



VIRGINIA OUTDOORS
FOUNDATION



FISCAL YEAR 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

View from an overlook atop
VOF's House Mountain Reserve
in Rockbridge County.

ABOUT US

The Virginia Outdoors Foundation (VOF) is Virginia's leader in land conservation, protecting nearly 900,000 acres across the Commonwealth. Created by the Virginia General Assembly in 1966, today the foundation receives both public and private support for its work. VOF works with local, state, federal, and private partners to protect a wide variety of open spaces, from farms and forests to parks and historic landscapes.





OUR VISION

Protect the quality of Virginia's outdoors and make its resources available to its people.

OUR MISSION

To promote the preservation of open-space lands and to encourage private gifts of money, securities, land or other property to preserve the natural, scenic, historic, scientific, open-space and recreational areas of the Commonwealth.

An autumn morning at VOF's Bull Run Mountains Preserve in Fauquier County.



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During fiscal year 2022, the Virginia Outdoors Foundation provided more than \$3.27 million in grants to local governments, schools, nonprofit, and other organizations to protect open space and make the outdoors safer and more accessible to Virginians throughout the Commonwealth. As you will see in this year's report, VOF is serving more communities than ever. Whether supporting programs that introduce kids to biking, hiking and paddling, or funding community gardens, trails, playgrounds, and other amenities in neighborhoods, we are proudly helping to connect thousands of Virginians to the outdoors and to each other.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brett Glymph".

Brett Glymph, Executive Director

From left: VOF Board Chair Sissy Crowther, Executive Director Brett Glymph, Deputy Director Martha Little, and Assistant Director Harry Hibbitts at VOF's Hayfields Reserve in Highland County.



OUR WORK

CONSERVATION FUNDING

Through various programs, VOF provides grants to landowners, organizations, and government partners who protect open space for recreation, wildlife habitat, historic preservation, farming, forestry, scenic beauty, and water quality.

OPEN-SPACE EASEMENTS

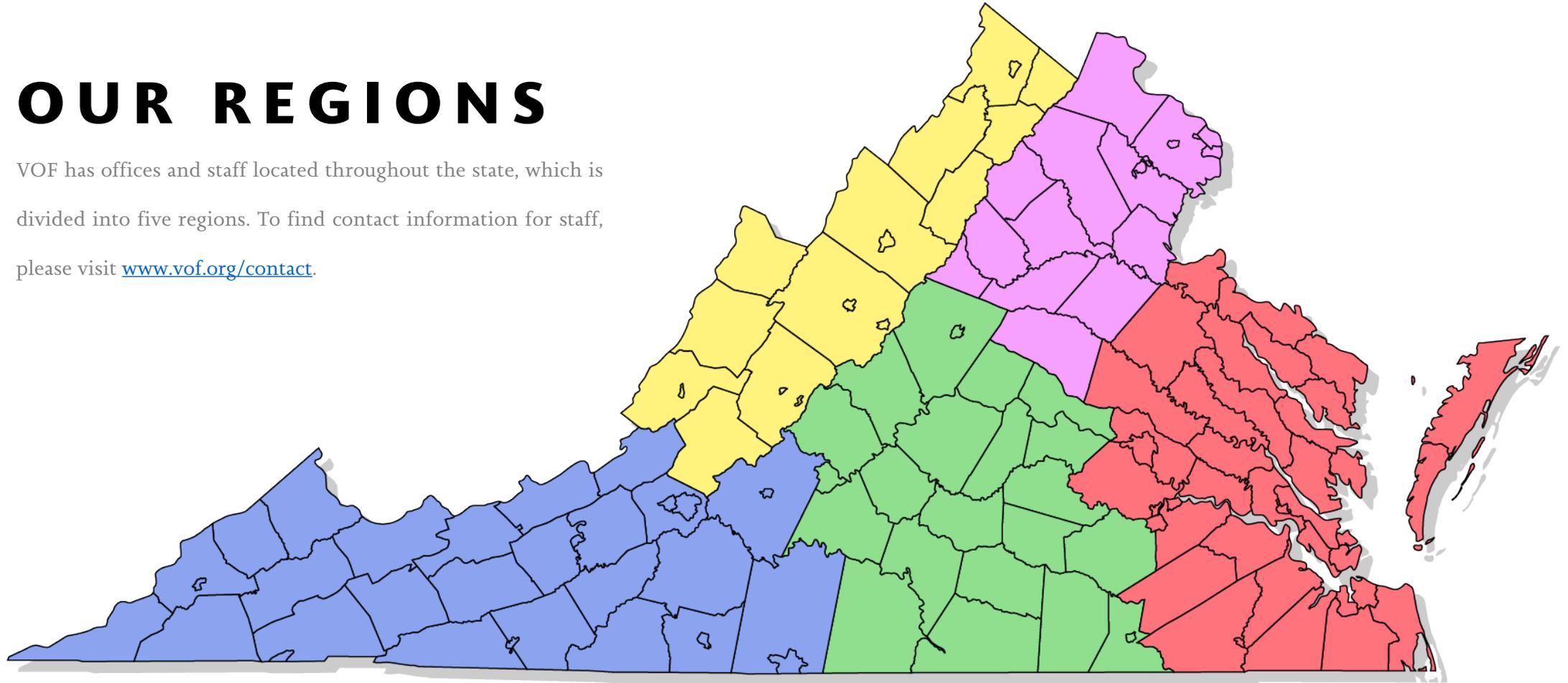
Landowners who wish to protect their land from future intensive development may grant open-space easements to VOF in perpetuity. VOF is one of the largest easement holders in the nation, with more than 4,000 properties protected across the Commonwealth, many of them working farms and forests.

