



New Jersey Conservation  
FOUNDATION

# PEOPLE POWER

CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERS



## ABOUT THE COVER

Michael Pavarini's captivating image shows the waterfalls at the Apshaw Preserve in West Milford Township, Passaic County. Michael was an intern at NJ Conservation for more than a year. He supported our land acquisition and stewardship staff with GIS mapping assistance, project management and photography. Michael visited our preserves, capturing them at their very best during each season. Michael is currently a project scientist with Tetra Tech in Portland, Oregon.



## MISSION

New Jersey Conservation Foundation is a private, nonprofit organization whose mission is to preserve land and natural resources throughout New Jersey for the benefit of all.

Through acquisition and stewardship, we protect strategic lands from the Highlands to the Pine Barrens to the Delaware Bayshore. We promote strong land conservation policies at the local, state and federal levels, forge partnerships to achieve conservation goals, and provide support and technical assistance to partner groups. Since 1960, we have helped protect more than 125,000 acres of natural areas, farms, parks and water resources.



# FROM NEW JERSEY CONSERVATION FOUNDATION'S LEADERSHIP

## Dear members and friends,

Probably like you, our earliest memories are of playing in the woods, splashing in streams, and finding fascination with frogs and other wildlife. As board president and executive director, we turned this fascination into a passion for preserving the environment.

And we are not alone!

Talented, diverse volunteers from all over the state are joining in to keep New Jersey wild – and green.

We salute volunteers in this annual report for the many services they so generously provide, while they expand and further New Jersey Conservation Foundation's mission.

Volunteers do a bit of everything. They help design trail systems and build and make the trails. They research New Jersey's rare animals and plants. They help organize events like the annual New Jersey Land Conservation Conference. They encourage their neighbors to support more urban green spaces. They plant native species and remove invasives. They assist with office work and social media. They watch over preserves and keep them clean.

While volunteers generously give their time which the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics values at \$26.70 per hour – they also pursue interests and develop personal pride and satisfaction.

Enjoy the profiles of just a few of these many wonderful volunteers in the next few pages.

And please enjoy reading about conservation successes in 2015. Thanks to the support of you and our members, this was one of NJ Conservation's best years for land preservation, with 45 transactions and over 2,800 acres of open space and farmland preserved throughout the Garden State. We won some battles like the Palisades. And we helped conservation partners through the Franklin Parker Conservation Excellence Grants Program. New Jersey is blessed with many fine conservation groups!

Every time you walk in the woods, drink clean water, or eat "Jersey Fresh," know that New Jersey Conservation Foundation volunteers, staff and partner organizations helped make it happen.



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A young woman with blonde hair tied back, wearing colorful safety glasses, a blue zip-up jacket over a grey t-shirt, and green work gloves. She is smiling and holding a large, patterned snake (likely a timber rattlesnake) with both hands. She is standing in a field of dry grass and dirt. In the background, the legs and boots of other people are visible, and a blue tarp is on the right.

# PEOPLE POWER

CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERS





In the field and office, New Jersey Conservation Foundation relies on the energies and talents of volunteers each year to help preserve land for the benefit of all. With over 25,000 acres of land to manage throughout New Jersey and thousands more being saved every year, passionate volunteers help make programs, policy, fundraising, and administrative tasks successful. Since our founding 55 years ago, volunteers have brought new insights and enthusiasm, and served as ambassadors for our state's human and natural communities.

Not many people can capture a rattlesnake, but Victoria Tagliaferro can.

In 2015, Victoria conducted surveys of threatened and endangered animals as a volunteer with New Jersey Conservation Foundation. As a certified handler of venomous snakes, Victoria was a perfect fit when we needed help in determining the population of pine snakes, corn snakes and timber rattlesnakes at the 4,000-acre Candace McKee Ashmun Preserve in the Forked River Mountains.

For weeks, Victoria found and captured wild snakes and brought them to a wildlife expert for the implantation of an electronic tracking device. Once fitted with the tracking device, the snakes were released back to the wild. Now, we will be able to use a tracker to discover their hibernation dens, their habitat range, and help ensure their protection and safety.

"It's an amazing opportunity," said Victoria, who just earned an associate's degree from Ocean County College and will enter Stockton University in the fall. "I plan to keep doing this for years to come."

In the field or behind a computer, volunteers help save land and wildlife. They lead hikes, remove invasive plants, and help with event planning and record-keeping. They maintain trails so visitors can enjoy access to nature and the outdoors, study rare animals and plants to increase our knowledge of how to protect them, and reach out to members and supporters to make new connections.

"We're incredibly lucky to have volunteers with a wide range of interests and talents," said Michele S. Byers, executive director. "They allow us to accomplish so much more than we could with staff alone."

Volunteers take on special projects, such as building an online map of hiking trails throughout New Jersey. Steve Krakauer did the research, Larry Garinello made the initial map, and Ron Wass maintains it.

**Victoria Tagliaferro carefully handles a Northern pine snake, a threatened species in New Jersey. By assisting with research, Victoria and other volunteers help us learn how to better protect these gentle animals and their habitat.**

Teams of volunteers can help make an already successful event even more spectacular. For the annual New Jersey Land Conservation Rally, volunteers helped enrich the event by running a video-journal of conservation stories, and promoting the event on social media.

Other volunteers help from home like graphic designer Carolann Clark, who created logos for our Land Trust Network Program, Step Into Nature, Coffee & Conservation programs.

"I am amazed at the passion and willingness of people who want to help protect the environment in New Jersey," added Laura Szwak, who coordinates the volunteer program.

While the benefits of these donated talents greatly help conservation and New Jersey's land, our volunteer friends find the experience rewarding too. Jack Sapoch of Hopewell, a 2015 Babbott Fund intern said, "As my freshman year at Bates College began to wind down, I wanted to push myself out of my established zone of comfort. During my summer internship with NJ Conservation, I got to see more of New Jersey than I previously knew existed and have come to appreciate what a beautiful state I live in. I returned to school with a deeper appreciation for that beauty, as well as a better understanding of the threats to it."

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**CALVIN HUI** from Branchburg spent the summer after his freshman year at Boston University volunteering in NJ Conservation's communications department, assisting with press releases and helping to strengthen social media.

"There's a very important aspect of the NJ Conservation environment: how unified everyone is," he said. "It was as if everyone in the office were friends working toward a common cause, rather than simply coworkers. I loved that, and I hope that never changes."







