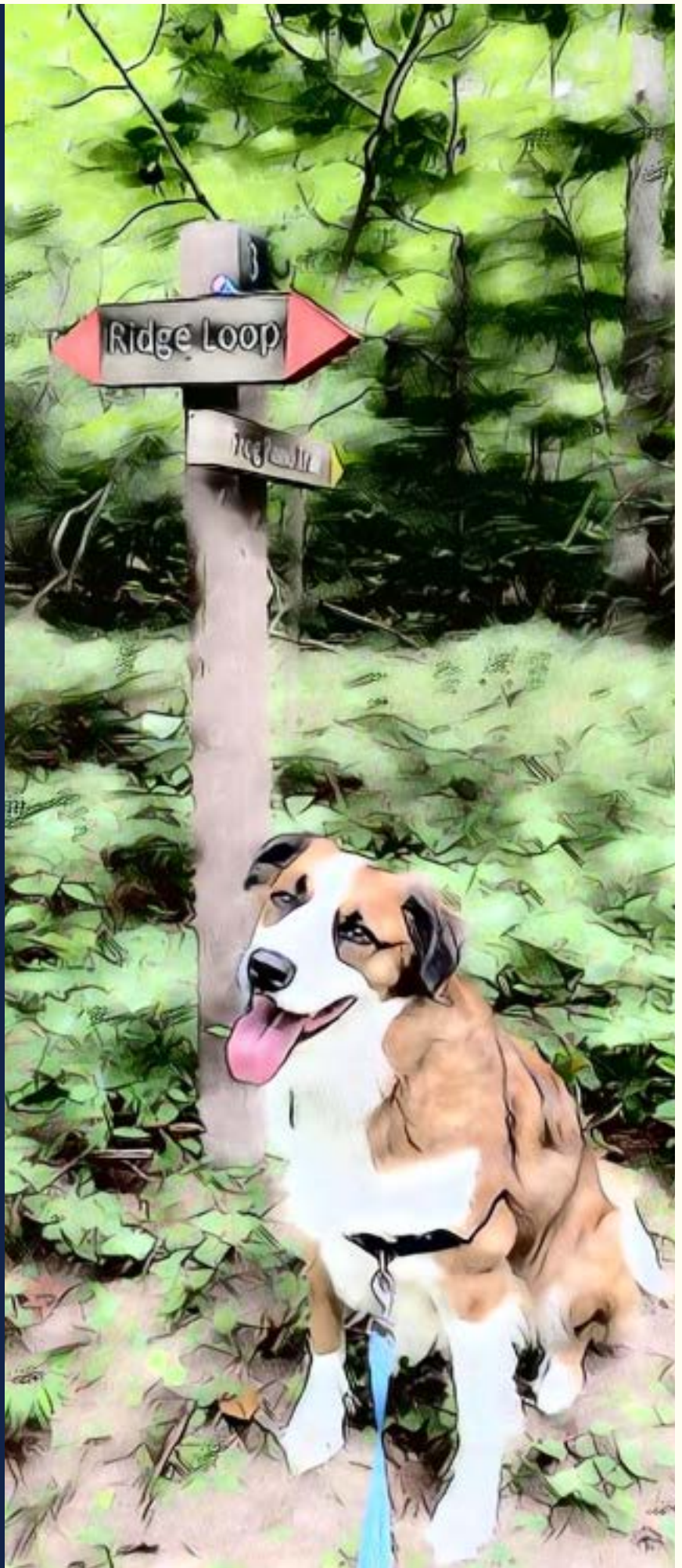


Post-Meeting Picnic Lunch



# TAILS, TRAILS & TALES

In June, we partnered with the Calvert Animal Welfare League (CAWL) and the Library for a new event, “Tails, Trails, and Tales.” The “Tails” part of the event included exhibitions from Calvert Search and Rescue and animal control, plus pet tricks and training tips, raffles, and games. ACLT provided the “Trails” part with nature activities related to butterflies, bluebirds, turtles and insects, our watershed exhibit, games (including online games available to play on tablets), crafts, and a photo booth. Visitors were also encouraged to take a tour of Double Oak Farm while they were here. The event was also attended by Calvert Marine Museum’s Purple Martin Club, Calvert Master Gardeners, and the Friends of Hunting Creek and St. Leonard Creek. The Calvert Library rounded it off with “Tales” in the form of a “story walk” along the Griffin Meadow Trail, displaying pages from a book about a dog who was trying to be adopted, as well as an information booth. Food and drinks were provided by a local food truck, Perigeaux Winery, and Gypsy Brewing Company, plus a truck offering flavored ice cones for the kids.