LAND ACQUISITION

VOF serves an important role for the Commonwealth by accepting gifts of land for public benefit, as well as by assisting other state agencies in acquiring properties to be used as state parks, wildlife management areas, and preserves. VOF itself owns and manages approximately 5,000 acres of open-space reserves.

OUR REGIONS

VOF has offices and staff located throughout the state, which is divided into five regions. To find contact information for staff, please visit www.vof.org/contact.



■ Region 1 ■ Region 2 ■ Region 3 ■ Region 4 ■ Region 5



CONSERVATION FUNDING

GET OUTDOORS

Established in 2020, the Get Outdoors Fund provides flexible, adaptable grants for projects that increase access to safe open space for all Virginians.

PRESERVATION TRUST FUND

Established in 1997, the Open-Space Lands Preservation Trust Fund provides grants for acquisitions, easements, rights of way, and other methods of protecting open space for farming, forestry, recreation, wildlife, water quality, and more.

TERRA

Established by VOF to administer funds resulting from legal and regulatory actions involving Virginia's natural resources.

GRANT HIGHLIGHTS – REGION 1

Camp Under the Stars, Prince William County ▼

\$12,000 for an overnight summer camp serving the Washington, D.C. area that introduces kids to kayaking, nature walks, campfire cooking, and more.



Downtown Greens, City of Fredericksburg ▲

\$150,000 to acquire a 56-acre parcel for an urban gardening program that will provide accessible open space, an agricultural training center, and nature-based learning opportunities for all ages.

Defensores de la Cuenca, Fairfax County ▼

\$25,000 to engage Latino and Spanish-speaking communities in family-friendly activities in parks and green spaces in Northern Virginia.



GRANT HIGHLIGHTS - REGION 2

Riverwalk (Phase III), Rockingham County ▼

\$55,000 for the Town of Bridgewater's Riverwalk project, a shared-use pedestrian and bicycle path along the edge of the North River that will eventually span over two miles.



Big Spring Park Botetourt County ▼

\$57,000 for improvements to this downtown Fincastle park such as an outdoor classroom, historical interpretive signage, and a native fruit orchard and pollinator garden.



Weller Woods Learning Trail, City of Staunton ▲

\$25,000 for an outdoor learning and play area at Bessie Weller Elementary School. Improvements include a trail connecting a creek to "Investigation Stations" designed for nature-based learning.



GRANT HIGHLIGHTS - REGION 3

Historic Harvell Dam Area, City of Colonial Heights ▼

\$150,000 to the Capital Region Land

Conservancy for the acquisition of 0.88 acres that is critical to the development of the 25-mile-long Appomattox River Trail.