# PEOPLE POWER



## John and Rosanne Bornholdt

Rosanne and John Bornholdt of Southampton Township are “regulars” at the Franklin Parker Preserve, where they conduct plant research and enjoy the quiet, serene beauty of the Pine Barrens.

John and Rosanne Bornholdt aren’t trained scientists, but they’re in the thick of scientific research into the plants and animals of the Franklin Parker Preserve in the heart of the Pine Barrens.

Early mornings or late afternoons, they can be found documenting plants growing in a former “borrow pit” excavated decades ago when the preserve was a cranberry and blueberry farm. At night, Rosanne can be found conducting moth studies.

“If you’re intellectually curious, this is a great way to scratch that,” said John, 88, who with his wife was introduced to botany through the Pinelands Plant Course co-sponsored by New Jersey Conservation Foundation.

“We used to hike 12 miles a day, but we can’t do that anymore,” added Rosanne, 75. “These studies, they get us out. And we get to help an organization we really believe in.”

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## Peg and Liam Hanna

**Liam Hanna and his mother, Peg, volunteered to help out at the 2015 Tour de Open Space, where they were assigned to direct bicyclists on the route past the historic Green Sergeant's Covered Bridge in Hunterdon County.**

Peg Hanna's family home is surrounded by preserved properties in the Wickecheoke Creek Preserve. She walks the preserve's borders, picks up litter and helps out at events like the Tour de Open Space bicycling event.

Her son Liam first became interested in land conservation when he was president of his middle school Environmental Congress. Since then, they both became volunteer land stewards with NJ Conservation. He shoots aerial photography and produces photo slideshows on the region. His favorite project, however, is building and installing bird houses on the preserve to attract bluebirds, kestrels and screech owls. "We've had bluebirds using the houses pretty much every year," he said.

Liam just graduated from Hunterdon Central High School and is headed to Lehigh University, so his volunteer service is winding down. But Peg is hopeful that his younger brother, Luke — a rising sophomore and avid hiker — will be the next volunteer steward in the family.





## PEOPLE POWER



### Brandi T. Johnson

When not hiking mountaintops, Brandi Johnson volunteers during her spare time to help NJ Conservation Foundation staff connect to park supporters in the Camden community.

Brandi T. Johnson, Associate Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club of Camden County, enjoys gathering together community members to talk about local green space. Since she is so good at coordinating community meetings, she volunteers her time to help Olivia Glenn, NJ Conservation's Regional Manager, connect with local people and partners who want to support parks in the community.

"Because my office is in walking distance of the areas NJ Conservation has been working on, I've made an even deeper personal connection with green spaces," she said. "Having those spaces available is important, especially for children." Brandi encourages hands-on involvement and provides youth volunteers for the Gateway Park Management Plan at the East Camden and Parkside Clubhouses.

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## David and Justin Lee

Father and son David and Justin Lee share a strong interest in reptiles and amphibians, and volunteered to help out at a “snake dig” to monitor the health of snakes ready to emerge from their underground winter dens in the Pine Barrens.

David and Justin Lee are father and son regulars at the Franklin Parker Preserve. Since the age of 3, Justin has had a strong interest in reptiles and amphibians. David encouraged that interest when Justin was a pre-teen by signing both of them up to help NJ Conservation with tracking and monitoring snakes.

“We’ve lived in New Jersey for a long time, but it was just in the last five years we were able to appreciate ‘our own backyard’ through Justin and his passions,” said David.

“We meet a lot of folks from many organizations throughout the year,” said Justin, 17, “and we really trust and respect NJ Conservation’s longtime expertise and genuine, passionate staff.” In the fall, Justin will enroll at the University of Maryland and intern at the Smithsonian in hopes of majoring in biology and continuing to expand his herpetology expertise.





## PEOPLE POWER



### Brandon Rivera

**Brandon Rivera's love of the outdoors, especially Cooper River Park in Camden, led him to volunteer to help the environment through recycling and maintaining rain gardens.**

Brandon Rivera, an 18-year-old student at UrbanPromise Academy in Camden, helps his community recycle and helps maintain urban rain gardens.

"Every time I hear 'New Jersey Conservation Foundation', I think of it as a chance to rebuild and conserve the preservation of things we hold dear to us."

Brandon started volunteering with NJ Conservation when UrbanPromise Academy helped promote community access to the tidal Cooper River. "The Cooper River is my favorite park because there is so much to do there now, like jogging or boating."

Brandon and his classmates have grown more aware of the natural environment and how they can help care for it. Brandon expressed, "We must show the community that the effects one person has on the environment amplifies when others do the same."

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## Emily Palumbo

**Using a hand-held GPS device, Emily Palumbo mapped the Dorothy Preserve in Atlantic County as the first step in designing a new trail system.**

Emily Palumbo is helping the Dorothy Preserve in Atlantic County live up to its potential. To get the most out of the 337-acre preserve, which includes unusual Pine Barrens savanna habitat and an impressive stand of Atlantic white cedar, its current trail needs expansion. Thanks to Emily the preserve will be more fully enjoyed by visitors.

During her senior year at Stockton University, Emily worked with New Jersey Conservation Foundation land steward Bill Scullion. "We mapped all the existing trails, then we designed a whole new trail system," explained Emily, who now works as an environmental educator in Pennsylvania.

Using Emily's design, Bill will create the new trail network and a kiosk to hold copies of Emily's ecological guide.





## PEOPLE POWER



### Adam Page Taylor

**Adam Page Taylor went from concerts to conservation, leaving a career in the music industry to enroll in a master's degree program in sustainable studies. His internship gave him an opportunity to learn many facets of public policy, land preservation and stewardship.**

Adam Page Taylor of Somerville spent his 20s producing rock concerts. After 15 years in the music industry, Adam enrolled at Ramapo College for a master's degree in Sustainability Studies. He learned of NJ Conservation while searching for organizations whose mission and thinking matched his own.

Throughout last winter and spring, Adam sampled a variety of experiences: Helping with the NJ Land Conservation Rally, preparing fact sheets on the impact of pipelines in New Jersey, learning about damage caused by off-road vehicles, blazing trails on preserves, and much more.