# 4-H FIELD TRIP TO ACLT



Using their strong ties with the University of Maryland Extension Office, In August, O&MC Chair Penny Moran and Vice-Chair Liz Laher organized a one-day field trip to ACLT for approximately 25 kids enrolled in the 4-H day camp program.

Master Naturalists Laurie Snow and Keith Linville (who is also an O&MC member), along with resident garden expert Judy Ferris helped the kids learn about insects and explore in the garden, play the bird migration game, take a short hike to learn about habitats, and participate in a lesson about how to keep our watershed healthy.



# SIP & SAVE BEER-TASTING EVENT



The Annual Sip & Save beer-tasting event in September served as a good example of the O&MC's ability to pivot when necessary - a local fire department had scheduled a similar event on the same day, so we moved our event to Sunday and saw a record number of attendees. Guests enjoyed a wide variety of beers from regional breweries and music by a local band. The O&MC was forced to pivot once again when the scheduled food truck broke down. No fear - Dream Weaver Café came to the rescue with barbeque sandwiches, wraps, and sides, which were wildly popular with attendees.



Top row: Dave & Georgeanne Scott help pour beer, "Some Assembly" entertains the crowd, Board Members Robin Truslow & Darlene Harrod share ACLT info. Bottom Row: Guests play Yard Games, the "Flower Girls" sell fresh bouquets, Charter Member & Newsletter Editor Ellen Farr wins a bouquet.





## ANNUAL DINNER/AUCTION ... RETURN OF THE CHILI COOK-OFF

The highlight of the year was the Chili Cook-off and Auction, held October 23rd at the pavilion at Jefferson Patterson Park. After two long years without the dinner/auction, members and supporters were finally able to gather together in person to enjoy great food and fellowship. The pavilion was the perfect venue, as it offered an open-air space for guests to mingle and check out the exciting auction items and experiences. New this year was the introduction of an online bidding site which enabled even those who could not attend in person to participate in the fun of outbidding one another on numerous vacations, excursions, and items.

Nine chefs supplied 10 varieties of chili to feed approximately 200 guests and volunteers, and Dream Weaver Café and Catering provided appetizers, sides and desserts.

Read more about the event, including lists of all of the individuals and sponsors who made it such a success, in the Winter 2023 Newsletter here: [www.acltweb.org/Winter23Newsletter](http://www.acltweb.org/Winter23Newsletter).



Photos - Top Row: Guests enjoy chili tastings, Table Decor by Sue Dzurec, Chili Judges Sue Kullen, Buddy Hance & Gary Loew. Bottom Row: Bidders check out the offerings, Line-up of Chili ready to serve.





# ANNUAL WREATH-MAKING & SALE

The year ended on a high note with our wreath-making workshop held on Thanksgiving weekend followed by our wreath sale on December 3rd. Our industrious volunteers made over 60 wreaths from greens gathered at Warriors Rest. We also offered wood ornaments beautifully engraved with ACLT's logo by two very talented volunteers. Some of those ornaments were made from wood left over from the original American Chestnut tree.



Photos (top left): Wednesday Woods Warriors gather greens at Warriors Rest (L-R: Clara Brill-Carlat, Dale Hutchins, Jeff Buyer, Autumn Phillips-Lewis, Tom Dugan, Grace Mayer, Jeanette Kaufmann, Kassandra Patrick, Marina Lowther, Ken Romney)

Right column: John "The Bowman" Lewis creates beautiful bows, Barby Hudson holds up her enormous wreath, Hand carved ornament from the original namesake American Chestnut tree.







# GUIDED HIKES & OFF-SITE EVENTS

In addition to onsite events, the O&MC hosted three guided hikes – the Mountain Laurel Hike in May, Farewell to Summer in August (led by O&MC Chair Penny Moran), and a Fall Foliage Hike (led by O&MC member Liz Orlandi) in November. Finally, the O&MC, volunteers and staff represented ACLT at off-site events including the Sunflower Festival in Benedict and Patuxent River Appreciation Day (PRAD) at the Marine Museum. A Hispanic Heritage canoe trip was planned by O&MC member José Ballesteros but was postponed to 2023.