James River Park System, City of Richmond ▼

\$150,000 to the Capital Region Land

Conservancy to acquire a large undeveloped parcel on Dock Street in downtown Richmond that will be added to the James River Park System.



HRUA Farmer's Market, City of Newport News ▲

\$25,000 for a Farmers Market and Food Pharmacy on Saturdays that provides low-income families with fresh food options, as well as a Youth Urban Agriculture and Entrepreneur program.



GRANT HIGHLIGHTS - REGION 4

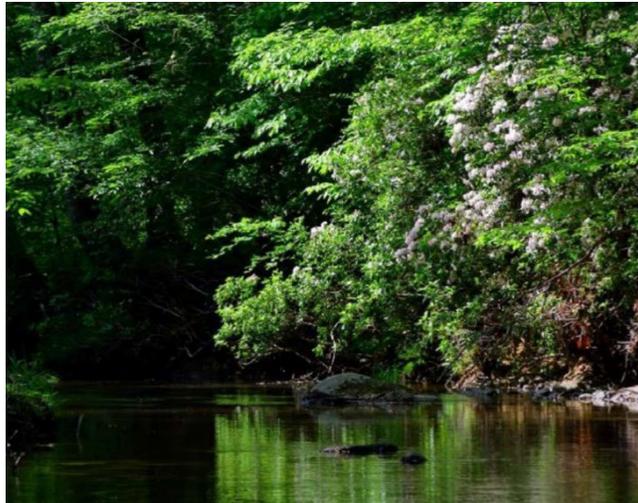
Ballenger Creek Nature Preserve, Fluvanna County ▼

\$67,550 to the Tadpole Land and Trail Conservancy for the development of trails and a parking area on 73 acres that will be open for public access.



Richard Bland College, Dinwiddie County ▼

\$15,000 to support outdoor learning opportunities and activities at a public college that serves many low-income students, first-generation students, female students, and students of color.



Bennett's Village, City of Charlottesville ▲

\$25,000 to support the design of a multi-generational, all-abilities playground that will include a tree house, sensory garden, cableway, water play area, and restroom pavilion.



GRANT HIGHLIGHTS - REGION 5

GALS Southwest, Montgomery County ▼

\$1,500 for Girls on Outdoor Adventure for Leadership and Science (GALS), a summer program for high school students to learn science while backpacking in the Virginia wilderness.



Reed Creek Blueway, Wythe County ▼

\$100,000 to help create two safe access points for the public to utilize Reed Creek and Miller Creek for free public recreation such as kayaking, fishing, wading, and tubing.

White's Mill, Washington County ▲

\$55,000 to support the purchase of land that will expand public access at one of few remaining operational watermills in Virginia.



Grantee	Project	Locality	Amount
Brunswick County	Lake Gaston	Brunswick County	\$150,000
Capital Region Land Conservancy	Campbell's Bridge Mills	Chesterfield County	\$150,000
Capital Region Land Conservancy	Historic Harvell Dam Area	City of Colonial Heights	\$150,000
Downtown Greens Inc	Downtown Greens Land Expansion Project	City of Fredericksburg	\$150,000
Fairfield Foundation	Preserving Historic Fairfield Property	Gloucester County	\$115,000
James City County Parks and Recreation	Grove Community Park	James City County	\$109,400
Meadowview Biological Research Station	Caroline Diamonds – The Oak Barrens at Barrel Springs	Caroline County	\$100,000
New River Land Trust	Brush Mountain Property	Montgomery County	\$100,000
New River Soil & Water Conservation District	New River Hill Park Project	Grayson County	\$125,000
Northern Virginia Conservation Trust	Accotink Floodplain and Trail Conservation Project	Fairfax County	\$63,656
Renew Richmond	Farmstrong Community Farm Development	Henrico County	\$150,000
Roanoke County Parks, Recreation and Tourism	Read Mountain Preserve, North Expansion	Roanoke County	\$150,000
Tadpole Land and Trail Conservancy	Ballenger Creek Nature Preserve	Fluvanna County	\$67,550
The Conservation Fund	Dock Street – James River Park System	City of Richmond	\$150,000
Town of Abingdon	Abingdon Skills and Pump Cycling Park Project	Washington County	\$125,000
Town of Bridgewater	Riverwalk, Phase III	Rockingham County	\$55,000
Town of Fincastle	Big Spring Park; An Historical Revival	Botetourt County	\$57,000
Town of Glade Spring	Glade Spring – Saltville Trail Extension	Washington County	\$100,000
Town of Independence	North Independence Park	Grayson County	\$65,000
Town of Saltville	Salt Trail Gateway Park	Smyth County	\$90,000
Town of Warrenton	Preserve Warrenton Horse Show Grounds Open Space	Fauquier County	\$100,000
White's Mill Foundation	White's Mill Phase II Public Access and Improvements	Washington County	\$55,000
Wythe County Parks and Recreation	The Reed Creek Blueway Initiative	Wythe County	\$100,000

