



2011 Annual Report

MISSION:

PPFF's mission is to promote and support the natural and cultural resources of Pennsylvania's state parks and forests through leadership in recreation, education, conservation, and volunteerism.

VISION:

PPFF will build the constituent voice for Pennsylvania's state parks and forests to ensure the long term sustainability of these public lands for the benefit of present and future generations.

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THOUGHTS on 2011

"There are certain things that are fundamental to human fulfillment. The essence of these needs is captured in the phrase; to live, to love, to learn, to leave a legacy. The need to live is our physical need for such things as food, clothing, shelter, economical well-being, health. The need to love is our social need to relate to other people, to belong, to love and be loved. The need to learn is our mental need to develop and grow. And the need to leave a legacy is our spiritual need to have a sense of meaning, purpose, personal congruence, and contribution."

~Steven Covey
7 Habits of Highly Effective People



Hanging out with a fellow Pennsylvanian (Daniel Boone) in Missouri on the Lewis and Clark Trail.

In my office sits a bronze casting of a golden goose complete with golden egg. The goose and egg serve as a reminder to me to apply the "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People" in my daily life. Steven Covey's golden goose story is about achieving results and creating sustainability, but as he explains in the quote above, human fulfillment is larger than completed goals. We have a fundamental need to leave a legacy.

In this annual report, we focus on legacy — an integral part of the history of Pennsylvania. We have a rich legacy of leaders in conservation and recreation beginning with William Penn's edict to preserve one acre of trees for every five cut to the life-long vision of Maurice K. Goddard. From the Civilian Conservation Corps to AmeriCorps, these generations cultivated leaders whose commitment to this work gifted us the inheritance of a spectacularly beautiful natural world.

Let's think about this. Legacies need leaders and workers, but most importantly - a shared vision. No one springs out of bed at 20 years old, or even 40 thinking, "how can I build my legacy today?" We go about our days and lives making conscious decisions about where to focus our time, energy and interest... and slowly...day by day, a legacy grows from our intention, our labor, our agreement that this matters.

Throughout this annual report you will find references to this legacy that we the people are currently creating. The volunteers working to provide playgrounds for children; the trail designer connecting hundreds of hikers to special places; the municipality embracing it's unique location within a park to celebrate its specialness, the countless outdoor activities, fairs, and workshops supported and attended by individuals, families and groups across the Commonwealth. We Pennsylvanians love our parks and forests.

An annual report is designed to provide a snapshot in time. I think you might find this year's report shows a bigger picture, a longer story and a reason to think about your intentions in the coming years. Steven Covey articulated our need for "a sense of meaning, purpose, personal congruence, and contribution." **Find yours. There's a place for you in the legacy.**

Marci Mowery
PPFF President

For some reason this is the year of the “rock and roll memoir.” Cultural icons such as Mick Jagger, Patti Smith, Neil Young, and Bruce Springsteen are just a few of rock’s architects who have reached that stage in life where reflecting on the journey is as meaningful as covering more miles.

Our culture seems to ask this of our public figures: if you left a mark in our individual and collective consciousness, you should articulate your life lessons, the road traveled and thoughts on your place in our shared history - your legacy. It will still be interesting to see if their published experiences resonate with our own. After all, we knew they were singing about us and for us.

By my way of thinking a legacy must endure time, cultural mores, and economic cycles. A legacy must inform, inspire, and transcend language and cultural boundary. It has to be clear why it mattered then and why it matters now.

Our legacy is 2.2 million acres of state forests and 120 state parks. All around us and part of us, the Commonwealth’s parks and forests are ours to preserve and enhance. They are ours to share with family, friends, neighbors, and visitors from all over the world. Most importantly, our Pennsylvania parks and forests are ours to pass on to our children and grandchildren, as they were passed on to us. It is a living, breathing legacy requiring hard work, commitment, and a spirit of community cooperation - the kind manifest in your Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation. And since “time is on our side,” let us have a “heart of gold” for our lasting legacy...Pennsylvania’s parks and forests.

Rock On!

Rob Wonderling
PPFF Chairman



“Pennsylvania is blanketed in lush and diverse forests. There is so much to enjoy that tourists from around the world visit each year to relax, recreate, and appreciate their natural beauty. Still one of our state’s most valuable resources, our forests provide employment for thousands of residents. Our partners at PPFF are essential to the sustainability of our forests. Become a member and join all of us who care deeply about the future of Pennsylvania’s forests.”

