



FISCAL YEAR 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Sun rising through a blanket of  
fog at a VOF-protected farm  
along the South Fork Shenandoah  
River in Page County.

# ABOUT US

The Virginia Outdoors Foundation (VOF) is Virginia's leader in land conservation, protecting more than 910,000 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.

View in the distance of House Mountain Reserve, owned and managed by VOF since 1989.



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During fiscal year 2024, the Virginia Outdoors Foundation conserved more than 7,500 acres of farmland, forestland, and other open space across 22 localities. VOF also provided more than \$4.85 million in grants to local governments, schools, nonprofits, tribes, and other organizations to protect open space and make the outdoors more accessible to Virginians throughout the Commonwealth. This report highlights some of the year's successes. Since 1966, VOF has worked with thousands of landowners, government agencies, and organizations to protect more than 910,000 acres of open space throughout the Commonwealth. Thank you for supporting this important work.

Brett Glymph, Executive Director



# OUR TOOLS

## 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 a national leader in land conservation, 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 nearly 4,000 acres of open-space reserves.

## 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.



A cattle farm in Washington County protected by a VOF easement.

# 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 2024, VOF protected approximately 7,500 acres of open space on new and amended easements in 22 localities.

# FY24 EASEMENTS

## WESTERN REGION HIGHLIGHTS



### Roanoke County

A 34-acre addition to Explore Park, a 1,200-acre recreation facility operated by the county. The park is located directly adjacent to the Blue Ridge Parkway and offers river access, 14 miles of hiking and biking trails, and a growing list of amenities.



### Bath County

A 152-acre property managed by the Boiling Springs Rod and Gun Club, Inc. The property borders T.M. Gathright Wildlife Management Area for roughly two miles and contains 5,000 feet of tributaries of Mill Creek, a native trout stream.



### Rockbridge County

A 109-acre cattle farm that contains habitat for a threatened plant, *Vitis rupestris*, and contains frontage on Irish Creek and South River. The property also crosses South River Road (SR 608), which is on U.S. Bicycle Route 76, part of the TransAmerica Trail.

# FY24 EASEMENTS

## CENTRAL REGION HIGHLIGHTS



### Louisa County

A 308-acre farm located in the Trevilian Station Battlefield Study Area designated by Virginia Department of Historic Resources. The easement helps to protect 1,200 feet of frontage on Nunn Creek.



### Charlotte County

This easement protects 600 acres at Red Hill Plantation, which was the home of Patrick Henry, the first post-Colonial Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The property contains cultural sites and trails that are open to the public.



### Halifax County

A 184-acre property that is listed in American Farmland Trust's Productivity, Versatility, and Resiliency study, part of their Farms Under Threat Project. The property contains the headwaters of Miry Creek, a tributary to the Dan River.

# FY24 EASEMENTS

## EASTERN REGION HIGHLIGHTS



### City of Petersburg

A 34-acre property that serves as a critical component of the planned 26-mile Appomattox River Trail being developed through public-private partnerships led by Friends of the Lower Appomattox River and others.