FY22 PTF Grants

VOF awarded \$2,477,606 in grants from its Preservation Trust Fund to 23 projects in 20 different counties and cities during Fiscal Year 2022.

To learn more about VOF's Preservation Trust Fund, visit <https://vof.org/ptf>.

Grantee	Project	Locality	Amount
Africulture	Taste of Africa	Orange County	\$24,400
Afro American Historical Association of Fauquier County	The Morgantown School Project	Fauquier County	\$25,000
Albemarle County	Simpson Park Fitness Walking Trail	Albemarle County	\$25,000
Bennett's Village	Bennett's Village Treehouse at Pen Park	City of Charlottesville	\$25,000
Bessie Weller Elementary School	Weller Woods Learning Trail	City of Staunton	\$25,000
Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Neck	Outdoor Education and Public Recreation Space	Lancaster County	\$25,000
Calfee Community & Cultural Center, Inc.	Greene Natural Outdoor Playspace	Pulaski County	\$17,500
Camp Under the Stars, Inc.	Overnight Summer Camp	Prince William County	\$12,000
County of Pulaski, Virginia	Fairview Home Pocket Park	Pulaski County	\$25,000
Craig County Recreation and Conservation Association	Craig County Field of Dreams	Craig County	\$22,932
Dan River Basin Association	Historical Downtown Connection to Public Park	Henry County	\$25,000
Defensores de la Cuenca	Conectando con la Comunidad	Fairfax County	\$25,000
DuPont Elementary	Heart of Hopewell Wellness Loop	City of Hopewell	\$25,000
East Coast Greenway Alliance	Connecting Great Dismal Swamp Trail	City of Chesapeake	\$20,000
Enrichmond Foundation, TreeLab program	Trees for Community Health at Battery Park	City of Richmond	\$11,625
Essex County Museum & Historical Society	Essex Museum Outdoor Courtyard Project	Essex County	\$25,000
Friends and Family of Battlefield Park Road Cemetery	Battlefield Park Road Community Cemetery	Henrico County	\$6,000
Friends of New River Trail	Ivanhoe Birding Trail	Wythe County	\$20,000
Friends of Sons & Daughters of Ham Cemetery	Every Acre Counts	City of Richmond	\$25,000
Friends of the Lower Appomattox River	Invasive Plant Removal	Chesterfield County	\$7,500

FY22 GO Grants

VOF awarded \$799,457 in grants from its Get Outdoors Fund to 40 projects in 30 different counties and cities during Fiscal Year 2022.