*~Dan Devlin, State Forester, Bureau of Forestry,
PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources*

In my first year on the job at DCNR I have visited 31 state parks and 10 forest districts, learning about our staff, infrastructure, visitors and partners. In those travels I have come to understand DCNR could not have a better partner than Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation. They assist us with enhancing our parks and forests; leveraging our resources; advocating on our behalf and making lasting connections with our visitors. We sincerely thank PPFF for all of the great work it does.

DCNR is constantly striving for new ways to make connections with our current and potential visitors. PPFF and the friends groups offer a way for citizens to act upon their connection to a favorite park or forest and their love of the land.

We also have partnered with the state parks and forests mobile app for smart phones and now visitors are able to search for park and forest locations in real time; find activities and events; get directions; share photos; and even make a park reservation.

And finally, we are appreciative of the PPFF “Passport to State Parks and Forests” a complete guide to our system with information about the history of our state parks and forests and their most memorable features. I know I am now tracking my travels with a passport, as are Governor Corbett and the First Lady.

Hope your adventures take you to a state park or forest some time soon,

Richard Allan

Secretary, PA Department of Conservation
and Natural Resources

“We share the responsibility of a tangible inheritance, safeguarded by true visionaries and carried forward by true believers. As habitats and natural corridors continue to be threatened, we try to inspire a new generation of nature lovers. DCNR staff, volunteers, citizens and visitors - conservationists all - together we share the work and the joy of being part of this legacy.”

*~John Norbeck, Director, Bureau of State Parks,
PA Department of Conservation and Natural
Resources*

BUILDING a LEGACY

The Goddard Legacy Project

“The decisions that we make today do not affect only ourselves. If they did, it would not be so hard to make them, as we would be willing to accept the consequences of our own actions. But the decisions also affect our children, and their children, and their children in ever increasing numbers, and we must consider them when we act.”

~Maurice Goddard



Doc Goddard surely set the tone for our mission and work. At the Foundation, we strive to keep the importance of “legacy” in focus. We hope that how we communicate our work, connect with our partners and check our rear view mirrors before making a turn, clearly show our commitment.

Launched in 2009, The Goddard Legacy Project is a multi-year endeavor including multiple initiatives established to build awareness of Maurice Goddard's legacy. The project continued this year with the 2011 Environmental Issues Forum of the Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee. It was quickly followed by the dedication of four specially designed historic markers representing Goddard's numerous contributions.

At Delaware Canal State Park, the marker highlights his work in forging the multistate/federal compacts to protect the Delaware and Susquehanna River Basins. At the Mont Alto campus of the Pennsylvania State University, the marker commemorates his career as a forester, and the innovations he introduced to the Bureau of Forestry.

His inspiration is recognized on the marker in Camp Hill where the plaque encourages us to remember that heroes are everywhere, and that commitment and dedication lead to greatness.

And finally, Goddard's work as the Father of the Pennsylvania Park system was celebrated and recognized at his namesake - Goddard State Park.

The Foundation formed a partnership with Camp Hill High School's "Lion Foundation" (a community-based non-profit organization dedicated to funding programs for student enrichment) and the Camp Hill School District to host an annual Goddard Symposium. The Symposium focus on the life and work of Goddard in the context of today's environmental and conservation issues. The first symposium featured a panel of students and Goddard colleagues who answered questions on a broad topic of environmental issues.

The Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Professionals recognized the Goddard Legacy Project with its Karl Mason Award. The award was created to commemorate his vision of a strong, well-managed environmental program and given to a Pennsylvania person, organization, or project that has made a significant contribution to the betterment of Pennsylvania's environment by exemplifying Karl Mason's vision.

In total, thus far, highlights of the Legacy Project include:

- Interpretive panels at 25 State Parks created under Goddard's leadership
- Five historic markers at key sites to commemorate his work
- Rededication the MK Goddard Wilderness Area in the Wykoff Run (Elk State Forest)
- An original documentary on the life of MK Goddard in conjunction with WITF
- Three symposiums on the lessons Goddard's legacy offers for the future.

