



MEETING CHALLENGES WITH RESILIENCE



Your selfless generosity and committed support celebrate the vibrance of our giving community and our shared passion for protected open space, clean water, and families, neighbors, and friends living connected with nature.

You keep Wildlands Conservancy's conservation and education mission alive for all who call the Lehigh Valley and Lehigh River watershed home, today, tomorrow, and always.

This was especially so last year. Amid economic uncertainty, a federal funding freeze, and the tragic bridge collapse that abruptly disconnected us from Dorothy Rider Pool Wildlife Sanctuary, your steadfast dedication,

both in the form of dollars and thoughtful concern and encouragement, was vital to helping us meet these challenges with resilience.

You helped us pivot overnight to uphold promised school field trips, relocate community programs, and situate shuttle transportation to make summer camp happen for hundreds of kids and families, all while keeping our 13 other nature preserves safe, open, and accessible for increased foot traffic.

And your support kept our mission moving forward in these impactful ways, too:

- **You permanently protected more than 2,500 acres last year**, and most of these acres represent a landmark conservation easement for the permanent protection of a state-level conservation priority in Penn Forest and Kidder townships, Carbon County, that is surrounded by more than 38,000 acres of existing protected lands.
- **You helped more than 8,000 native trees, shrubs, and wildflowers take root** across 15 planting sites in the Lehigh River watershed and advanced stream restoration efforts in Carbon and Monroe counties, too.
- **You brought environmental education and nature discoveries to life for 7,500 school-age children** and connected more than **6,000 community members** to nature preserves, parks, and natural areas right here at home.

You, together with the collective shares of time, talent, and treasure listed herein, helped Wildlands Conservancy harness our true strength and hard-won spirit in the face of unprecedented adversity—and what an amazing and lasting difference it made in 2025!

On behalf of our board of directors and staff, I thank you for your continued and committed investment in our critical efforts. You remind us every day what it means to be in this forever business, you inspire us to stay the good course in difficult times, and you keep all of us living connected to nature.

See you in nature,

Christopher M. Kocher, President

Our **MISSION** and **VISION**

Wildlands Conservancy envisions a Lehigh Valley and Lehigh River watershed that contain expansive natural areas, connected green spaces, healthy waterways, and an enlightened community where people embrace conservation and sustainability. The land trust carries out this vision by protecting and restoring critical natural areas and waterways and educating the community to create a legacy of a healthy, sustainable environment for future generations.

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Thank you to the individuals, foundations, businesses, and public agencies listed in this report that provided vital support during the fiscal year Jan. 1, 2025, through Dec. 31, 2025. We thank you for your generosity and commitment to conservation.



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The Martin Guitar Charitable Foundation
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2025 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	2025 Thousands	2024 Thousands
Total Assets	\$15,027	\$14,765
Total Liabilities	\$818	\$858
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$14,209	\$13,907

Total Revenue, Gain, and Other Support	\$3,657	\$5,006
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Expenses		
Conservation	\$1,898	\$1,933
Education	\$624	\$753
Management and Development	\$833	\$862
	\$3,355	\$3,548
TOTAL INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	\$302	\$1,458

2025 OPERATING SUPPORT

Contributions and Grants	Thousands	%
Individual	\$616	17%
Foundations and Organizations	\$521	14%
Corporate	\$318	9%
State Agencies and Government	\$744	20%
	\$2,199	60%

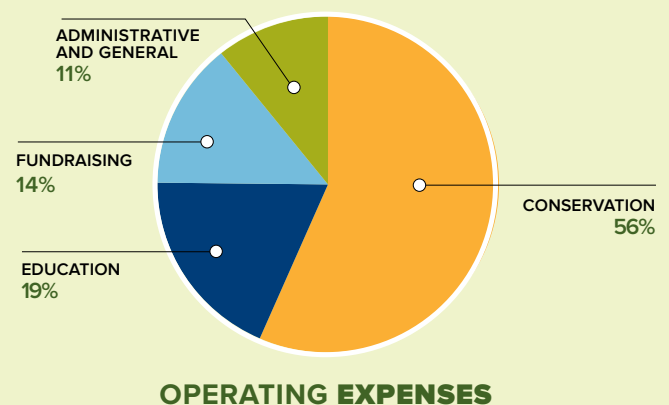
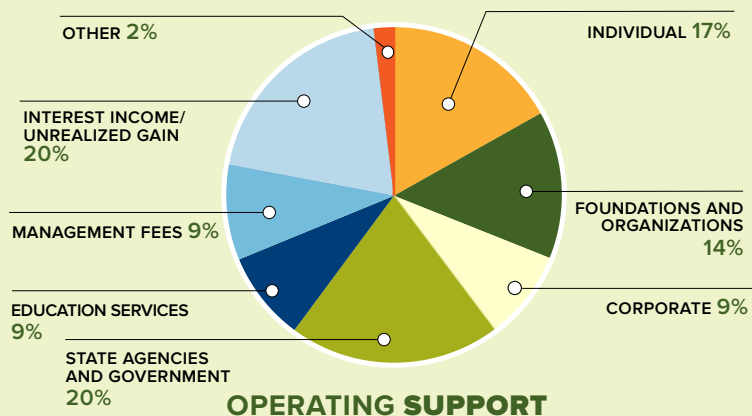
Earned and Unearned Income	Thousands	%
Education Services	\$316	9%
Management Fees	\$336	9%
Interest Income	\$736	20%
Other	\$70	2%
	\$3,657	100%

2025 OPERATING EXPENSES

Programs	Thousands	%
Conservation	\$1,898	56%
Education	\$624	19%
	\$2,522	75%
Fundraising	\$472	14%
Administrative and General	\$361	11%
	\$3,355	100%

This report highlights the 2025 financial activity for Wildlands Conservancy. This report is based on WC's audited financial statements, of which a clean, unmodified opinion is provided by Campbell, Rappold and Yurasits LLP.

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