At our nature centers, in the community and at our preschool, more than 40,000 people of all ages were connected to nature this year.

2023 HIGHLIGHTS

The Conservancy sparked curiosity about the natural world with field trips for thousands of elementary school students. Naturalists helped students discover wildlife, from the tiniest native bee to hefty beavers.

Nearly 8,000 middle and high school students investigated science and nature with field trips, watershed surveys and tree plantings. Our innovative Youth Climate Institute (YCI) has grown to 26 chapters nationwide.

The Conservancy’s 232 acres were for centuries an Indigenous hunting ground, then a farmstead and now a green oasis for people and wildlife. This year, we unveiled the Bob and Janine Grossman Amphitheater, a vernal pool and composting toilet along our trails. And we dove deep into our history and centered justice, diversity, equity and inclusion in our work.
The Conservancy is a direct link to nature, with 32 public programs that pointed the way toward a closer relationship with the land, including bird walks, a pollinator festival, concerts and book talks.

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We’re committed to boosting biodiversity on our acres and preserving environmentally sensitive land across the county. An Elkridge church recently added its 62 acres to our conservation program, pushing the amount of county land preserved by the Conservancy to more than 2,000 acres.

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Janssen, board member, at ceremony commemorating conservation easement milestone.

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Susie, preschool parent

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7,141 Volunteer hours caring for the Conservancy

210 Bird species spotted

4,000+ Pounds of produce donated

380 Native trees and shrubs planted

200 Pounds of honey

83,484 Hours of nature programming

4,000+ Pounds of produce donated

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