"My time at the New Jersey Conservation Foundation is something I will always be thankful for," said Adam. "The experience provided me a strong foundation as I continue on my new career path. It has strengthened my belief that this new path is the one I should be on."

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## INTERN POWER

Left to right: Interns Felysse Goldman, Jess Knierim, Laura Szwak (Intern Supervisor), Catherine Dillon, and Steven Dondoro

When New Jersey Conservation Foundation saves land, it saves it forever. Conservation leaders of tomorrow will be entrusted with the task of protecting New Jersey's environment, its air and water, natural and historic resources, long after the current generation is gone.

Felysse Goldman of Denville, a 2015 Rutgers University graduate and 2015 Langdon Palmer Scholarship recipient, is one such future leader. "I worked on the annual NJ Land Conservation Rally, an amazing experience. Whether it was creating posts for social media or working with the Planning Committee, I was able to use existing skills and learn new ones," she said. "I never realized how hard the land conservation community works to preserve the landscape in New Jersey."

"We need a knowledgeable work force to care for that land in perpetuity," said Laura Szwak, Director of Education and Outreach. "Interns are an investment in ensuring the land's conservation permanence."

Kasey Smith, who recently graduated from Lehigh University's Environmental Policy Design master program said: "Studying a subject is one thing, but seeing people working toward the causes you also respect is another, and a very valuable one."

Myeong-Kyoo Cheong came from South Korea to study for his master's degree at Princeton University and serve a year-long internship at NJ Conservation. While here, he researched the federal Affordable Care Act to determine ways New Jersey Conservation can work with hospitals to promote healthy lifestyles. "I learned a lot about government policy involving land conservation," he said.

Ali Hipple of Stockton was a senior at St. Lawrence University when she became the first Babbott intern, a fund established at the Conservation Foundation to honor Edward F. Babbott who served on our board for 44 years. "I had many wonderful opportunities to really experience how land conservation and environmental concerns are handled at nonprofit, local, and state levels" said Ali, who has since been hired by the Trust for Public Land in Washington D.C. The Babbott internship was created to cultivate and train young leaders in the field of land conservation.

**If you would like to help a future conservation leader, please consider supporting the Babbott Fund. For more information, contact Laura Szwak at [laura@njconservation.org](mailto:laura@njconservation.org) or 908-997-0720.**

### EDWARD F. BABBOTT INTERNSHIP

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PROJECTS: Municipal Open Space Land Trust Interviews  
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PROJECTS: PennEast Pipeline: Photography ■ NJ Land Conservation Rally ■ General Conservation Assistance & Stewardship

**KASEY SMITH | SPRING 2016 | LEHIGH UNIVERSITY**

PROJECTS: NJ Land Conservation Rally ■ Blueprint Mapping

**ADAM TAYLOR | SPRING 2016 | RAMAPO COLLEGE**

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PROJECTS: NJ Land Conservation Rally ■ General Conservation Assistance

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PROJECTS: NJ Land Conservation Rally ■ Franklin Parker Grant Program: History & Research

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## PEOPLE POWER



### Dr. Laura Shappell

**Wildflowers are among nature's summer gems, and Laura Shappell was happy to share her knowledge about them with the public during NJ Conservation-sponsored wildflower walks in the summer of 2015.**

Dr. Laura Shappell, a research scientist with the New York Natural Heritage Program, earned her PhD in Ecology & Evolution at Rutgers University. And though she has left the Garden State, she enjoys visiting in the summer and leads wildflower walks for New Jersey Conservation Foundation's "Step Into Nature" program.

"Laura has an incredible knack for creating a sense of wonder in people," said Bill Lynch, Events Coordinator and Laura's classmate at Rutgers, "It helps our guests enjoy the program and take home some really important and interesting information."

"Creating connections between people and the environment is a vital part of preservation," Laura said of New Jersey Conservation's work. "These programs are a wonderful opportunity for people to learn more about the plants and animals that reside in their home state."

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## Penelope Ayers

**When it comes to putting on a party for a cause, nobody does it better than Penelope Ayers. She chaired the Field & Fashion fundraisers and knows from years of experience how to create a memorable event and draw a crowd.**

Penelope Ayers is a natural leader and brings years of experience to New Jersey Conservation Foundation's Board of Trustees. Along with her colleagues – all of whom donate their time – she helps make crucial decisions on what lands to acquire, what public policy positions to take and how to raise funds to support the mission.

Penelope is especially invigorated by chairing NJ Conservation's fundraising galas. "I enjoy the challenge," she said, "It's always exciting to see the event unfold and people having a good time."

Penelope not only puts on a great party for a cause but she also produces videos to illustrate preservation projects. "She's a dynamo," said Ken Klipstein II, board president. "She loves land conservation, she loves the mission and she knows exactly how her time and talent can help with that."

### Don't see your name? Let us know!

Those who donated in 2016 will be included in next year's annual report, so stay tuned!

Share your thoughts and questions with Kathleen Ward, Director of Development and Communications, at [Kathleen@njconservation.org](mailto:Kathleen@njconservation.org)





# PEOPLE POWER



## Jackie Strigl

**Jackie Strigl was a natural to volunteer for NJ Conservation Foundation. She loves to hike, and her Hunterdon County home is surrounded by preserved land traversed by trails in the Wickecheoke Creek Preserve.**

Jackie Strigl of Delaware Township packs garden clippers and loppers when she hikes in the woody trails of the Wickecheoke Creek Preserve. She'll snip a shoot of multiflora rose here or a branch of autumn olive there to clear trails for other hikers.

"It's not at all a chore for me because it's what I like to do," says Jackie, who is part of a team of volunteer land stewards in western Hunterdon County who keep an eye out for illegal dumping and fallen trail signs.

Jackie began volunteering for New Jersey Conservation Foundation shortly after moving to her house on 31 preserved acres 11 years ago. Jackie cares for about two miles of trails, most of them on NJ Conservation preserved lands adjoining her home.

"The trails we have on the Wickecheoke are so peaceful and serene. You're not far from civilization, but you feel very connected with nature," she said.

