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Letter from Leadership

2021 was a year of great accomplishments and new beginnings for our watershed community. This year saw significant growth in watershed conservation efforts. BRC expanded the number of projects on properties in the Brandywine and Red Clay Watersheds to protect our natural resources of land and water. Critical investments were made to foster relationships with municipalities to bring best practices and technical support to environmentally sound projects.

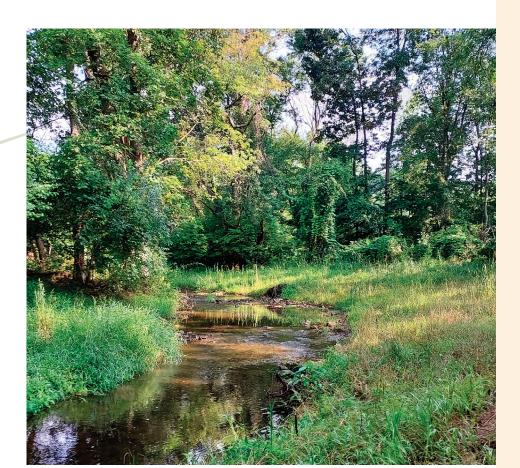
Our education programs began recovery in 2021 with an exceptional group of Educational Instructors to guide students back to in-person, hands-on outdoor learning during the school year and an adventure-packed camp experience for children of all ages during the summer.

In early 2021, with the guidance of the Strategic Plan, and exceptional board leadership spearheaded by the merger committee, BRC also began exploratory merger talks with The Land Conservancy of Southern Chester County (TLC) to enhance our mission with the addition of land preservation programs. This led to an all-consuming 22-month effort.

As we enter the last quarter of 2022, we want to take this final opportunity to express our appreciation to you for your support in 2021. Your support is critical to our ability to restore and conserve our region's natural resources for all to enjoy!

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EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

Our virtual programming took off & we conducted 51 programs at 6 schools across 2 states seeing a total of 1,446 students during the spring.

Return to in-person programming resumed in May closing out the school year with our Lenape programs & a return to an annual tree planting at one of the elementary schools.



During the fall we reached 865 students during 30 inperson programs. This was just a fragment of our prepandemic levels. Not only were schools still wary of exposure, we began to see the affect the pandemic had on resources the schools needed to attend in-person. Ironically, virtual programming appeared to become a thing of the past.



We began seeing more homeschool groups than ever before & scouts were returning to earn their badges & we even worked with two scouts that earned high level awards...one gentleman earned his Eagle Scout award making us root & worm viewers to use during our education programs while another earned her Silver award by creating a climate change game.







We were also able to grow our pre-school Books & Boots program & offer it twice a month throughout the school year which used to meet just during the winter months.

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rock filled dam in Pocopson Township.

In February 2021, BRC removed a 280 foot long,

BRANDYWINE CREEK

acquire a grant from the National

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Ms. Rachel Parisi

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An 18 foot breach in the dam remove the dam. The dam had lowered the impoundment removal restored a 3,300 foot levels behind the dam & created section of the stream to freehazardous conditions for boaters flowing condition improving & anglers. BRC partnered water quality & allowing fish with the Lenape Cabin Club, to freely migrate through this the dam's owner, & helped to section of the creek.

CWMP Workshops Address Stormwater From Roads & S ub-divisions

Christina Watersheds Municipal Partnership (CWMP) continues to provide technical assistance, public education & outreach to municipalities regarding stormwater management. In 2021, CWMP offered a workshop for HOA's to underst& their responsibilities in managing stormwater infrastructure & a second workshop for municipalities on how to address run-off from roadways & leverage funding to cover capital expenses. For information on these & other topics, visit cwmp.org.

the Christina Watersheds Municipal Partnership (CWMP) with Brandywine Conservancy, Chester **County Water Resources Authority, Chester County** Conservation District, Stroud Water Research, University of Delaware Water Resources Center & White Clay Wild & Scenic to help 36 municipalities meet their MS4 stormwater requirements to improve water quality on impaired streams.

36 municipalities met their MS4 stormwater requirements



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Ms. Kathleen McMahon & Family Annual Campaign

The effects of COVID on our programming, our property maintenance, our fundraising efforts, & our general operations continued into 2021. To help us raise the funds needed to support BRC's general operations for 2021, a few generous donors issued a challenge to the BRC community. Mr. Sam Slater & Ms. Lornie Forbes, & Ms. Joy Slater pledged a total of \$25,000 to match donations to BRC's Annual Campaign. In addition, BRC's Board of Directors collectively pledged an additional \$15,000 challenge to match your donations.

These donations. combined with the BRC community of supporters, helped us to raise well over our goal of \$125,000.

Challenge donations often inspire supporters to give or give more because they know their donation will make an even bigger impact when matched by another donor. If you are interested in motivating others to give with a challenge donation of any size, please contact Jim Jordan at jjordan@brandywineredclay.org or 610-793-1090.