The Goddard Task Force is ongoing with more projects on the horizon.



Unveiling of one of four specially designed historic markers representing Goddard's numerous contributions.

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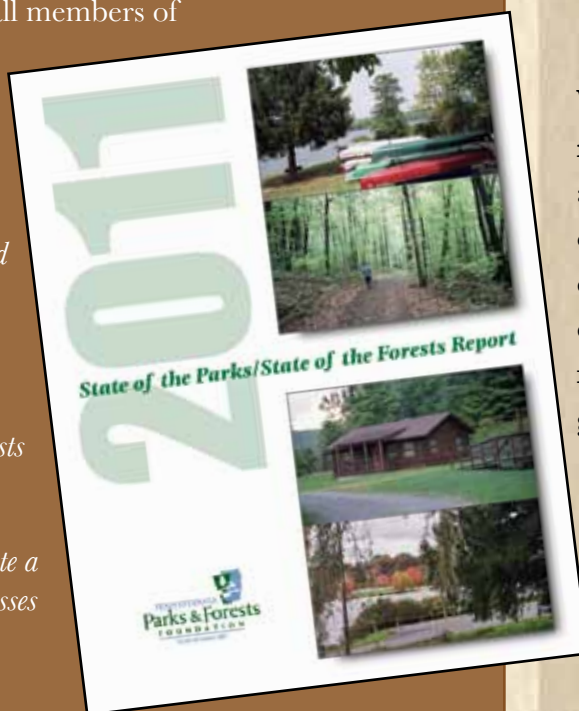
L-R Bill Forrey the Foundation Vice Chairman, Ellen Zeph Foundation Outreach and Public Relations Coordinator, Brenda Barret of DCNR, Marci Mowery President of the Foundation, and Representative Scott Hutchinson at the 2011 Environmental Issues Forum.

State of the Parks/State of the Forests Report

The State of the Parks/State of the Forests report was published after extensive research and review in 2011. This 28-page report examines the current conditions in our state parks and state forests and their value to our people, our economy and our ecology. In addition to distribution among the Foundation friends groups, interested members and the public, the report was personally delivered to all members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

The report features important information, like the piece found on page 9.

"It is extremely difficult to place a monetary value on the critical ecosystem services provided by forests and parks—services such as erosion control, water purification, air purification, carbon sequestration, ground water recharge, storm water runoff, shade, wind breaks, and noise buffers. One way to look at the state forests is as a two million-acre water treatment plant and air purification system. According to the Trust for Public Land, if humans had to create a mechanical system to replace the natural processes we currently enjoy, it would cost an estimated \$33 trillion each year."



In every newsletter, eBlast, or blog, you may read about where we came from ...landmark conservation work through the WPA's Civilian Conservation Corps, fascinating histories of our state parks and forests, and the experiences of our friends and volunteers.

...and where we are going

...strengthening our commitment to a living legacy by offering opportunities such as Memorial or Honorary Gifts. You can honor the memory of a special person or joyous occasion while supporting our work in conservation, recreation, education, and volunteerism in our state parks and forests.



We encourage our members, partners and friends to continue the legacy of conservation of our state parks and forests for future generations through a bequest or life income.

CREATING a NEW LEGACY

What can be new about a legacy when it is carrying forward ideas cultivated in the past? A legacy that keeps pace with the world we live in ensures its vitality and future. Every year the Foundation embraces new ideas and technologies to keep the conservation legacy alive - and growing. Innovative ways of making our parks and forests easier to find, navigate and access.

Passports — The Passport program kicked off in full swing with the release of our Pennsylvania State Parks and State Forests Passport, funded by a grant from Chesapeake Energy. The 134 page Passport provides a way for park and forest enthusiasts to explore these great public lands and connect to our legacy of conservation.



Smart Phone App — Developed in partnership with Parks by Nature and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the official state park app provides smart phone users a means to locate parks, find activities by interest, engage friends, join a friends group, track location, and more. Available free of charge.



We're Part of the Online Community

The *Fridays With Pam* eBlast begun in the spring of 2010, began to reach a wider audience with the transfer of our contacts into the NEON cloud. Our open rate consistently performed at around 40%. Feedback was and continues to be very positive.