## CAMPAIGN *For* CONSERVATION

**YOUR LAND, YOUR WATER, YOUR FOOD, YOUR FUTURE**

**For 55 years the New Jersey Conservation Foundation has been dedicated to strategically and steadfastly conserving New Jersey's special places. But there is much more to do! That's why we launched the Campaign for Conservation: Your Land, Your Water, Your Food, Your Future in November 2015 to secure \$30 million in private and public funds to preserve key properties throughout New Jersey.**

**Already we have raised \$9,202,360 million in private funds from 245 donors and organizations and \$19.3 million in public funds. And already we have saved 3,472 acres in 12 signature properties across New Jersey.**

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## GAINING GROUND

# More than 2,800 acres preserved throughout

### Burlington County

#### A.R. DE MARCO

2 acres, Woodland Township

This expanded the Franklin Parker Preserve to include an additional section of the Batona Trail, a 53-mile hiking path through the Pine Barrens. Garfield DeMarco, whose former cranberry farm makes up the 11,000+-acre preserve, donated the two acres.

#### RANCOCAS CONSERVANCY

227 acres, Tabernacle Township

We jointly preserved the Friendship Creek Preserve with the Rancocas Conservancy in 2007, and in 2015 transferred our interest in the property to the Conservancy. This Pine Barrens preserve includes hiking trails, pristine forests and the headwaters of the Friendship Creek, a Rancocas Creek tributary.

#### ZEMEL NORTH

474 acres, Woodland Township

This purchase significantly expanded the Franklin Parker Preserve, increasing recreation opportunities while protecting water resources and wildlife habitat. Funding partners include the NJ DEP Green Acres Program, William Penn Foundation, Open Space Institute, Helen & William Mazer Foundation, NJ Pinelands Commission and a lead gift from donor Nora Hayes.

### Cumberland County

#### CROSS 3 AND 4

134 acres, Hopewell Township

The Cross properties are part of the 507-acre Rabbit Hill Farm, which was divided into nine parcels for ease of preservation and estate planning purposes. Wheat,

spelt, soybeans, potatoes and sod are grown on the farm, which is composed entirely of prime soils. We assisted Cumberland County with the project.

#### GILSON

104 acres, Lawrence Township

We assisted Cumberland County with the preservation of this plant nursery. The land is composed of 100 percent prime and statewide important soils.

#### OVERSTREET & CHIARI

81.5 acres, Upper Deerfield Township

We assisted Cumberland County with the preservation of this farm, which grows nursery plants and field crops. It is contiguous to other preserved farms and is composed of 100 percent prime soils.

#### ROORK FARM

78 acres, Hopewell Township

We assisted Cumberland County in preserving this family farm, where field crops like corn, wheat and soybeans are grown. The farm is located in the township's Dutch Neck section, a mosaic of farms and marshes within a wide bend of the Cohansey River. In addition to the county, preservation partners included the State Agriculture Development Committee, William Penn Foundation and Open Space Institute.

#### SOUTH JERSEY LAND & WATER TRUST 1

48 acres, City of Vineland

This mostly wooded property, which borders Vineland High School and several residential communities, was donated to South Jersey Land & Water Trust with our assistance.

### WATSON FARM

67 acres, Hopewell Township

Like the Roork farm, the Watson farm is located within the Dutch Neck agricultural area. Preservation partners included Cumberland County, the State Agriculture Development Committee, William Penn Foundation and Open Space Institute.

### Gloucester County

#### MAPLE RIDGE

110 acres, Mantua and Deptford Townships

Gloucester County's first state park was established last fall with the preservation of the former Maple Ridge golf course property, traversed by the Mantua Creek. Our staff served as advisors and provided technical support to a citizens group, the Friends of Maple Ridge, from the inception of grassroots preservation efforts in 2008 to the final purchase in 2015.

### Hunterdon County

#### DAVINO

25 acres, Raritan Township

This wooded property is surrounded by preserved open space and farmland, and will provide for the extension of an existing trail system. It is traversed by a headwaters stream of the Wickecheoke Creek, an important water supply source. Partners included Raritan Township, Hunterdon County, NJ DEP Green Acres Program and NJ Water Supply Authority.

#### FOUR SEASONS

50 acres, Lebanon Township

We purchased a portion of the former Four Seasons Outdoor Center property, adjacent





# the state in 2015

to the Ken Lockwood Gorge Wildlife Management Area and the Columbia Trail. The wooded hillside property protects the South Branch of the Raritan River, a renowned trout fishing spot and critical water supply source. Partners included NJ DEP Green Acres Program, Hunterdon County, Raritan Headwaters Association, Hunterdon Land Trust, NJ Water Supply Authority and the Leavens Foundation.

## KANGAS

45 acres, Raritan Township

We helped Raritan Township preserve this forested property, which is traversed by the Plum Brook. The property adjoins existing preserved lands and will be used for hiking, picnicking and nature study. In addition to the township, preservation partners included Hunterdon County, the NJ DEP Green Acres Program, D&R Greenway Land Trust and NJ Water Supply Authority.

## JEFFREY

42 acres, Tewksbury Township

We helped the Tewksbury Land Trust preserve this property near the historic villages of Cokesbury and Mountainville. It contains significant forest and grassland habitat, and a tributary of the pristine, trout-producing Rockaway Creek. Hiking, picnicking and nature observation opportunities are planned.

## PRALL HOUSE

Historic house and .5 acres, Stockton Borough

In 2005, we purchased the John Prall house, a circa 1795 stone structure, to ensure its preservation along with the surrounding land. Last year, we transferred the Prall

House to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection for inclusion into the Prallsville Mills complex at the Delaware & Raritan Canal State Park. We will continue to maintain an office in the building and retain five acres for trails and wildlife habitat.

## YARD FARM

33 acres, Delaware Township

This farm, in the same family for generations, adds to a green belt of thousands of acres of preserved farmland and open space in the Wickecheoke Creek region. Partners included Hunterdon County, the State Agriculture Development Committee, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Delaware Township.

## Mercer County

### ESTATE OF LINDA BLACK

22 acres, Hamilton Township

We assisted the township in preserving the former Linda Black property, which is adjacent to other preserved open space and will be used for agriculture and recreation. It included farm fields and woodlands that buffer a residential neighborhood. Mercer County contributed funding to the project.