### Greensville County

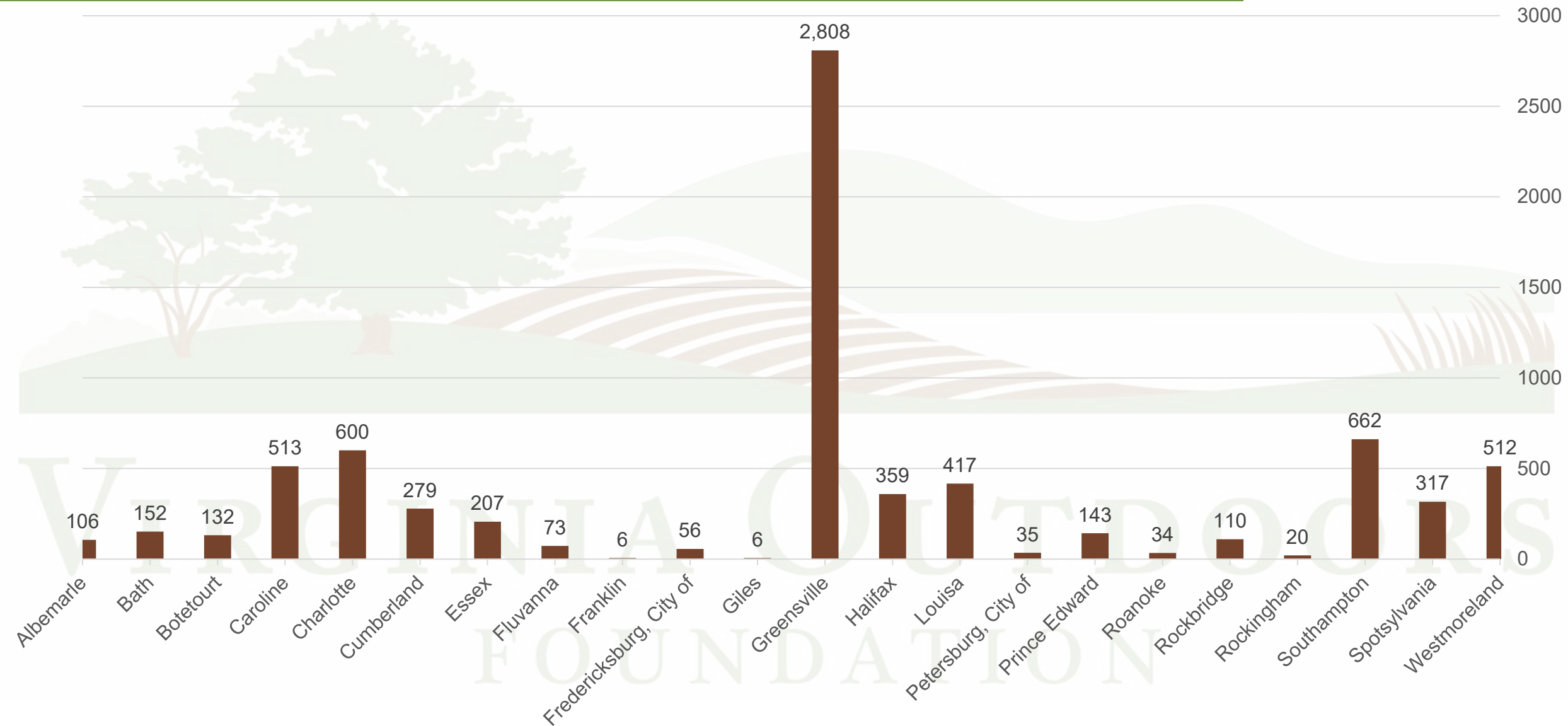
A 2,808 property of mostly forested land with 3,900 feet of frontage on the Meherrin River. The property contains habitat for threatened species, including Rafinesque's big-eared bats, eastern mudsnakes, and green floater mussels.



### Southampton County

A 273-acre property that has significant habitat for many bottomland plant and animal species and contains sections of the Nottoway River that have been designated as a state Scenic River and Blueway Trail.

# FY24 EASEMENT ACRES BY COUNTY





## PRESERVATION TRUST FUND

Established in 1997, the Open-Space Lands Preservation Trust Fund (PTF) provides grants for acquisitions, easements, 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.

## GET OUTDOORS FUND

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

## CONSERVATION FUNDING

# WESTERN REGION HIGHLIGHTS

## Tuttle Transformation, City of Salem ▼

\$200,000 to convert a residence and its surrounding greenspace into a downtown pocket park for persons of all ages and abilities.



## Mount Crawford Town Park Creation, Rockingham County ▼

\$303,000 to create the town's first public park with a sensory trail, playground, picnic shelter, bathroom, parking, native tree walk, and direct access to the North River.

## New River Hill Park Expansion, Grayson County ▲

\$145,500 to the New River Soil and Water Conservation District for the purchase of 65 acres along the New River for the development of a new sensory trail.



# CENTRAL REGION HIGHLIGHTS

## Shenandoah Trailblazers, City of Charlottesville ▼

\$23,750 for a pilot project coordinated by the Shenandoah National Park Trust and the City of Charlottesville to develop a more diverse network of young people interested in conservation.



## Freedom High School Prince William County ▼

\$25,000 to support an accessible outdoor learning space with tiered landscaping, a teaching garden, natural seating, a sensory trail, and more tools that facilitate teaching outdoors.

## Goochland Elementary Learning Park, Goochland County ▲

\$300,000 to transform a 1.3-acre grass field into a Learning Park with picnic areas for Goochland Elementary School students and the community.



# EASTERN REGION HIGHLIGHTS

## Stoney Run Park Trails, City of Newport News ▼

\$363,750 to facilitate the development of two miles of nature trails through city-owned property adjacent to a community park. The trails pass through wooded wetlands teeming with biodiversity.



## Patawomeck Tribe, Spotsylvania & Stafford Counties ▼

\$433,000 through two grants to assist the Patawomeck Indian Tribe of Virginia in acquiring nearly 900 acres along the Rappahannock River to protect natural and cultural resources.



## Virginia Community Voice, City of Richmond ▲

\$24,000 to engage community youth in the design of the new Broad Rock Creek Park, participating in creative activities that beautify the space through rock gardens, signs, and benches.



