



2023 ANNUAL REPORT

The Brandywine Red Clay Alliance promotes the restoration, conservation & enjoyment of the natural resources of the Brandywine & Red Clay Watersheds.



Dear Friends

We are pleased and honored to share this annual report celebrating BRC's activities and accomplishments during 2023.

Perhaps our most significant accomplishment in 2023 was completing our first full year of operation following BRC's 2022 merger with the Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County. Although we anticipated the year would be challenging fiscally, we are happy to report that due to the generosity and enthusiasm of our loyal donors and funders, we ended the year in a solid financial position. As a result of the merger, BRC now has a stronger presence and influence in our region as a top-quality organization working to preserve our precious natural resources and educate and inspire the next generation to continue this vital work.

For example:

- BRC's preserved lands now total 2,359 acres with 1,302 acres in conservation easements. We hold protected land in 11 municipalities in Pennsylvania as well as in New Castle County, DE. Preserved lands play a crucial role in protecting streams, headwaters, and wet-lands and managing development.
- Summer camps were held at the Myrick Center in West Chester, the Saalbach Preserve in Coatesville, and at the new site we acquired through the merger, the Chandler Mill Nature Preserve in Kennett Township/Avondale. Hundreds more children can now experience the summertime joy of being in nature, getting wet and muddy while appreciating the beauty and wonder our watersheds offer.
- We love our horses and cows, but not in our streams! In 2023 BRC worked with local farmers to reduce nutrient run-off and erosion to streams by planting over 440 trees and shrubs, installing livestock fencing and stream crossings, and an innovative bio-char filter – the first in this area. Thousands of feet of stream were protected. BRC also worked with an equestrian farm adjacent to the Red Clay Creek, implementing a wide array of stream restoration strategies.
- We reached thousands of children and youth through our education programs held at schools in PA and DE; the programs were fully booked, returning to pre-pandemic levels.

These are just a few examples of BRC's growth and continued commitment to helping our environment survive and thrive for today and future generations. And, it is your interest, understanding, and support that make this possible.

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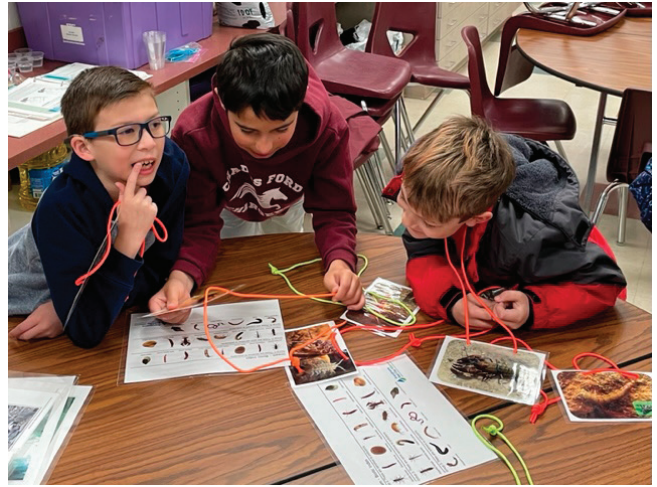
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EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

Our Environmental Education programs saw a total of 6,500 students in 2023, which was up 20% from 2022.

Schools are dealing with bussing challenges, and because of that our education department worked hard to add additional outreach programs to help. In addition to these outreach programs, we added a new early childhood program called "Nature Play," that allows children to self-explore, and also completed an expansion of our New Leaf Sensory Garden thanks to a DEP mini grant.



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At Baily's Dairy Farm BRC installed livestock fencing and three livestock crossings along 2,400 feet of Pocopson Creek to reduce stream bank erosion and prevent

BRC has a long history of working with local farmers to improve water quality.

In 2023 BRC worked with local farmers in Pocopson Creek and Red Clay Creek watersheds to reduce nutrient run-off and sediment pollution from erosion by implementing agricultural best management practices. At a local horse farm at the headwaters of the East Branch Red Clay Creek, BRC moved three horse paddocks away from a headwater stream, re-aligned a grassed waterway and installed a biochar filter with the help of Brandywine Conservancy. The new biochar filter acts like a Brita filter to remove nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorous before they enter a stream. BRC also planted 440 trees and shrubs at two farms in the watershed to improve water quality in this headwater stream.