In September 2011 we launched a bimonthly eZine (called PRESERVE) directed to nearly 96,000 campground and pavilion reservations in Pennsylvania state parks. Our NEON cloud account allows us to send these emails at no cost to PPFF.

Voting in the 2011 'Dogs in the Outdoors' photo contest took place via our Facebook page. As a result, our presence on social media sites has increased and many of our Facebook friends have stayed around to contribute and comment.



Overall Winner in the Dogs in the Outdoors photo contest - Sasha Camp



Sharing What We Know

An important part of creating a new legacy is passing along our collected education and skills. The Foundation provides training for park and forest staff and volunteers to develop skills in inclusive recreation.

In October, Marci Mowery, Pam Metzger and Board Member Maxine Harrison joined 25 DCNR staff in a two-day workshop to remove barriers to participation in outdoor recreation by people with disabilities. The workshop was funded by the Foundation through a grant from the Community Recreation and Partnership Program of DCNR.



Pam and Ronnie participate in a blindness-simulation exercise.

Leah Vogel Memorial Playground Fund

In memory of Foundation President Marci Mowery's great niece Leah, the Leah Vogel Memorial Playground Fund was established to memorialize Leah's love of the outdoors and her enthusiasm for playgrounds, while providing places for other families to make memories.

In September, over 60 racers joined PPFF for Lace Up for Leah, a 5K run/walk to benefit the Leah Vogel Memorial Playground Fund. The race, held at Sam Lewis State Park, was a vertically challenging 5K. 'Play Like a Kid Day' was held at the park following the race.



Value of "Living Gifts"

The Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation Living Gifts program is a direct link between charitable donations and specific improvements in the parks and forests.

In 2011, support from donations to the Living Gifts Habitat Fund assisted local Girl Scout Gabby Glinski in creating a demonstration native plant garden and accompanying brochure at Loyalsock State Forest District. Gabby worked with state forest staff to design the plan, select the plants, and planted and mulched this new native garden. The species for the garden were selected for deer resistance and the ability to attract pollinators and birds. Some of the species include asters, blazing star, bee balm, butterfly weed, and white beardtongue. The Native Plant Garden Project earned Gabby her Girl Scout Gold Award.



Senior Girl Scout Gabby Glinski and volunteers worked with state forest staff to complete her native plant garden.

We Go NEON

In the spring of 2011, the Foundation purchased NEON - an online cloud-based contacts, membership and donor management system. Many months of data import, update and clean-up followed. NEON provides us with new systems for donor and member acknowledgments and streamlined processes for designing and implementing events and fundraising "campaigns." We're still working out the bugs, but it has provided interesting and comprehensive options for our own reporting and allows our chapters to directly access their own membership and donation information.

PPFF Blogs

Launched in 2011, the PPFF blog (see Out and About in PA on our website) has been slow to get off the ground, but we're learning! Join with us to share ideas, experiences -and thoughts on a wide range of topics. We're committed to making the blog blossom in 2012.

LEGACY in the GREATER COMMUNITY

“A community is like a ship; everyone ought to be prepared to take the helm.”

~Henrik Ibsen

...And that's what makes our relationships so productive. By joining together on projects and events, these partnerships make ideas into reality and create stepping stones for the next great opportunity to secure the legacy. We are genuinely grateful to our many community allies and look forward to expanding and growing these friendships.

Out and About

At 46 thousand square miles - Pennsylvania is a big state. Yet every year the Foundation strives to not only visit each of our friends groups at their park or forest, but to engage local communities, civic clubs, and youth groups by attending events and engaging in discussions about our public lands.

A sampling of visits we made in 2011 include:

- several Earth Day events
- participation in DCNR's Recreation Advisory Committee
- Clarion County Daughters of the American Revolution meeting
- Quittapahilla Audubon Society
- Central Penn Parent's Family Festival
- Safety and Awareness and Leisure Travel Expo
- PA House of Representatives' Joint Legislative Conservation Committee

iConserve Partnership

The Foundation supports DCNR's attention to conservation. Their iConservePA program is aimed at mitigating the impact of poorly planned development and 21st-century living patterns while educating the public about invasive pests and plants that seriously threaten the ecological balance.