### BLUMENTHAL

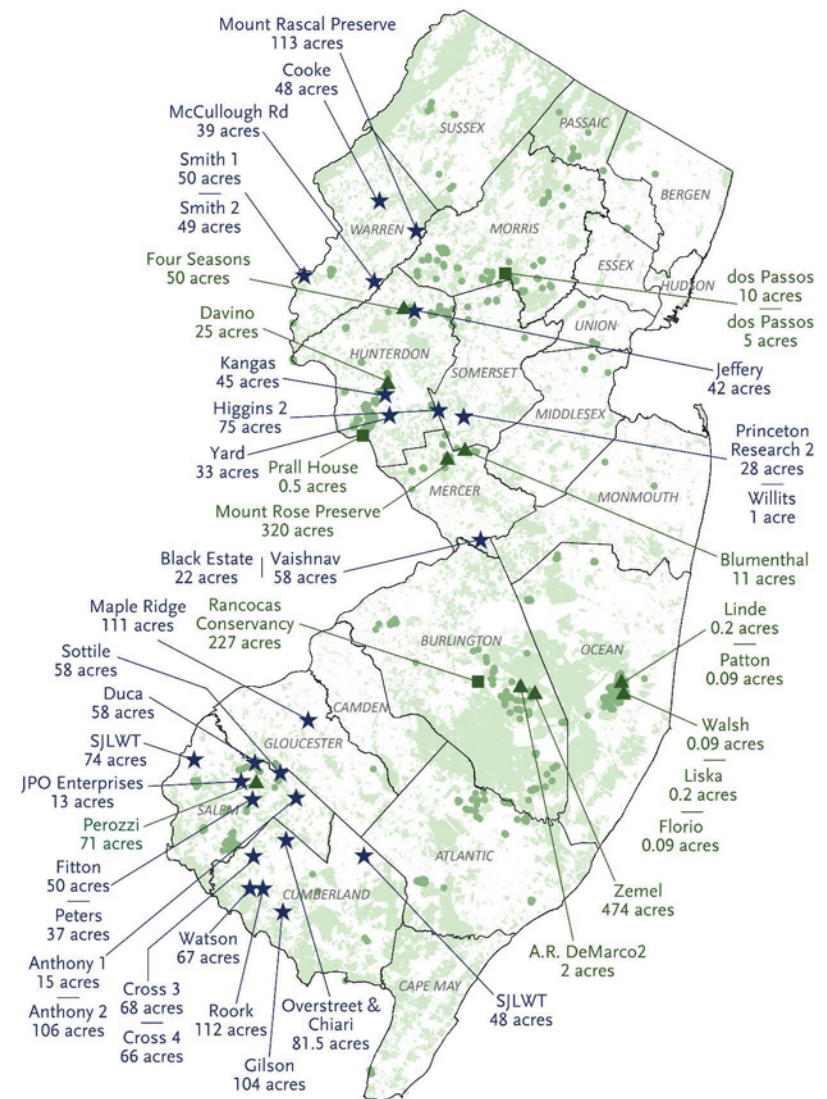
11 acres, Princeton

This wooded property, home to a diversity of songbirds and native plants, was donated by Barbara and Michael Blumenthal to ensure that it remains in its natural state. The donation adds to a growing list of preserved lands in the environmentally-sensitive Princeton Ridge area.

## 45 Projects in 2015

▲ NJ Conservation Foundation Owned: (Fee or Easement)	953.67 acres
★ Preserved in Partnership:	1,671.50 acres
■ NJ Conservation Foundation Land Transfers to Other Entities:	242.50 acres
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>2,867.67 acres</b>

- NJ Conservation Foundation Owned & Managed Properties (Fee or Easement)
- Preserved Land (Open Space & Farmland)







## GAINING GROUND

continued

### MOUNT ROSE PRESERVE

320 acres, Hopewell Township

We helped lead this massive public-private effort to preserve 320 acres of a 1950s-era corporate campus and create a new public park. A developer had proposed to build 800,000 square feet of commercial space, which would have added nearly 4,000 vehicles per day to rural Carter Road. The new Mount Rose Preserve will include a section of the Lawrence-Hopewell Trail. Key project funders included Hopewell Valley Citizens Group, Mercer County, Hopewell Township, Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space, Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association, and Hopewell and Pennington Boroughs. Other partners included Friends of Princeton Open Space, D&R Greenway Land Trust, and Lawrence Township.

### VAISHNAV

58 acres, Hamilton Township

We helped Hamilton Township preserve this property which includes significant woodlands and wetlands. It is next to preserved farmland and open space and will be used for passive recreation such as hiking, bird-watching and nature observation.

### Ocean County

FLORIO, LINDE, LISKA, PATTON AND WALSH PROPERTIES

0.67 acres, Lacey Township

The donations of five small, undeveloped parcels expand our nearly 4,000-acre Candace McKee Ashmun Preserve at Forked River Mountain, located in the Pine Barrens. These small donations are part of a long-term plan to consolidate the preserve.

### Morris County

DOS PASSOS

10 and 5 acres, Mendham Township

These properties near the Morristown National Historic Park were part of a larger

estate donated in the 1980s by the late Cyril dos Passos, a noted butterfly expert, and his wife. At the time, we preserved most of the land as public open space. Last year, we fulfilled the dos Passos' intent by selling the two remaining parcels, both with private residences, a main house and a cottage

### Salem County

ANTHONY 1

15 acres, Elmer Borough

We assisted Elmer Borough in acquiring this property to expand its Little League recreational complex. We played an early but pivotal role in bringing preservation partners together and devising a funding strategy. In addition to the borough, partners included the NJ DEP Green Acres Program, Salem County and the South Jersey Land & Water Trust.

ANTHONY 2

106 acres, Upper Pittsgrove Township

We helped preserve this farm, bringing Upper Pittsgrove Township closer to its goal of permanently protecting 10,000 agricultural acres. Preservation partners included the State Agriculture Development Committee, Salem County, Upper Pittsgrove Township and the South Jersey Land & Water Trust.

DUCA

58 acres, Pilesgrove Township

We assisted in the preservation of this property, which was once proposed for 38 homes but now is part of the state's Harrisonville Lake Wildlife Management Area. Our involvement began in 2008 when we opposed development plans. We later worked with the South Jersey Land & Water Trust to advance a NJ DEP Green Acres application.

FITTON AND PETERS FARMS

87 acres, Pilesgrove Township

We assisted Pilesgrove Township and Salem County with the preservation of adjacent

50-acre and 37-acre farms. They contain the headwaters of the Alloway Creek, are composed of the highest quality soils, and are surrounded by other preserved farmland.

