



Howard  
County  
Conservancy  
*connecting people to nature*

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.*



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## 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



*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 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.*



PHOTO: EMILY CALKINS

**"YCI introduced to me the 'why' of why we're learning about environmental stewardship in these courses."**

James, YCI student ambassador

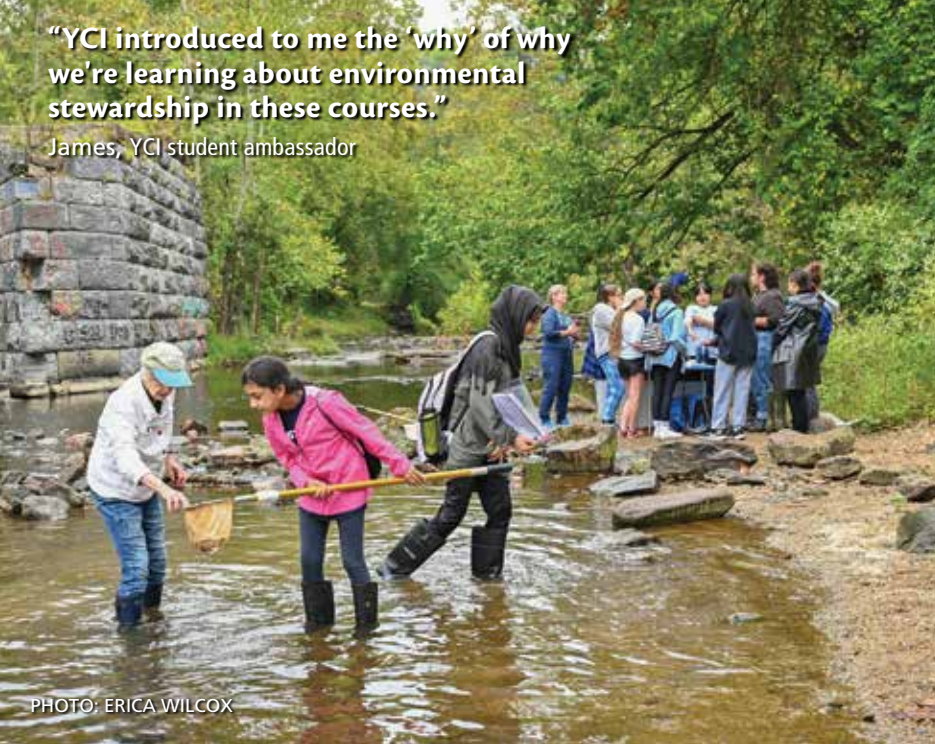


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Nearly 8,000 middle and high school students investigated science and nature with field trips, watershed surveys and tree plantings.

*Our innovative Youth Climate Institute (YCI) has grown to 26 chapters nationwide.*





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*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.*

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.*

**"In this place, may future generations learn a bit about the sacredness of wild places, May they remember the art of listening to the Earth."**

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

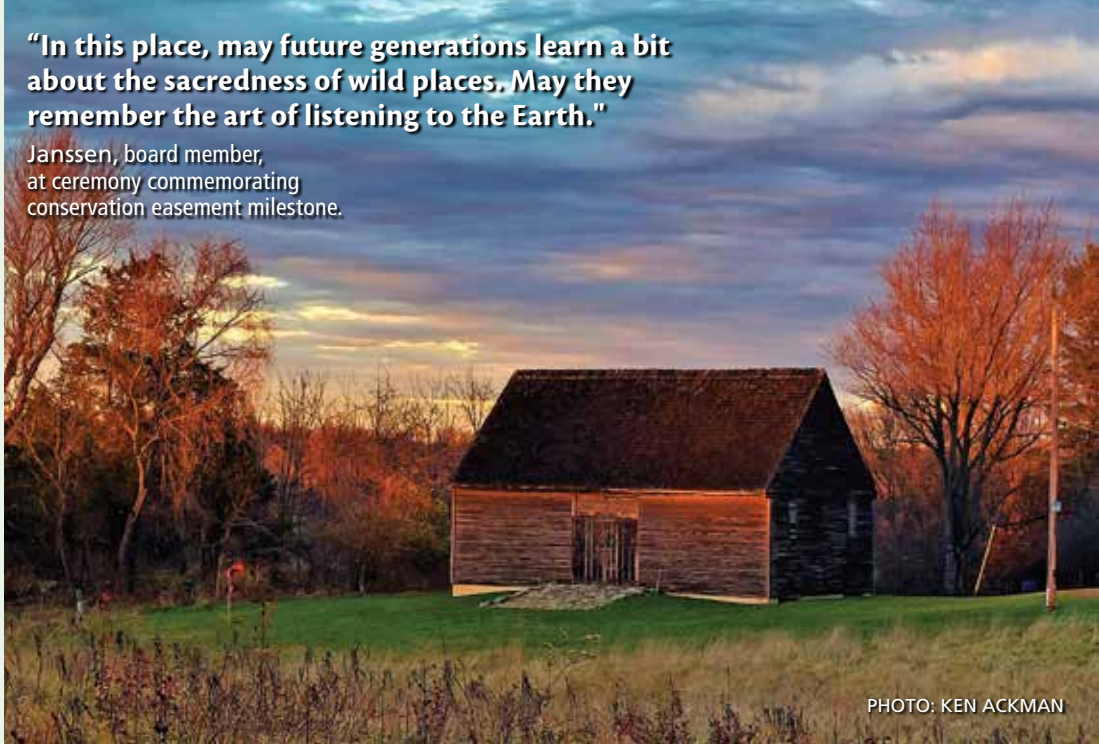


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**4,000+**

**Pounds of produce donated**

**210**

**Bird species spotted**

**380**

**Native trees and shrubs planted**



**7,141**

**Volunteer hours caring for the Conservancy**

**83,484**

**Hours of nature programming**

**200**

**Pounds of honey**



PHOTO: RICHELLE WARNER

Your support allows the Conservancy to keep our nature centers open for discovery and our programs growing nationwide. As poet Mary Oliver said, *"the world offers itself to your imagination."* In 2024, help us imagine a greener future.



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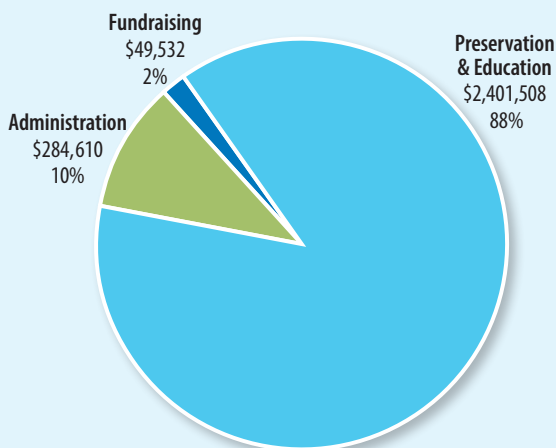
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