In partnership with the iConservePA program, the Foundation, DCNR and PPL sponsored a contest and the winner, Doug Bohn of Boiling Springs, rode away with a snappy electric scooter. Thousands of Citizen Science Investigators learned about conservation and energy and then entered a secret code on the iConserve website to claim eligibility for prizes. Lucky Doug!

Other Partnerships...

■ The Foundation stands for partnerships, and one of our long term partners is **Good Solutions Group (GSG)**. Each year GSG produces a Pennsylvania Welcome Kit for state park and forests visitors, free of charge. In addition, they present the Foundation with other partnership opportunities.



■ In April, the Foundation co-sponsored the **Wild and Scenic Film Festival** with the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and other groups. With a growing public awareness for the environment, the Wild & Scenic Film Festival aims to find common ground with a diverse audience through inspiring and educational films to motivate people to go out and become involved in local groups.

■ We work with business partners to put corporate funds to work in parks and forests. ArcelorMittal provided funding to construct **turtle basking platforms** at Gifford Pinchot State Park. The turtles began using the platforms before day's end!

GenOn Energy supported work for fish habitat enhancement structures at Gifford Pinchot State Park and Shawnee State Park.



Sally Ray

■ As a community based non-profit, the Foundation also supports other initiatives, such as sponsoring a hole at the **Harrisburg Keystone Rotary Putting for Polio** mini-golf tournament. Our work on creating accessible playgrounds was inspired in part by the story of polio survivor who expressed her difficulty in accessing the outdoors as she once did.



■ For the second year, **Odwalla** (the juice and granola bar company) offered free trees to the states who logged the most visits (via votes) to their website and for the second year Pennsylvania voters came in second to Michigan! In 2011, 1500 trees were planted.

■ The Foundation co-sponsored the **Great River Adventure** with Susquehanna River Trail Association, a non-profit that maintains the river islands that are part of Weiser State Forest. This annual event introduces paddlers to portions of the Susquehanna River, educating them on topics as diverse as camp cooking to bird watching.



Economic Value of PA Parks and Forests

Here's an interesting number:
For every tax-payer dollar invested in state parks, \$12.41 of income (value added) is returned to Pennsylvania. Visitors to most state parks and forests provide significant support for small businesses.

Hundreds of local grocery stores, boat shops, motels, gas stations, and restaurants depend on the tourist trade. Visitors spending supports more than 10,000 jobs and adds hundreds of millions of dollars to Pennsylvania's economy.

More than twenty years of studies in Pennsylvania and throughout the U.S. unequivocally show that parks, greenways, public forests, and other protected natural lands can boost property values, improve local economies, attract and support businesses, save energy and water-treatment costs, and safeguard the natural systems on which our economic well-being depends.

THE LEGACY at WORK

"The more I want to get something done, the less I call it work."

~Henrik Ibsen

Our projects, events, and plans involve a crowd of people sharing in a labor of love. We get support from many places in many ways - here are some people, places, and things that happened in 2011:

■ AmeriCorps Volunteers in State Parks

AmeriCorps is a national service movement that engages thousands of men and women of all ages and backgrounds in service often referred to as the domestic Peace Corps. It is a movement dedicated to improving our communities large and small. These volunteers are part of a tradition of service, representing America at its best - making a lasting difference while promoting the values of community, responsibility, and opportunity.

In 2011 we recruited two volunteers from Keystone SMILES AmeriCorps to focus on engaging youngsters, seniors and members of the business community in the volunteer experience.

As our AmeriCorps volunteers just started in 2011, look for next year's annual report to see their good works in action.



*Alyssa McGinnis began working at Cook Forest/Clear Creek;
Ronnie began working at Moraine/McConnells Mill.*



■ Bark in the Park

The second annual Bark in the Park was held at Colonel Denning State Park on a cold and rainy Saturday in October.

There were sled dogs and agility demonstrations, police dogs and Frisbee chasers. The ground was damp; spirits were not!

■ Pioneer Frolic

One project funded by the Foundation's own **Matching Grant Program** (supported by the Community Conservation and Partnership Program of DCNR) was the 9th annual **Pioneer Frolic at MK Goddard State Park**. The event attracted over 3,000 people who enjoyed historic re-enactors demonstrating their crafts and trades.