BRC continued to co-lead the Christina Watersheds Municipal Partnership (CWMP) with 39 municipalities.

In 2023, BRC offered municipal staff and residents training on how to maintain green stormwater infrastructure such as rain gardens, riparian tree buffers and detention basins as well as workshops on converting lawn to meadows.



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Planted
440
trees and shrubs
at two horse farms.

Distributed
10,000
trees to local residents
as part of the Keystone
10 Million Tree
Partnership with
Chester County
Conservation District.

Completed watershed
assessment and
restoration plan on
20.9
miles of stream in
the 9.6 acre lower
West Branch Red
Clay Creek Watershed,
BRC's first new
watershed plan
in 10 years.

Fenced
80
dairy cows out
of 2,400 feet
of Pocopson Creek.

LAND PRESERVATION ANNUAL REPORT

Over the course of 2023, BRC conserved four properties spanning 49 acres in four different townships. We continue to work on projects that would protect an additional 200+ acres.

Kennett Township

The protected parcel contains tributaries to the high-quality Burrows Run (right), the edge of a large, protected high-quality woodland, and expands a conservation corridor of nearly 300 acres that is still growing.

Newlin Township

Protection of a beautiful, wooded, sloped parcel that buffers the West Branch Brandywine Creek and provides critical habitat for our area wildlife (below).

Pocopson Township

Protected parcels ensure two tributaries to the Brandywine Creek are protected along with their riparian buffer, steep slopes, and a high-quality wetland and pond.

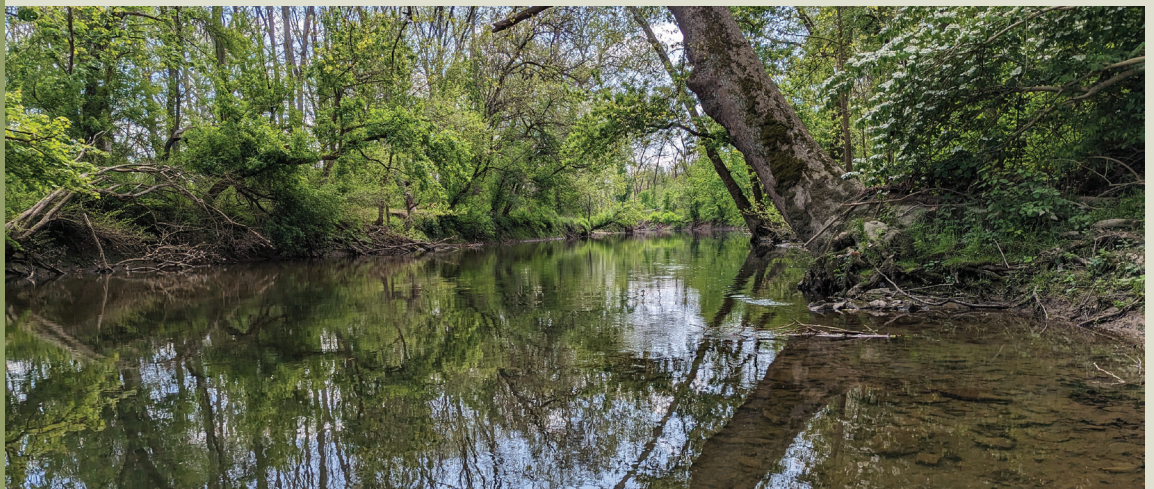
West Brandywine Township

The conservation easement protects a wetland and headwaters for a tributary to the West Branch Brandywine Creek as well as a pond, emergent wetland, and beautiful natural meadow.



While our 2023 projects are small in acreage, they are high in quality. The variety of natural resources conserved reflects our focus on protecting the gaps in the landscape and helping infill the larger conservation corridors to help maintain contiguous swaths of protected land. It is these large corridors that help ensure our wildlife, both local and migratory, have sources of food, water, and rest.