*Photos - Left column: Penny Moran leads the Mountain Laurel Hike, Laurel Trail in full bloom, Liz Orlandi leads the Fall Foliage Hike. Right column: Volunteers at the Sunflower Festival share ACLT info, Master Naturalist Colleen Naeger demonstrates Watershed Exhibit at PRAD.*



# O&MC NON-EVENT PROJECTS



While not planning and hosting events, members of the O&MC were busy with several other special projects. The biggest project of the year was the installation of new kiosks at the north and south side trailheads, and directional signage at the north side. The three-sided kiosks will enable us to display fresh content throughout the year to inform and engage visitors. The signage project was funded by Destination Southern Maryland (Southern Maryland Heritage Area) and the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority.

Coinciding with the installation of the new signage was the “sprucing up” of the barn porches at both the north side and south side. The objective was to make the porches more welcoming to visitors and to encourage them to linger longer and learn more about ACLT. New tables, chairs, and cubbies were added along with two custom Little Lending Libraries handmade for ACLT by long-time member Tay Vaughan. The signage on the porches was also updated, including a new poster showing the increased temperatures caused by climate change from the late 1800’s to present day, and information about what ACLT is doing to combat climate change. This initiative was led by O&MC Chair Penny Moran and began as a class project for three graduates of the 2022 Master Naturalist Class – Saroja Raman and Ralph and Beth Nolletti – who are now members of the O&MC.

In all that the O&MC does, reaching out to and staying connected with the community is our main objective. We continue to publish blogs and press releases, share news and information in the quarterly newsletter and mass emails, and stay active on social media.



# OUTREACH VOLUNTEERS

The O&MC relies heavily on volunteers to attend events, welcome visitors on the weekends, lead hikes, etc.

Volunteer training was held in the spring, with the goal of training volunteers to lead hikes, welcome trail visitors on weekends, and represent ACLT at events. The Weekend Welcome Program, where trained volunteers greet visitors, answer questions, and share information about ACLT, was continued in 2022.

In December, we showed our appreciation to our dedicated volunteers with a dinner held at the Scientists Cliffs community house. Again this year, volunteers received custom-made cookie tins filled with homemade cookies as a small token of our gratitude for all they do for ACLT throughout the year.

Pictured, right column: Ron Sharp helps a youngster play a nature video game (designed by Ron), Sandy Foley mans the raffle table at the auction, Karen Anderson, Mary Hollinger, and Tonyia Johnson check in guests at the Sip & Save. Bottom Row: Volunteers enjoy fellowship at the Appreciation Dinner.