Grantee	Project	Locality	Amount
Town of Clifton Forge	Hazel Run Conservation Area	Alleghany County	\$140,000
City of Portsmouth	Maplewood Park Renovation	City of Portsmouth	\$376,247
City of Salem	Tuttle Transformation – Salem’s Downtown Park	City of Salem	\$200,000
Taylor and Robert Scott	Angola Farm	Cumberland County	\$275,000
William Lee Andrews	Andrews Home Farm	Essex County	\$200,000
HomeState Properties LLC	Homestate Properties LLC Open-Space Easement	Floyd County	\$149,250
Town of Boones Mill	Maurice Turner Recreation Area	Franklin County	\$50,327.92
Frederick County Parks and Recreation	Abrams Creek Trail Trailhead and Parking	Frederick County	\$206,668
Giles County	Site Purchase to Build McCoy Boat Landing	Giles County	\$20,000
Town of Narrows	Town of Narrows Mill Creek Park Expansion	Giles County	\$175,500
Goochland County Public Schools	Goochland Elementary School Learning Park	Goochland County	\$300,000
New River Soil & Water Conservation District	New River Hill Park Expansion & Sensory Trail	Grayson County	\$145,500
Michael and Kimberly Farson	Farson Farm Preservation	Halifax County	\$161,000
Chickahominy Indian Tribe	Chickahominy Indian Tribe – Land Repatriation	New Kent County	\$300,000
City of Newport News	Stoney Run Park Nature Trails	Newport News, City of	\$363,750
Town of Pulaski	Draper Mountain Trails	Pulaski County	\$90,500
Beatrice Goodbar Revocable Trust	Beatrice Goodbar Revocable Trust	Rockbridge County	\$252,300
Town of Mount Crawford	Mount Crawford Town Park Creation	Rockingham County	\$303,000
Town of Elkton	Elkton Downtown Park Phase II	Rockingham County	\$155,500
The Trust for Public Land	Patawomeck Preserve Land	Spotsylvania County	\$333,000
Patawomeck Indian Tribe of Virginia	Patawomeck Tribe Riverland	Stafford County	\$100,000
Northern Virginia Conservation Trust	Tank Creek Access Protection Project	Stafford County	\$110,653
Town of Pound	Pine Mountain C&O Trail Campsites	Wise County	\$40,900

# FY24 PTF Grants

VOF awarded \$4,449,096 in grants from its Preservation Trust Fund to 23 projects in 20 different localities during Fiscal Year 2024.

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

Grantee	Project	Locality	Amount
Alleghany Highlands YMCA	The Alleghany Highlands YMCA All Access Trail	Alleghany County	\$15,000
Town of Grundy	Town of Grundy Access Ramp	Buchanan County	\$15,000
Come to the Altar Ministry, Inc.	CTTAM Community Grows Garden	Campbell County	\$22,500
Shenandoah National Park Trust	Shenandoah Trailblazers- Charlottesville	City of Charlottesville	\$23,750
Petersburg Is Growing	Petersburg Area Summer S.T.R.E.A.A.M.M. Experience	City of Petersburg	\$24,000
Renew Richmond	Farm Infrastructure and Capacity Building	City of Richmond	\$22,000
Virginia Community Voice	Youth Engagement in Designing a New Richmond Park	City of Richmond	\$24,000
Town of Haysi	Handicap River Access and Recreational Area	Dickenson County	\$25,000
Flat Ridge Community Center	Flat Ridge Community Center Hoops and Loop	Grayson County	\$25,000
Bluebird Gap Farm	ATTA Farm Project (Accessible Trails To All)	Hampton, City of	\$14,000
Community Gear Library	Community Gear Library Lending Program	Harrisonburg, City of	\$15,000
King and Queen County	Outdoor Classroom and Community Building	King and Queen County	\$25,000
Henry County	MHC YMCA Bike Barn Inventory Replacement	Martinsville, City of	\$25,000
Chickahominy Indian Tribe- Eastern Division	CIT-ED Nature Trail	New Kent County	\$20,000
The Mariners’ Museum and Park	Expanding Nature-Based Enrichment for Students	Newport News, City of	\$20,000
Freedom High School	Freedom High School: Taking Kids Outdoors (TKO)	Prince William County	\$25,000
The Humble Hustle Co	Humble Hikes Getaways	Roanoke, City of	\$16,000
Jessica Ann Moore Foundation	Complete Building a Pavilion	Sussex County	\$25,000
Front Royal Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee (ESAC)	Outdoor Fitness Station – Burrell Brooks Park, Front Royal	Warren County	\$23,594.50

# FY24 GO Grants

VOF awarded \$404,845 in grants from its Get Outdoors Fund to 19 projects in 18 different localities during Fiscal Year 2024.

To learn more about VOF’s Get Outdoors Fund, visit <https://vof.org/go>.

# OPEN-SPACE RESERVES

The Virginia Outdoors Foundation manages four open-space reserves across the Commonwealth: Bull Run Mountains in Prince William & Fauquier counties, House Mountain in Rockbridge County, Kohls Island in Northumberland County, and Blue Ball Mountain in Clarke County. Together, these reserves protect about 3,500 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 Kohls Island Reserve in  
Northumberland County.