*Re-enactors
demonstrate
crafts at the
Pioneer Frolic.*

■ Conservation Landscape Initiative

The Foundation administered four grants obtained through the **Conservation Landscape Initiative** supporting such work as a native plant garden at Pine Grove Furnace, a map and website of the area's best trout fishing for Linn Run State Park, interpretive panels at Ohiopyle, and a hiking trail at Laurel Hill.

■ Legacy on Display

DCNR staff in Promised Land State Park still utilize the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) officer's quarters built in 1934. However, until a few years ago the original structure served as the environmental education center for the park and did not highlight the history of the CCC boys who built it.



Several generous donors contributed approximately \$35,000 to expand the center and create a Civilian Conservation Corps museum. The money funded an addition to the building which now houses the environmental education center and clears space in the original room for CCC collections. Promised Land State Park could not have accepted the donations without a Foundation account. The account made it possible for even more donors to offer contributions for CCC exhibits and memorabilia throughout the room.

Promised Land State Park staff has hosted several reunions with the remaining CCC boys. They enjoy visiting the museum and remembering their work in the parks. Volunteers run the daily operations of the museum, known as the Masker Museum. Through the generous donations and the Foundation account, the CCC museum at Promised Land State Park now serves as a source of visual and aural education of the CCC legacy in our state parks and forests. *Stop by and visit the museum some time.*



Great Pennsylvania Outdoor Challenge

The 2011 Great Pennsylvania Outdoor Challenge (GPOC) was a great success.

The Challenge brought together individuals, businesses, outfitters, organizations, and corporations that understand the value of daily activity as well as the importance of public lands. Between September 10 and October 9, 2011, we challenged all Pennsylvanians to heed the recommendations of the CDC to get outdoors for a minimum of 30 minutes each and every day and the 30 x 30 Challenge was born!

The GPOC was a simple, yet powerful way to build support for our park and forest system for future generations by engaging in healthy lifestyles, as well as in raising funds for outdoor recreation.

GPOC

GPOC participant Lori Young of Butler logged 33 hours during her Challenge, most of it on the water.



At the HEART of OUR LEGACY

Heart (härt)

The vital center and source of one's being, emotions, and sensibilities.
The repository of one's deepest and sincerest feelings and beliefs.

And that is how we define our Friends Groups and the work they do on behalf of us all.

"Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For indeed, that's all who ever have."

~Margaret Mead



Each June, the **Friends of Big Pocono** hold their Mountain Laurel Festival.

For the **Friends of Laurel Hill**, Memorial Day means "pie sale" and "rubber ducky race!"



Friends of Colonel Denning helped co-sponsor with the Foundation Bark in the Park—the pups didn't seem to mind the chilly rain.

The **Friends of Lyman Run** recruited the Susquehannock Trail Club for a work day... and they have a trail to show for it!



Maxine Harrison



The **Friends of Delaware/Promised Land** cover a lot of territory so it helps that they can stay organized on work days.

In the Run for the Ages, the **Friends of Nolde Forest** sponsor a popular showcase for the park's many trails.



Pioneer Frolic is the **Friends of Goddard's** annual showcase event. 2011 was the 9th year.

When it comes to running, the **Friends of Oil Creek** and the annual Oil Creek 100 are an unbeatable pair. Yes, that's 100 MILES!



Lee Ann Reiners



The **Friends of Kings Gap** have seen a steady increase in attendance at their Music on the Mountains events. And with that view it's no wonder!

When the frost is on the pumpkin, the **Friends of Parker Dam** say it's time for Fall Fest.



Stephanie Miller



The **Friends of Pinchot** brought the trail care crew from Keystone Trails Association out for a Code Orange Day in the park. Everybody got dirty.

Friends Chapters Work and Accomplishments

The active 32 Foundation Chapters worked hard in 2011. By the numbers, these groups:

- organized 133 special events attracting over 34,000 people
- organized 264 service projects and completed them with the help of 1737 people
- organized 71 other projects or educational programs attracting over 3500 people
- raised more than \$227,000.

More than 2500 volunteers donated 33,000 hours, which equates to more than \$719,000 in labor.



Earth Day at **Pine Grove Furnace** found the **Friends** hard at work getting their section of the Appalachian Trail ready for thru hikers.



Thanks to students from Ursinus College, the **Friends of the State Line Serpentine Barrens** have plenty of ready hands on call.