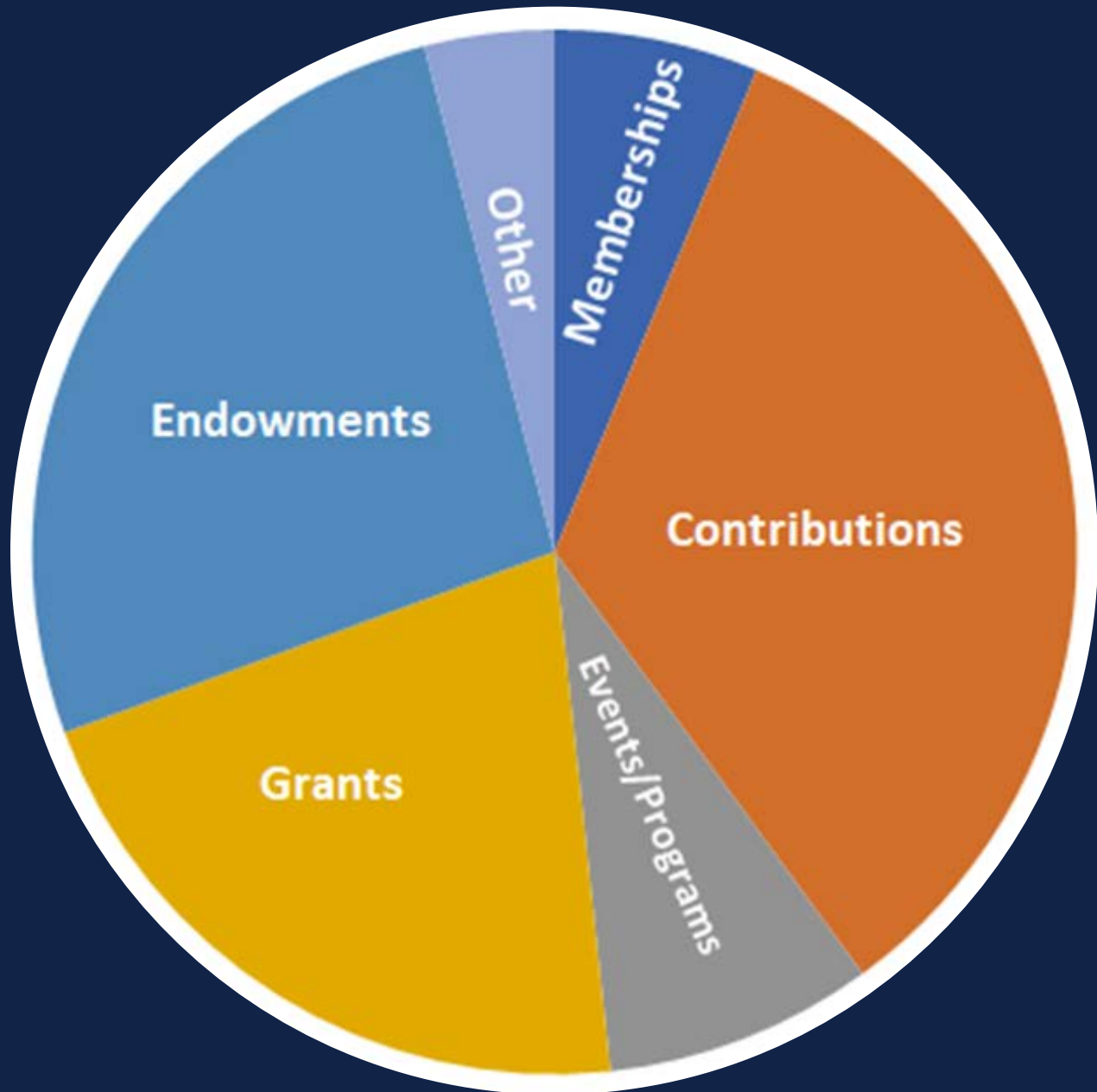


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# ACLT BY THE NUMBERS

## ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT



# Summary of Financial Status for Years 2021 and 2022

Operating Income	2021	2022
Memberships	\$30,575	\$34,485
Contributions & Memorials	\$112,924	\$184,324
Grants, General	\$124,969	\$116,165
Events Income	\$19,859	\$45,688
Endowments	\$107,700	\$145,800
All Other	\$52,245	\$23,500
Total Income	\$448,272	\$549,962

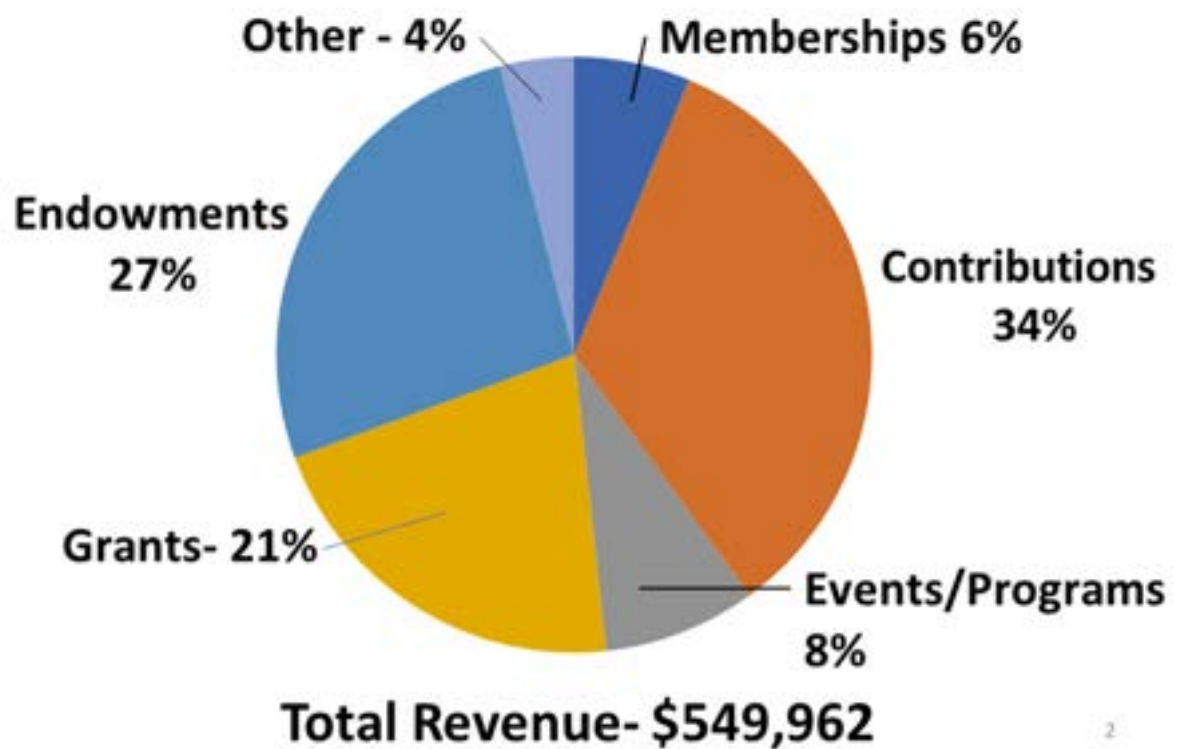
Operating Expenses	2021	2022
Land Acquisition and Pres.	\$66,415	\$87,882
Land Management	\$151,693	\$173,014
Outreach and Member Service	\$125,753	\$144,653
Donor Relations	\$71,894	\$80,397
Total Expenditures	\$415,355	\$485,948