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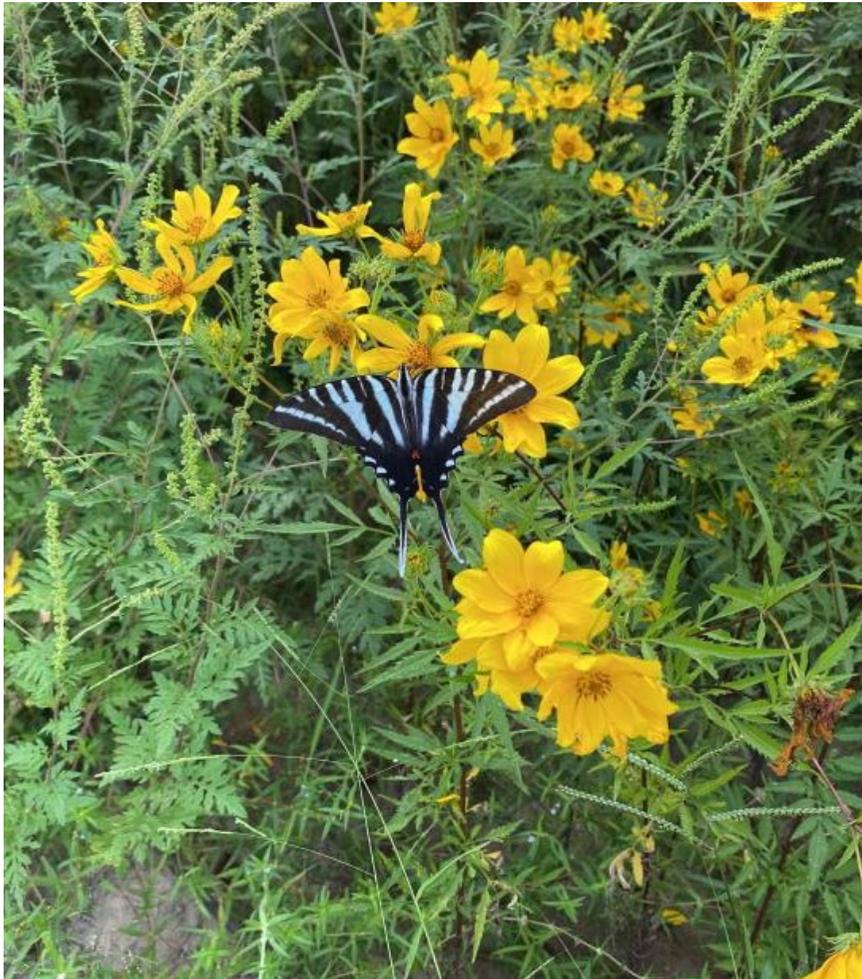
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GALS, Southwest Virginia	Girls on Outdoor Adventure for Leadership and Science	Montgomery County	\$1,500
Groundwork RVA	Cherae Farm and Community Space at Hillside Court	City of Richmond	\$17,500
Hampton Roads Urban Agriculture	HRUA Farmer's Market	City of Newport News	\$25,000
Historic Pocahontas, Inc.	Pocahontas Town Park and Trail Linkage	Tazewell County	\$25,000
Lambsburg School-Community Complex, Inc.	Lambsburg Community Center Walking Trail	Carroll County	\$15,229
Little Cities Foundation	Madison Heights Dog Park	Amherst County	\$25,000
Manchester Middle School	Lion's Community Cove	Chesterfield County	\$8,000
Patrick Henry High School	Outdoor Classroom Environment	Washington County	\$7,271
Pulaski County High School	Sensory Trail	Pulaski County	\$25,000
Renew Richmond	Farmstrong Community Farm	Henrico County	\$25,000
Richard Bland College	Richard Bland College Go Outdoors	Dinwiddie County	\$15,000
Save Historic Thoroughfare	Ethel Johnson House	Prince William County	\$25,000
Select Outdoor Storehouse, Inc.	Select Outdoor Storehouse	Essex County	\$25,000
Scottsville's Center for the Arts and the Natural Environment	SCAN Land	Albemarle County	\$25,000
Town of Belle Haven	Town of Belle Haven Park Beautification	Accomack County	\$25,000
Town of Clinchco	New Camp Road Pocket Park	Dickenson County	\$25,000
Town of Montross	Montross Downtown Park	Westmoreland County	\$25,000
Valley Conservation Council	Complete the Silver Lake Path	Rockingham County	\$3,000
Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation	Open Spaces, Open Doors, Open Minds	Fairfax County	\$15,000
Woodville Rosenwald School Foundation	Woodville School Greenspace Project	Gloucester County	\$25,000

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Zebra swallowtail and Jerusalem artichoke flowers from a 2021 VOF easement in King William County.

OPEN-SPACE EASEMENTS

Open-space easements are voluntary agreements between landowners and public bodies such as the Virginia Outdoors Foundation that permanently limit future development on land to protect conservation values such as water quality, scenic beauty, wildlife habitat and more for public benefit.