At **Shawnee**, plans and projects for improving the quality of the water in the lake are helping to bring the osprey back year after year.



The **Varden Conservation Area Friends Group's** Varden Conservation Day celebrates the 430 acres of this Wayne County gem.



When the **Friends of Yellow Creek** aren't mountain biking, they're building Puddle Ducks and showing them off at SeptemberFest.

Friends Chapters

Cherry Springs Dark Sky Association
 Friends of Big Pocono State Park
 Friends of Black Moshannon State Park
 Friends of Colonel Denning State Park
 Friends of Delaware State Forest and Promised Land State Park
 Friends of Goddard State Park
 Friends of Greenwood Furnace
 Friends of Keystone State Park
 Friends of Kings Gap Environmental Education Center
 Friends of Laurel Hill State Park
 Friends of Linn Run State Park
 Friends of Lyman Run State Park
 Friends of Milton State Park
 Friends of Mt. Pisgah State Park
 Friends of Nockamixon State Park
 Friends of Nolde Forest Environmental Education Center
 Friends of Ohiopyle State Park
 Friends of Oil Creek State Park
 Friends of Parker Dam State Park
 Friends of Pinchot State Park
 Friends of Pine Grove Furnace State Park
 Friends of Prince Gallitzin State Park
 Friends of Ridley Creek State Park
 Friends of Ryerson Station State Park
 Friends of Shawnee State Park
 Friends of Shikellamy State Park
 Friends of the State Line Serpentine Barrens
 Friends of Swatara State Park
 Friends of Varden Conservation Area
 Friends of Weiser State Forest
 Friends of White Clay Creek Preserve
 Friends of Yellow Creek State Park
 Laurel Mountain Volunteers

2011 Award Winners

Congratulations to all of the award winners at our fifth Annual Award Banquet held May 3 at the Country Club of Harrisburg.

“The real winners in life are the people who look at every situation with an expectation that they can make it work or make it better.”

~Barbara Pletcher

The Foundation established an annual awards program to recognize the outstanding service, programs, and exemplary work done by both volunteers and staff at state parks and forests.

Each award recognizes those who have shown themselves to be authentic stewards of our parks and forests, including our top honor, the Cliff Jones Keystone Legacy Award and the Joseph Ibberson Government Award. The Cliff Jones award is given to a group, individual, or business and recognizes an outstanding contribution to the protection and/or enhancement to the park and forest system in Pennsylvania. The Ibberson award is given to a person or department at any level of government to recognize their work in the stewardship of Pennsylvania's state park and state forest systems.

All of our award winners have demonstrated they are the torch carriers of our legacy and we thank them sincerely.



Cliff Jones Keystone Legacy Award

Robert Griffith, *Retired,
Executive Director of the Pennsylvania
Recreation and Parks Society*