BY THE **NUMBERS**

Dam removed

restored

Trees & s shrubs planted

450 Trees distributed to residents

Tons of trash clean-up from 118 Miles of roads & streams with 403 volunteers

Attendees for 15 watershed outreach programs



WATERSHED CONSERVATION

Two Major Stream Restorations **Completed in 2021**

BRC completed two significant stream restoration projects in two different watersheds.



Phase 3 of the **Plum Run stream restoration** along Tique Road in East Bradford Township was completed in December. This restoration completed 905 feet of restoration above the old Strode's Mill & Barn & connecting to BRC's first restoration project on Plum Run completed in 2010. Since then BRC has restored 1.8 miles of the stream in eight separate projects.

BRC also completed Phase 2 of the **Nixon Park Stream Restoration on East** Branch Red Clay in 2021 on 1,544 feet of stream. This project regraded stream banks, installed erosion control structures & removed a small (non-functioning) dam that at one time provided drinking water to the Borough of Kennett Square. Since 2012, BRC has completed 5 restoration projects on 2.2 mile of the creek.

Renewed Focus on Riparian Buffer Tree Plantings in 2021



While BRC has always included riparian buffer plantings in all of our stream restorations. BRC increased our commitment to the benefits of trees to water quality & aquatic habitats in 2021.

BRC planted 1,140 trees & shrubs as part of stream restoration & buffering projects & for the first time invested in a new Watershed Conservation Intern for spring & fall to help maintain riparian buffers. BRC also partnered with the Chester County Conservation District to help distribute 450 tree seedlings to residents through the Keystone 10 Million Tree Partnership.



9.1 Tons of Trash **Picked Up at Brandywine** & Red Clay Creeks **Clean-up Events**

BRC's annual clean-ups in two watersheds covering two states resumed at full strength in 2021 with 403 volunteers covering 118 miles of roads & streams. Much of the trash found along roads, including plastics, ends up in our streams & ultimately in the Delaware Bay & Atlantic Ocean. Youth make up over 50% of the volunteers at these events & clean up events provide valuable life





Green Jobs Interns from Wilmington Plant Trees & Canoe the Brandywine





This year, BRC expanded our outreach with City of Wilmington Green Jobs youth interns with two full days learning about watershed conservation including planting trees, touring stream restoration sites including a horse farm, & a canoe trip down the Brandywine Creek

Collaborations Leverage the **Impact of our Work**

Through our watershed conservation work, BRC is part of several collaborative initiatives & coalitions that help us reach a larger audience.

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Mrs. Dorothy Scarlett

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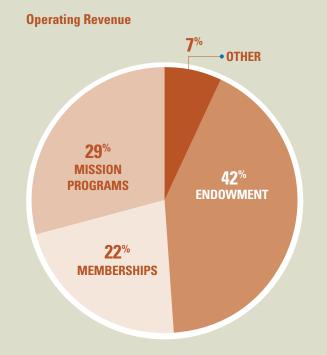
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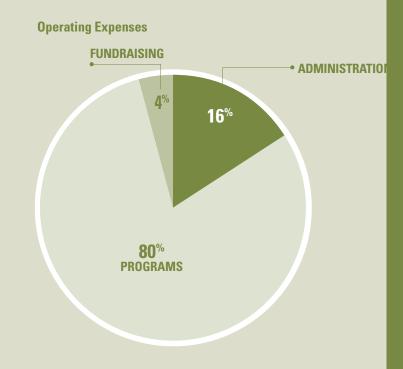
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1,109 pounds of produce donated from Victory Garden

2020 BRC Financial Overview





STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION • DECEMBER 31, 2021

ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT OTHER ASSETS	\$ 1,240,859 1,637,175	
Investments Property on operating lease & held for resale Total other assets TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 7,616,143 1,197,015 8,813,158 11,691,192	

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$	14	
Accrued payroll		8,798	
Security deposit		1,600	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		10,412	
LINE OF CREDIT		200,000	
NET ASSETS		210,412	
Without donor restriction	{	8,395,382	
With donor restriction	:	3,085,398	
Total net assets	11	L,480,780	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$ 1	1,691,192	

BRC's Endowment Investment Strategy, to the extent feasible, emphasizes sustainability & focuses on environmental, social & governance (ESG) factors, with environmental being the primary consideration.





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2022 ANNUAL REPORT

SUMMER CAMPS

Camp during the 2021 season started seeing some normalcy since Covid became a part of all of our lives. We were able to lift our mask requirement outdoors and resume some field trips. As always, our campers continued to get "wet and muddy" every day. We introduced an 8th week of camp allowing us to get up to 17% more campers outside. We added some new themes like "Living In The Past" and also ran our first Kareer Kamp bringing in "green" professionals to talk to our campers. 2021 was our second year with 0 Covid cases during camp. The number of campers we saw exceeded pre-pandemic levels by 8% too and we were able to resume offering full scholarships at our Saalbach location!











Visit brandywineredclay.org for more information about annual Summer Camp offerings for children age 4-15 as well as dates for next year's registration.