Most VOF easements are on working farms and forests, which contribute food and fiber to our communities and collectively represent Virginia's largest industry.

In Fiscal Year 2021, VOF protected approximately 12,200 acres of open space on new and amended easements in 31 localities.

FY22 EASEMENTS HIGHLIGHTS – REGION 1



Culpeper County

A 761-acre farm that was once home to Alexander Spotswood, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia from 1710 to 1722, and Edward Stettinius, Jr., Secretary of State during World War II.



Madison County

A 249-acre property near Shenandoah National Park that contains a segment of Quaker Run designated as a Stream Conservation Unit by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.



Fauquier County

A 149-acre property within the Crooked Run Valley Rural Historic District containing a portion of the Upperville Battlefield Study Area. The property is also visible from Sky Meadows State Park.

FY22 EASEMENTS HIGHLIGHTS – REGION 2



Bath County

A 79-acre property that borders George Washington National Forest and contains Little Back Creek, a native trout stream. Half of the property is designated as having an ecological core of outstanding integrity.



Rockbridge County

A 196-acre Virginia Century Farm operated by the fifth- and sixth-generation landowners that contains productive soils and high forest conservation value. The farm is in an area facing increasing development pressure.



Botetourt County

A 119-acre farm that lies on Craig Creek for over one mile and is across from the Craig Creek Recreation Area of the George Washington National Forest. The portion of Craig Creek running through the property qualifies for scenic designation.

FY22 EASEMENTS HIGHLIGHTS – REGION 3



Isle of Wight County

A 288-acre property that contains tidal frontage and wetlands on Jones Creek, a tributary of the James River. The property has been managed as a family farm since the mid-1800s and provides scenic views for boating public on Jones Creek.



Southampton County

Two easements on 714 acres containing a large working forest block with bald cypress and tupelo swamp areas. A portion of the easement is on the scenic-designated Nottoway River within a Rural Historic District.



Westmoreland County

A 662-acre property composed of working timberland and agricultural land that lies within the viewshed of the George Washington Birthplace National Monument and shares a boundary with Westmoreland State Park.

FY22 EASEMENTS HIGHLIGHTS – REGION 4



Cumberland County

A 904-acre Virginia Century Farm that is one of the last two dairies in Cumberland County. Managed by three generations of the same family, it has been awarded the Clean Water Farm Award and the Forage and Grassland Council's Award.



Nelson County

A 180-acre mountain property bounded by the Blue Ridge Parkway and National Forest land. It adjoins the Fork Mountain Overlook and is visible from the Bald Mountain Overlook and the Mine Bank Creek Trail head.



City of Lynchburg

A 42-acre property that has been used as a summer camp for children from the region since the 1950s. The camp is developing a new trail that will be open to the public under agreements with VOF and the Virginia Land Conservation Foundation.

FY22 EASEMENTS

HIGHLIGHTS – REGION 5



Smyth County

The 4.73-acre site of the former Konnarock Training School, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. A VOF grant is helping to restore the building to become the Blue Ridge Discovery Center for outdoor education and recreation.