Award Sponsor: Woolrich



Forest of the Year Susquehannock State Forest

Award Sponsor: Dominion



Joseph Ibberson Government Award

Forest Assessment Team,
Bureau of Forestry

Sponsored by Joseph Ibberson



Volunteerism Award Friends of Mt. Pisgah

Award Sponsor: the PA
Recreation and Parks Society



President's Award Borough of Ohiopyle

Award Sponsor: Chesapeake Energy



Education Award Mr. John Salvetti, *Prince Gallitzin State Park Volunteer*

Award Sponsor: Talisman
Energy USA



Park of the Year Award Pine Grove Furnace State Park

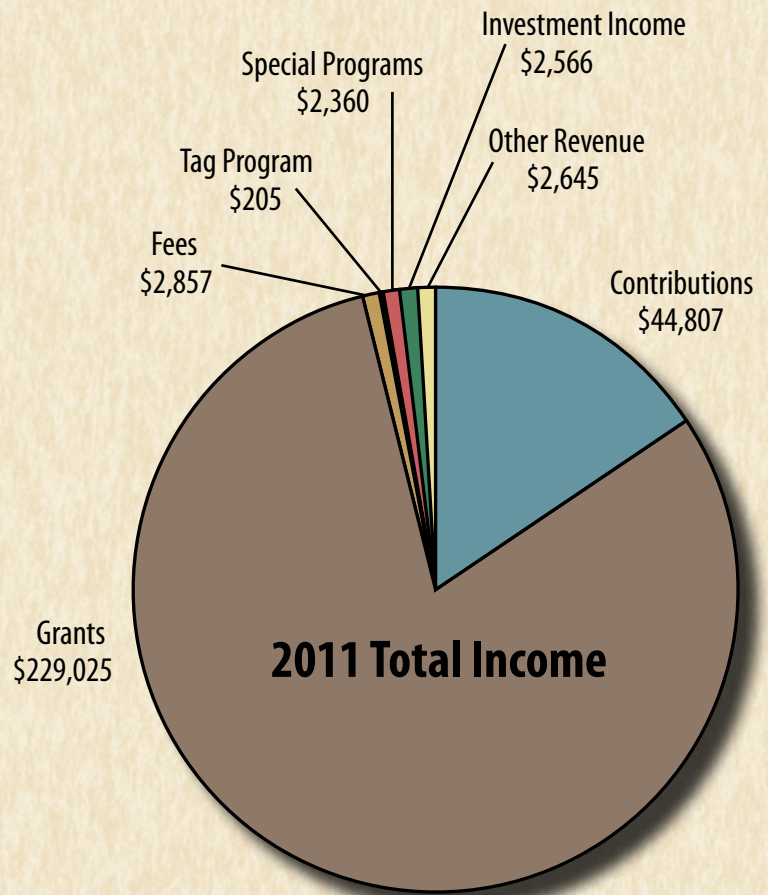
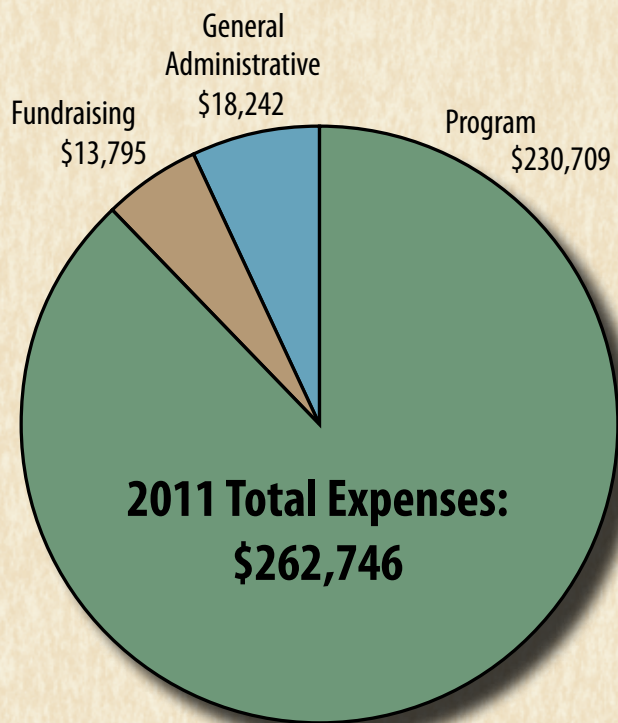
Award Sponsor: Gecko Group



Improvement Award Mr. Thomas Scully

Award Sponsor: Greater
Philadelphia Chamber of
Commerce

FINANCIAL Overview



As of December 31, 2011, our total assets and liabilities, which include the accounts managed by the foundation, were \$1,109,124.00

The allocations shown in the pie charts represent the Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation's operating budget and do not include revenue raised by friends groups and individual accounts.

The complete audited financial statement for the year ending December 31, 2011 is available by contacting the Foundation.

YOU MAKE US SMILE.

From the staff of the Foundation

“There’s a difference between interest and commitment. When you’re interested in doing something, you do it only when circumstance permit. When you’re committed to something, you accept no excuses, only results.”

The staff and board of the Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation are committed to achieving our mission of promoting and supporting the natural and cultural resources of Pennsylvania’s state parks and forests through leadership in recreation, education, conservation and volunteerism. Yet our commitment means little without the support of members, volunteers, and donors such as yourself.

We applaud your efforts and thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your commitment to keeping the rich legacy of conservation and recreation alive in our state parks and state forests. While we don’t have enough pages to thank each one of you individually, know that we appreciate your efforts and support of our work in making Pennsylvania’s state parks and state forests the best that they can be.

Hope to see you outdoors soon.





It's just our nature to help!

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