



**Howard
County
Conservancy**
connecting people to nature

For 29 Years, the Conservancy has been a leader in environmental education, historic preservation and land conservation.



2019 HIGHLIGHTS

“The Conservancy’s rich diversity of programs are such a meaningful outdoor extension of classroom lessons. We truly value the Conservancy and the experiences they provide to our schoolchildren.”

Amy Reese, HCPSS Elementary Science

With your support, we reached more children and adults than ever before. This year, *30,463 people connected to nature*, from elementary student exploration of animal habitats to citizen science programs to hikes to the Patapsco River. Our programs offer something for everyone.



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As the *top provider of environmental education in the county*, our field trips bring classroom lessons to life. New this year, second graders investigated the mysteries of bees and butterflies along our pollinator trail, while fourth graders discovered the history of the Patapsco Valley.



PHOTO: MARK WINTER

History came alive in the county’s only working historic blacksmith shop. We also preserved our 1800s property marker for display, and launched an exciting initiative to transition our historic carriage house to programmatic space.



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Volunteers took our programs to new heights as docents, naturalists, gardeners and animal caretakers. Our habitat helpers logged over 2,500 hours removing invasive plants and planting trees. 3,500 volunteer hours were dedicated to guiding student exploration on our grounds.

“Mt. Pleasant’s varied habitats, its meadows and edges, along with expansive views, make it one of the top birding destinations in the county.”

Mary Lou Clark, Howard County Bird Club



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From forests to meadows, the Conservancy *protects 1900 acres* essential to supporting biodiversity. We are committed to increasing and enhancing important areas across the community through stewardship of our conservation easements and by leading important projects like Howard County’s Bee City certification.



2,436
Students surveying stream health



228
Educational programs



452
Species identified by students

4,744
Pounds of produce donated



Active volunteers
225



551
Teachers trained



120
Acres managed for pollinators



12 Beehives and
240 Pounds of honey

Whether donating, volunteering, attending an event or hiking our trails, *stay engaged and build a vibrant community with us!*



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