### JPO ENTERPRISES

13 acres, Woodstown Borough

We assisted Woodstown Borough in acquiring this property, which will be used to expand the municipal park system. The property is contiguous to an existing park, Marvin L. Watson Park, and consists of fields and woods.

### PEROZZI

71 acres, Pilesgrove Township

We helped the owner of a horse farm keep her dreams alive after a series of setbacks. Lisa Perozzi sold the development rights to us, permanently protecting the farmland while gaining capital to make improvements. Funding came from the State Agriculture Development Committee and U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service.

### SOTTILE

58 acres, Upper Pittsgrove Township

We assisted Upper Pittsgrove Township in purchasing the development rights on this farm, which includes cultivated fields planted in corn and woodlands that protect the Kettle Run, a tributary of Oldman's Creek. Funding came from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service.

### SOUTH JERSEY LAND & WATER TRUST 2

74 acres, Carneys Point

This wooded property is bordered by horse pastures and agricultural fields, and was donated to the South Jersey Land & Water Trust. We assisted in the early stages of the preservation project.



## Somerset County

### HIGGINS 2

75 acres, Hillsborough Township

We assisted Somerset County in preserving this land in the Sourland Mountains, which will become part of a new nature preserve. We secured an option on the land and transferred it to the county, which completed the purchase.

### PRINCETON RESEARCH 2 AND WILLITS

29 acres, Montgomery Township

We assisted Somerset County in preserving these properties, which expand the county's Sourland Mountain Park, to over 6,000 acres. As with the Higgins property,

we secured purchase options and transferred them to the county.

## Warren County

### COOKE

48 acres, Hope and Frelinghuysen Townships

We helped Warren County preserve "Shaley Hill Farm," where corn and hay are grown, and sheep and beef cattle have been raised. In addition to Warren County, preservation partners included the State Agriculture Development Committee and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service.



## 2015 LAND PRESERVATION FUNDING PARTNERS

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(Cumberland County)

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NJ DEP Green Acres Program

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Raritan Township

Salem County

State Agriculture Development  
Committee

Upper Pittsgrove Township

USDA Natural Resources  
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Warren County

### MCCULLOUGH ROAD PROPERTY

39 acres, Washington Township

We assisted Warren County in preserving this working farm, which is exceptional for its rich soils and natural resource value. It's located near the Musconetcong River, a pristine Delaware River tributary and an important drinking water source. Funding came from the county and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service.

### MOUNT RASCAL PRESERVE

113 acres, Independence Township and  
Town of Hackettstown

The Mount Rascal Preserve expanded significantly with the preservation of lands that included the summit of Mount Rascal, a section of the historic Morris Canal, and part of the watershed of the Bowers

Above: Fly-fishing at the Ken Lockwood Gorge  
in Hunterdon County

Brook, a headwater tributary of the Musconetcong River. The new lands increase recreation opportunities and protect water quality. Partners included the NJ DEP Green Acres Program, Warren County, the Open Space Institute and William Penn Foundation.

### SMITH

99 acres, Harmony Township

We assisted in the early stages of preserving this farm, which grows field crops. Warren County and Harmony Township purchased the development rights on the farm, ensuring it will stay available for agriculture forever.





## POLICY HIGHLIGHTS

# Policy Team Priorities in 2015 – Wins and Losses



## FIRST THE WINS

### HARMFUL RULES BLOCKED

In the summer of 2015, the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) proposed rule changes that, according to the DEP, would streamline state regulations, but in reality, would weaken hard-fought water protections.

New Jersey Conservation Foundation lobbied hard with partner groups to oppose the rule changes. Fortunately, the Legislature was receptive. And early this year, the Legislature passed a resolution declaring the massive rule revisions inconsistent with the “legislative intent” of current laws. It was a rare but very appropriate example of legislators using legislative intent to stop an agency from adopting harmful regulations. Their action sent the rules back to the DEP for reconsideration.

### FEDERAL PRESERVATION FUNDING RENEWED

Good news came out of Washington in December 2015 when Congress temporarily reauthorized the Land & Water Conservation Fund, the nation’s federal funding source for parks and land

preservation. The 50-year-old program expired in September 2015, but Congress’s action kept it alive for three years and allowed time to secure a permanent renewal.

In New Jersey, over \$340 million from this fund has established or expanded our state’s national wildlife refuges, national recreation areas and national historic parks, as well as hundreds of county and local parks. It has also protected forested watershed lands in the Highlands and Pine Barrens. The Land & Water Conservation Fund is funded through off-shore drilling royalties.

In another welcome move in 2015, Congress made permanent an enhanced federal tax incentive for donating conservation easements on land. These voluntary easements have conserved millions of acres of conservation land all over the nation.

### A VICTORY FOR THE PALISADES

In June 2015, the Hudson River Palisades were celebrated when LG Electronics and NJ Conservation, along with several key partner groups, reached a “win-win” settlement to prevent a high-rise development that would have forever altered the view of the iconic Palisades cliffs. LG agreed to a lower-profile design that protects this national treasure.



## NOW THE LOSSES

### PIPELINE PROLIFERATION AT THE EXPENSE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY

Among the worst setbacks for New Jersey’s environment were multiple pipeline proposals, including PennEast, Southern Reliability Link, South Jersey Gas and Pilgrim. The proposals were launched without comprehensive planning, demonstration of public need, or full alternatives analysis; and they threaten preserved open space and farmland, water supplies, historic landscapes and communities.

In response, we and our partners established ReThink Energy NJ, a campaign to inform the public and decision-makers on the need for a rapid transition to clean, renewable and efficient energy to protect New Jersey’s land, water and communities.

But the state’s 2015 Energy Master Plan Update was a step backward. Instead of steering New Jersey toward increased use of clean, renewable energy sources like solar and wind, the plan pushes the state toward increased reliance on fossil fuels, particularly natural gas which has severe consequences for climate change.



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Another disappointment was the failure of the Legislature to pass a bill to gradually increase the percentage of New Jersey's energy that comes from renewable sources, to 80 percent by 2050. The bill has been reintroduced in the 2016-17 legislative session.

#### SETBACKS FOR THE PINELANDS

In 2015, the Legislature passed a bill that undermines protections for the environmentally-sensitive Pine Barrens by allowing farms, including some that have been preserved, to be used for non-agricultural commercial activities. While the governor improved the bill slightly, it remains bad public policy and compromises the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan that has safeguarded this unique region for decades.