# RESERVE HIGHLIGHTS



## News & Partnerships

- VOF hosted numerous outreach and educational activities at the Bull Run Mountains Natural Area Preserve in Northern Virginia. Our partnerships include the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, Prince William County Public Schools, Prince William Wildflower Society, Northern Virginia Hiking Club, Prince William County's Office of Historic Preservation, Old Rag Chapter of Virginia Master Naturalists, Afro-American Historical Association of Fauquier County, Oak Spring Garden Foundation, Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, and Trout Unlimited, among others.
- VOF closed the sale of a donated 57-acre parcel in Fauquier County that produced proceeds of \$1.7 million that has been allocated to support work at the nearby Bull Run Mountains Natural Area Preserve. The parcel was gifted to VOF in August 2021 from the Gerard B. Lambert Foundation and is protected by a VOF easement.
- VOF added to House Mountain Reserve with the acquisition of a 7.77-acre parcel adjoining Little House Mountain, which was made possible by a Forest Core Fund grant.

## REVENUE SUMMARY

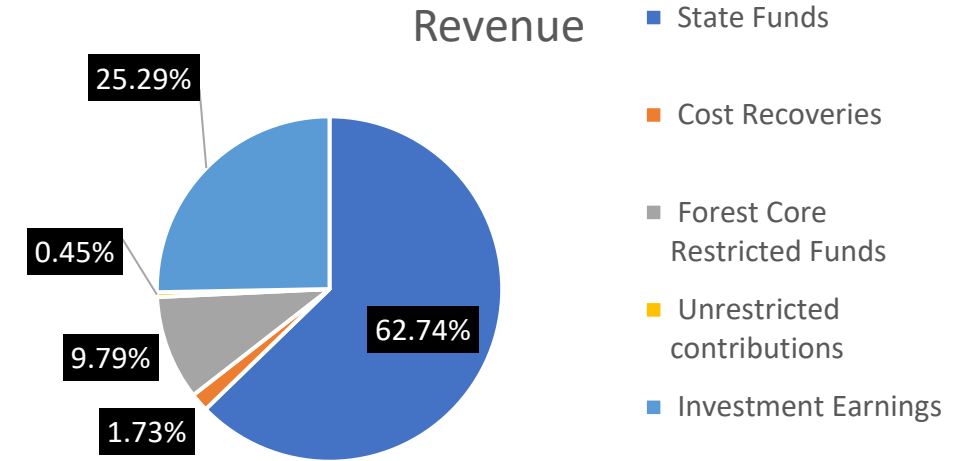
State Funds (\$4M for Preservation Trust Fund)	\$8,702,868
Cost Recoveries	\$240,205
Forest Core Restricted Funds	\$1,357,500
Unrestricted Contributions	\$62,042
Investment Earnings	\$3,508,537
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,871,152</b>

## EXPENSE SUMMARY

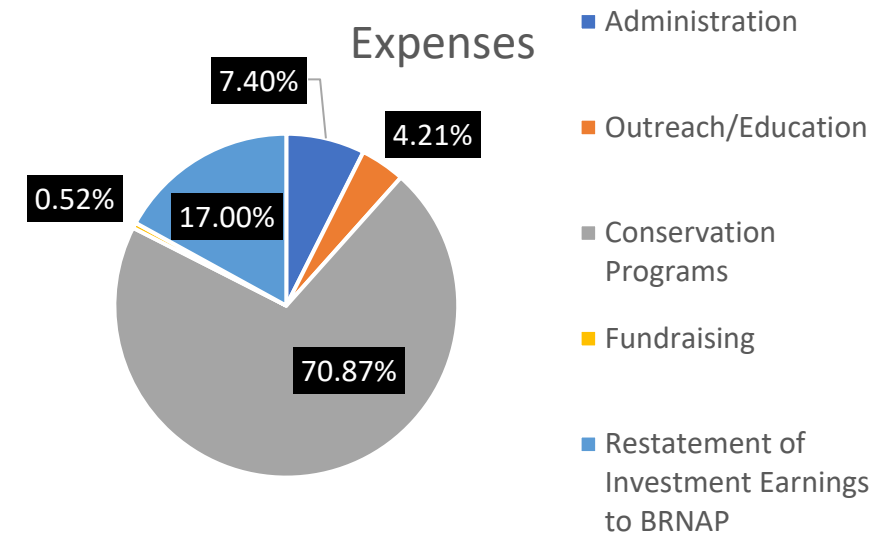
Administration	\$765,503
Outreach/Education	\$435,505
Conservation Programs	\$7,331,255
Fundraising	\$53,344
Restatement of Investment Earnings to BRNAP	\$1,758,888
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,344,495</b>

# FINANCIALS

## Revenue



## Expenses



# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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