Bland County

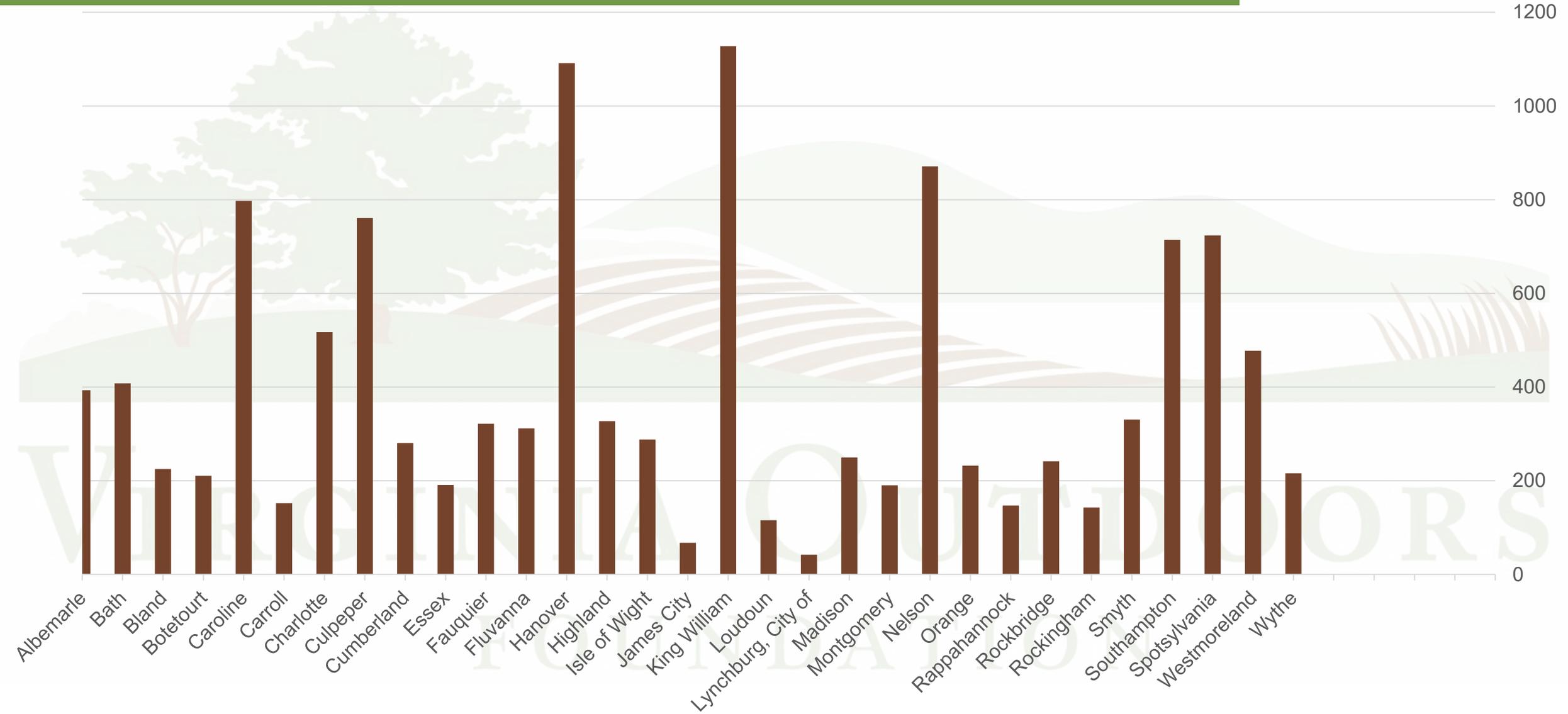
A 216-acre cattle farm with exceptional habitat conservation values, including a portion of the Rich Mountain Forest Conservation Site. The property is located along State Route 61, a Virginia Scenic Byway.



Montgomery County

A 204-acre property that is part of the Brush Mountain Park project, which consists of multi-use trails being developed by the county and Town of Blacksburg in partnership with New River Land Trust and others for public use.

FY22 EASEMENT ACRES BY COUNTY



OPEN-SPACE RESERVES

The Virginia Outdoors Foundation manages six open-space reserves across the Commonwealth: Bull Run Mountains in Prince William & Fauquier counties, House Mountain in Rockbridge County, Hayfields in Highland County, Rockfish in Nelson County, Kohls Island in Northumberland County, and Blue Ball Mountain in Clarke County. Together, these reserves protect about 5,000 acres of open space for future generations, much of which is accessible for hiking, wildlife watching, and scientific study. Learn more about each reserve at <https://www.vof.org/protect/reserves/>.



VOF's Bull Run Mountains Preserve in Fauquier & Prince William counties.

RESERVE HIGHLIGHTS



Partnerships

From a joint BioBlitz with Oak Spring Garden Foundation to hosting the Clifton Institute's Annual Dragonfly Count at the Bull Run Mountains Preserve, VOF strengthened its partnerships and forged new ones in 2021-2022. Partners we worked with throughout the year included the U.S. Geological Survey's Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, Goose Creek Association, Archeological Society of Virginia, Fauquier and Loudoun Garden Club, Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, NAACP Fauquier County Branch, and more.