#### ...AND FOR PRESERVED FARMLAND

Another setback occurred with the passage of a second agriculture-related bill, this one allowing the state to issue permits for more non-agricultural activities on preserved farmland statewide. Such activities include bed and breakfasts, bakeries, snow plowing operations, woodworking shops, tractor repair shops and veterinary practices. While the bill impacts only certain farms preserved before 2006, there appears to be an emerging trend to allow more non-agricultural commercial uses on preserved farmland.

#### SIX FLAGS SOLAR PLAN

We filed a lawsuit challenging plans by Great Adventure to clear-cut 90 acres of forest immediately abutting the Pinelands National Reserve for a large solar installation. The company has since scaled down the proposal to 70 acres of forest but refuses to site the solar installation over its massive parking lots. The Pine Barrens forest provides critical habitat for animals and plants of the Pine Barrens, and protects the headwaters of the Toms River, which feeds the Barnegat Bay, as well as Crosswicks Creek, which flows into the Delaware River.



Above: On the 20th Annual Jones Hike, policy staff member, Amy Hansen, shows hikers the impact a proposed pipeline would have on preserved land.

## ONGOING ISSUES

#### FORESTRY ON PUBLIC LANDS

In 2015, several forestry projects involving commercial timbering were proposed for public lands in the Highlands, without adequate surveys and consideration of rare forest interior plants or endangered animal nesting sites. To properly manage our healthiest, most intact public forestlands, we need State-level comprehensive plans based on sound ecological science and publicly-supported conservation goals.

#### OPEN SPACE FUNDING BILL

Throughout 2015, we lobbied for legislation to implement the 2014 voter-approved constitutional amendment to fund the preservation of open space, farmland and historic sites. This legislation was passed in a bipartisan display of support for preservation funding by the Legislature. Unfortunately, Governor Christie failed to act on the bill by the end of the session, using the "pocket veto" to stop the bill.

In 2016, thanks to the thousands of New Jersey residents who called, emailed and lobbied decision makers, the legislature and the Governor agreed on a compromise bill that is a tremendous victory for preservation. The final bill that was signed into law only slightly modifies the bill initially passed by the legislature to include a specific allocation to protect flood prone properties through the Blue Acres program.





## FRANKLIN PARKER CONSERVATION EXCELLENCE GRANTS

The Franklin Parker Conservation Excellence Grants provide funding for nonprofit conservation organizations working in New Jersey. The grants are designed to enhance proficiency in land conservation, develop long-term viable programs, and support creative, innovative projects that can serve as models for other communities and projects. Since its inception in 2006, the Franklin Parker Conservation Excellence Grants Program, previously administered by Conservation Resources Inc., has awarded more than \$732,466 for 219 nonprofit conservation projects throughout the Garden State.

Funding for the grants is provided by Victoria Foundation and Mary Reinhart Stackhouse Foundation.

# 2015 Grant Awards

## The Sourland Conservancy \$4,000

### PROMOTES SOURLAND STEWARDSHIP THROUGH VOLUNTEER TRAINING

The Conservancy mobilized a network of volunteer land stewards in the Sourlands region and created a variety of resource tools, including, “stewardshops” with hands-on training to train volunteers in best practices of taking care of natural lands in the Sourlands region.

## D&R Greenway Land Trust \$2,660

### CREATES MOSAIC MEADOW

D&R Greenway Land Trust created a native wildflower meadow on their St. Michaels preserve in Hopewell to benefit native shrubs and pollinators.

## Great Swamp Watershed Association \$500

### INITIATES ACCREDITATION

The GSWA is applying for accreditation from the Land Trust Alliance and will develop policies, organize records and conduct other activities to prepare for the rigorous process.

## Saddler’s Woods Conservation Association \$4,000

### REMOVES INVASIVE SPECIES IN STORM DAMAGED PRESERVE

Community volunteers eradicated invasive species and restored native plants in zones impacted by severe storms in the Saddler’s Woods Preserve in Haddon Township.

## The Land Conservancy of NJ \$2,500

### URNS CROPLAND INTO WILDFLOWER MEADOW

The Land Conservancy of NJ restored cropland to a wildflower meadow at its South Branch Preserve in Mt. Olive Township to support habitat for Monarch butterflies and other species.

## Conserve Wildlife Foundation of NJ \$5,000

### LEARNS MORE ABOUT NJ BATS

Conserve Wildlife Foundation coordinated a summer mist-netting and radio-telemetry project in northern New Jersey to learn more about distribution and summer roosting behaviors of bats.

## NJ Invasive Species Strike Team \$2,850

### EXPLORES INVASIVE MUSSELS IN WICKECHEOKE WATERSHED

With the recent discovery of Chinese Pond Mussels in the Wickecheoke Watershed, the first discovery of the invasive species in North America, the NJ Invasive Species Strike Team conducted field surveys to determine the extent of the mussels in the watershed and conducted a project to eradicate the established population in the pond complex at the Wickecheoke Creek Preserve.

## Monmouth Conservation Foundation \$2,500

### SAVES THE BUTTERFLY!

Monmouth Conservation Foundation, with the help of students from Monmouth University, engaged kindergarteners in a program to learn about the significance of protecting wildlife and habitat with a focus on butterflies. The children drew, tasted, smelled and acted in lessons about pollination.



**Friends of Hopewell Valley  
Open Space  
\$4,000**

**REMOVES INVASIVE PLANTS IN MEADOW**

The Friends removed invasive woody plants from 7 acres of meadow habitat at the Heritage Preserve in Hopewell. Volunteers planted wildflower seeds to create a healthy meadow habitat.

**Isles, Inc.  
\$5,000**

**"CLEANS & GREENS" VACANT LOTS  
AND PARKS IN TRENTON**

Isles cleaned up at least four permanently preserved parks and 150 vacant, unkempt lots in Trenton's West Ward, with all work done by neighborhood volunteers. The group is exploring innovative methods of natural resource conservation in urban distressed neighborhoods.

**Passaic River Coalition  
\$4,500**

**ENSURES A PERMANENT FUTURE FOR  
CONSERVATION LANDS**

Through divestiture, the Passaic River Coalition ensured the future of protected lands in the Passaic River Basin by transferring 14 of its properties to permanent stewardship agencies.

