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In addition to enriching parks today, the Park Foundation has accepted monetary contributions from a number of forwardthinking donors. Their donations were made to enable the establishment of **Long-term Endowment Investments** that will help meet park needs for the enjoyment of future generations.

We are grateful for your thoughtfulness and for enriching YOUR 420 Fairfax County Parks through your continued giving!

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# FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK FOUNDATION

# ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2022

# YOUR PARKS ARE HERE FOR **YOU**!









Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) was an excellent year thanks to our thousands of generous donors! More than \$1,123,000 was raised for more than 75 programs, Fairfax County Park Authority projects, and community outreach events!

A few of the year's highlights were that the long planned and highly anticipated **Stewardship Education Center** at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park broke ground; more than 38,000 people enjoyed 190 **Summer Entertainment Series** concerts and movies throughout the county; and many children from low-income households continued to flourish at the FCPA and **Rec-PAC summer camps**.

Your philanthropic donations helped fund critical programs such as **Class Scholarships** for underprivileged children and adults, **Meaningful Watershed Environmental Education**, the **Invasive Management Area** stewardship program, **Trail Building and Care**, and other programs, projects and events such as **Healthy Strides 5K/10K** at Burke Lake Park and the **4-H Fair** at Frying Pan Farm Park.



The building of the Stewardship Education Center (SEC) at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park in Chantilly has begun! The SEC will focus on STREAM (Science, Technology, Recreation, Engineering, Art, and Math) education features in the Learning Observational Outdoor Pod (The LOOP). These dynamic learning spaces will support interpretive services, and provide outdoor spaces for the community to play, gather and learn to help heal our planet. Many thanks to many generous donors like The Adler Foundation, the Claude Moore Charitable Foundation, and you who have contributed more than \$468,000 to date.

The very popular Summer Entertainment Series was a huge success in 2022 with more than 38,000 attendees enjoying 190 concerts, shows and outdoor movies! We are thankful for the following sponsors who donated more than \$5,000: Ruth and Hal Launders Charitable Trust. Arrowbrook Centre LLC, Dominion Energy, 66 Express Lanes Outside the Beltway, Transurban – 495/95/395 Express Lanes, Interstate Moving Relocation Logistics, Wegmans, Peterson Companies, Trinity Centre, National Endowment for the Arts, Virginia Commission for the Arts, RZ Foundation, Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home and Park, Family & Friends of Bob Lydick, and Capital **One Hall**. See the full list of our generous sponsors who donated more than \$173,000 in FY22 on our website.

**Rec-PAC and Parks and Community Together (PACT)** offer scholarships and free camps to underserved children and children living in homeless shelters and supportive housing. Aligning with Fairfax County's One Fairfax Social & Racial Equity policy, these camps provide children with weeks of

summer fun and an opportunity to enrich their lives with new skills such as fishing, sports, STEAM, and theatrics. Many thanks to the hundreds of individuals and foundations like the Claude Moore Charitable Foundation and RZ Foundation and companies like the Pediatric Associates of Alexandria for donating more than \$32,000.



Land Care and Preservation programs such as Trails benefited from a grant from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation's Recreational Trails Program that completed the Pohick Stream Valley Trail Phase 2 project in Springfield. Nancy L. Wilson's generous IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution

gifts in memory of Suzy Wilson and Bill Vesey will be used at beautiful Green Spring Gardens and to improve county trails. Open Space Land Preservation donors enriched land acquisition with high ecological value.

FCPF's Environmental Education and Cultural programs were active in FY22. Environmental Education continues to be important for improving our parks and promoting stewardship. The **Invasive Management Area (IMA)** program removes non-native plants and plants native trees to recover parkland. The Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience (MWEE) program at Hidden Oak Nature Center and funded by Northrop Grumman, engages more than 1,000 fourth and seventh grade students from Title 1 schools in a hands-on educational learning experience about the importance of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Since the establishment of The Lazar Family Fund in 2019, Tibor Lazar, Heidi Allen and family have raised more than **\$231,000** to build an endowment for FCPA Natural Resource stewardship, management, and protection.

Green Spring's Moon Gate Garden project will draw visitors into a new Asian-inspired garden. It will provide a place of sanctuary and inspiration for 200,000 annual visitors, providing a stunning backdrop for photography and events and will serve as a symbolic connection between the past and the future. Thanks to Victor E. Schwartz's donation in memory of Susan Akroyd.

The Eakin Philanthropy Award was established in 2009 to recognize the visionary, financial and material contributions to the Park Foundation. The Park Foundation was honored to award the following philanthropic recipients in 2022: The Adler Foundation; Wegmans; Ellanor C. Lawrence Park Friends; and McLean Youth Soccer (MYS) in partnership with the Embassy of the UAE and Leidos.

# **LEADERSHIP DONORS**



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