



The rich biodiversity of Mt. Pleasant nourishes our community. This year *we connected more than 41,000 people to nature*, through programs in our county and beyond. With your support, our 232 acres are thriving, serving as a respite for people and wildlife.



2022 HIGHLIGHTS



Our 5 miles of trails came alive with more than 150 programs, including butterfly and bird hikes, a pollinator festival and a night hike in search of nocturnal creatures. Our first ever story walk took families on a hike to follow *Little Owl's Day*. Look for another story walk in 2023!

Our Youth Climate Institute grew across the county and state!

In May, we celebrated 46 student ambassadors who together completed more than 1,800 hours of climate programming, planted 120 trees and hosted 10 community programs. This fall, the Youth Climate Institute grew to five chapters across the state – doubling the number of students!



"Mt. Pleasant is an oasis for wildlife and biodiversity in the county. At the Conservancy, it's not just about the land, it's also about the people."

Kevin, Howard County Bird Club member



PHOTO: KEVIN J. HEFFERNAN

Biodiversity soared! sixty-eight butterfly species have been documented on our grounds—the most of any location in Howard County. Naturalists were thrilled to spot zebra swallowtails who depend on our native pawpaw trees. Birders were happy too when a rare Western Kingbird stopped by our grounds—a first in the county.

“Teaching young children to respect and take care of the earth is so beneficial to the community, and their futures.”
Susie
Preschool parent



We celebrated our first full year of nature preschool with our little naturalists! Equipped with nets, scales, shovels and magnifying glasses, students explore meadows, streams and forests throughout the seasons. We were thrilled to receive an award from the county for opening the nature preschool and serving our community during the height of the pandemic.

Conservation branched out with a new, innovative land preservation program. Through this program and others, *we will reach 2,000 acres preserved countywide in 2023!*



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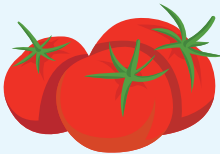
398
Native plants planted



15,768
Students connected to nature



1,147
Field trip volunteer hours



4,106
Pounds of produce donated



531
Teachers trained



209
Bird species spotted

Join us in 2023 to explore our trails, enjoy a program and see your donation at work! Your support helps biodiversity thrive and people flourish, on our 232 acres and across the community.



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connecting people to nature