RECREATION AT THE **RESERVES**

Growing House Mountain

VOF acquired additional acreage, improved public access, and updated signage at the 861-acre reserve in Rockbridge County, which is a favorite destination for hikers in the region, including student clubs at nearby universities.



Interpretive Hikes at Bull Run Mountains

VOF hosted dozens of hikes and programs for participants of all ages at the Bull Run Mountains Preserve exploring the area's natural and cultural resources.



Connecting Students & Nature

VOF's Bull Run Mountains Preserve continues to be a favorite release site for schools participating in Trout Unlimited's Trout in the Classroom program, in which students raise trout from eggs and release them into the wild while learning about coldwater ecology.

Fellowships

VOF hosts a fellowship program at our Bull Run Mountains Preserve. In FY22 the fellows contributed a wealth of research, from studying our diverse insect life to documenting former homesteads, historic cemeteries, and family genealogies.

CITIZEN SCIENCE



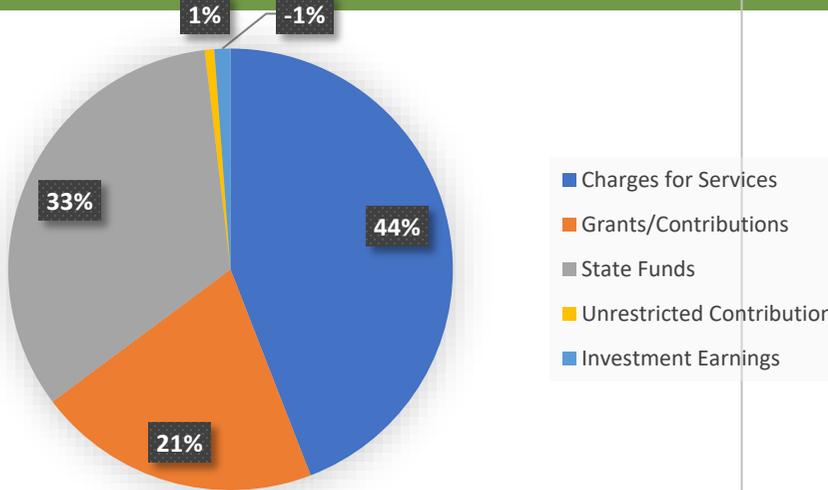
REVENUE SUMMARY

Charges for Services*	\$5,624,323
Grants/Contributions	\$2,631,742
State Funds	\$4,252,750
Unrestricted Contributions	\$87,276
Investment Earnings	(\$148,723)
TOTAL	\$12,447,368

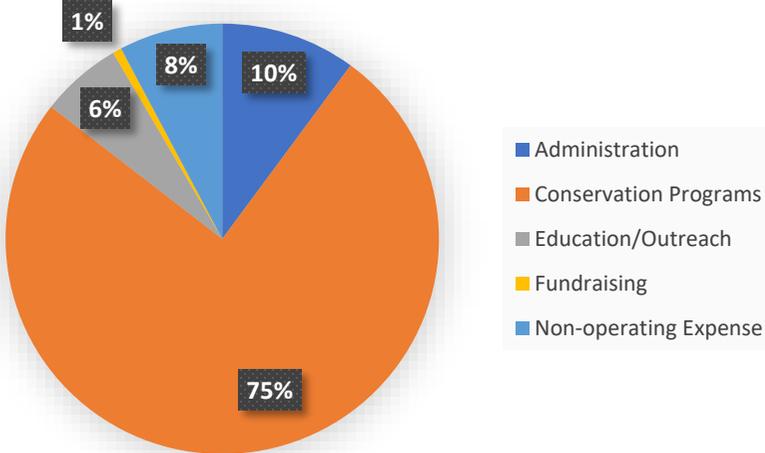
EXPENSE SUMMARY

Administration	\$845,386
Conservation Programs	\$6,317,606
Education/Outreach	\$510,291
Fundraising	\$55,529
Non-operating Expense	\$647,623
TOTAL	\$8,373,208

FINANCIALS



*Charges for Services include Land Preservation Tax Credit transfer fees (Va. Code § 58.1-513.C.2) and fees for open-space preservation (Va. Code 58.1-817).



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