**Delaware Riverkeeper Network  
\$5,000**

**RESTORES RIPARIAN AREA  
IN CAMDEN PARK**

Native habitat and water quality were improved in Reverend Evers Park through riparian woodland restoration and an increased urban tree canopy. Environmental education and job training skills are facilitated by engaging community volunteers.

**South Mountain Conservancy  
\$4,000**

**UPDATES TRAIL MAPS FOR  
SOUTH MOUNTAIN RESERVATION**

The South Mountain Conservancy is updating and developing a more comprehensive trail map for this popular park in Essex County. The map will be placed in kiosks and downloadable from the Conservancy's website.

**Friends of Princeton Open Space  
\$4,781**

**RESTORES NATIVE PLANT COMMUNITIES**

Friends of Princeton Open Space protected and promoted the restoration and distribution of native plant communities in the Greater Mountain Lakes Management Area by removing nonnative invasive species and planting herbaceous species inside of deer fenced areas.



Above: In Reverend Evers Park in Camden, volunteers assist Delaware Riverkeeper Network in creating a bioswale, a natural landscape designed to remove silt and pollution from surface runoff stormwater which replaces traditional concrete gutters.

**Ridge and Valley Conservancy  
\$1,775**

**MAPS INVASIVE SPECIES FOR  
PRESERVE MANAGEMENT PLANS**

The Ridge and Valley Conservancy created maps and identified invasive species and their densities on five of their preserves to be incorporated in the management plans of the preserves.

**South Jersey Land & Water Trust  
\$900**

**POSTS SIGNS ON PRESERVED LANDS**

Seeking accreditation from the Land Trust Alliance, the South Jersey Land and Water Trust posted boundary signs and engaged in other activities to bring the organization and its properties up to national standards.





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# Financial Position

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## Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$3,552,640	\$1,676,772
Investments, at Market Value	9,781,017	9,924,965
Unconditional Promises to Give	463,429	676,437
Note Receivable	150,000	210,000
Beneficial Interest in Split Interest Agreements	179,731	201,561
Land and Easements	32,418,672	30,932,505
Other Assets	443,605	123,414
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$46,959,094</b>	<b>\$43,745,654</b>

## Liabilities and Net Assets

### Liabilities

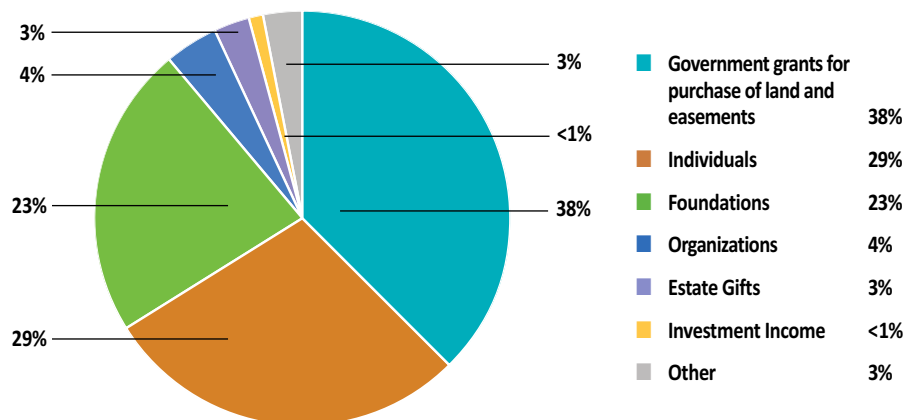
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	177,424	\$140,316
Refundable Advances	207,500	143,366
Notes Payable		
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$384,924</b>	<b>\$283,682</b>

### Net Assets

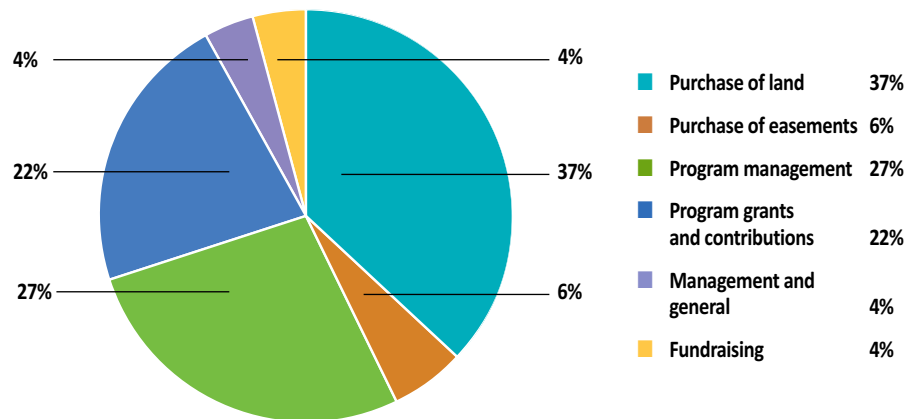
Unrestricted	39,816,874	36,658,928
Temporarily Restricted	6,651,022	6,696,770
Permanently Restricted	106,274	106,274
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>46,574,170</b>	<b>43,461,972</b>

<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$46,959,094</b>	<b>\$43,745,654</b>
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## 2015 Contributions and Grants \$10,478,873



## 2015 Expenses and Land Purchases \$10,366,087



# Leaving a Legacy for Future Generations

The Red Oak Society was founded in 2011 to recognize those who donate to New Jersey Conservation Foundation through planned giving strategies. We thank the conservation-minded supporters of the Red Oak Society who are preserving New Jersey's natural resources and lands for future generations.



To become a member of the Red Oak Society, please let us know if you wish to support New Jersey Conservation Foundation's mission through:

- Giving through your will or charitable trust
- Giving through IRAs, qualified retirement plans, insurance or donor advised funds
- Gifts of conservation easements, cash, securities and real estate

To discuss how your planned gift will help ensure the permanence of preservation, contact Kathleen Ward, Development Director, at 908-997-0723 or [kathleen@njconservation.org](mailto:kathleen@njconservation.org).

While it is not necessary to advise us in advance that you have included New Jersey Conservation Foundation in your estate planning, we encourage you to let us know of your plans so that we may thank you and learn more about your interests. If you wish to add us in your will or estate plan, please use the following listing: New Jersey Conservation Foundation / 170 Longview Road / Far Hills, NJ 07931. Our tax identification number is 22-6065456.

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