Year-End Special Fund Balances		
Funds	2021	2022
Land Management Endowment	\$2,763,034	\$2,312,287
Friends Forever Endowment	\$1,006,306	\$831,647
Land Acquisition	\$747,775	\$216,828
Legal Defense	\$50,000	\$50,000
Building	\$14,424	\$14,424
Easement Monitoring	\$15,000	\$15,000
Repair and Replacement	\$11,628	\$28,930
Restricted Grants Carryover	\$29,477	\$7,463
Undesignated	\$190,000	\$190,000
Capacity Grant*		\$64,959

\* A Capacity Grant of \$100,000 was awarded in June 2022

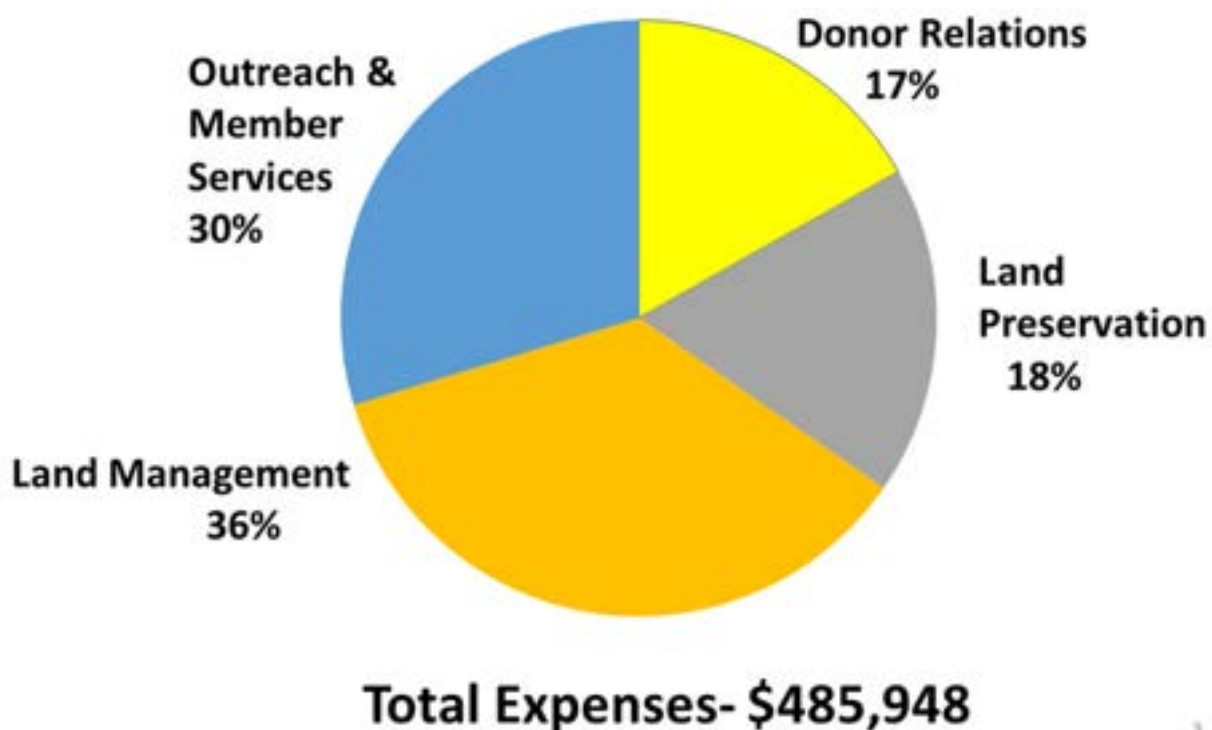


## Treasurer's Report – 2022 Revenue



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## Treasurer's Report – 2022 Expenditures



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# ACLT 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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