Annually, Land Preservation Director Abbie Kessler monitors our conservation easements and fee lands with the help of volunteer John Gaadt and occasionally other staff. Our duties to our protected lands require this annual monitoring to ensure that the conservation terms are being upheld and our management plans are being followed. 2023 resulted in no major violations to our easements. We applaud our easement landowners for the care and attention they give to their lands as they steward them. Our staff are happy to help provide advice and recommendations to any landowner looking to improve their property and/or are considering a conservation easement.



Green Jobs Interns from Wilmington



BRC hosted the City of Wilmington High School Green Jobs Interns for two days including a day at Chandler Mill Nature Preserve learning about riparian buffers.

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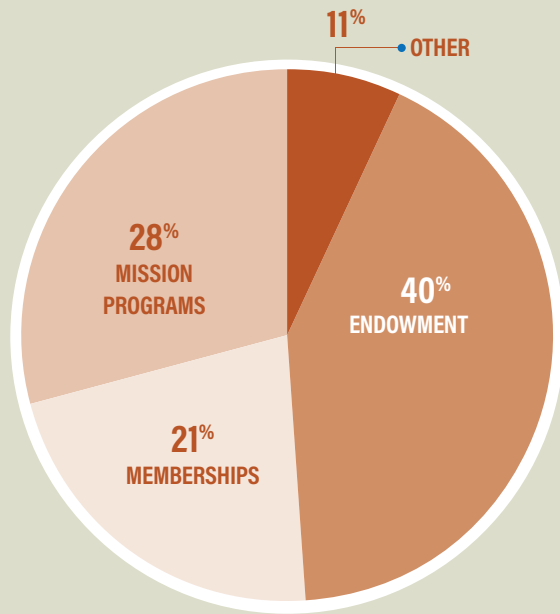
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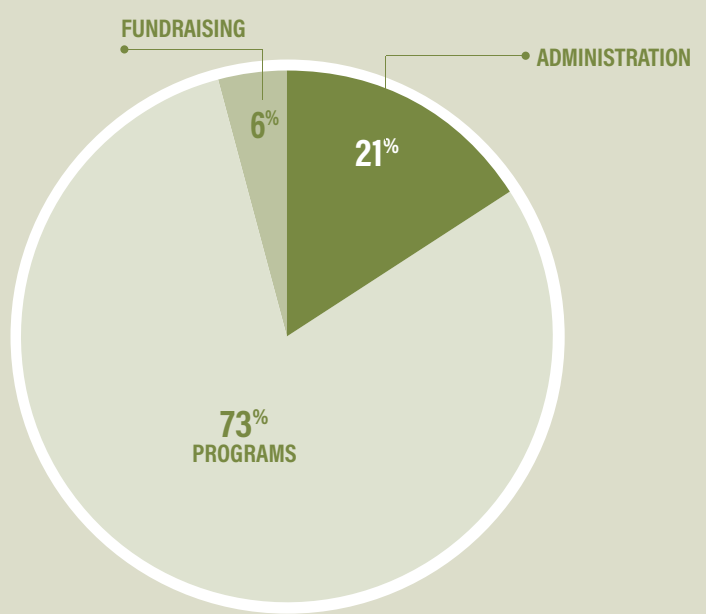


2023 BRC Financial Overview

Operating Revenue



Operating Expenses



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION • DECEMBER 31, 2023

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 1,422,673
PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT	15,114,456
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	34,528
OTHER ASSETS	
Investments	7,593,158
Property on operating lease & held for resale	1,188,496
Total other assets	8,718,654
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 25,353,311

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	\$ 20,387
Accrued payroll	22,105
Security deposit	1,600
TOTAL LIABILITIES	44,042
Line of Credit	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	44,042
Without donor restriction	22,064,572
With donor restriction	3,244,697
TOTAL NET ASSETS	25,309,269
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$ 25,353,311

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



2023 ANNUAL REPORT

SUMMER CAMPS

In 2023, our camps ran for nine weeks in three locations: the Myrick Conservation Center, Saalbach Farm, and for the first time ever, Chandler Mill Nature Preserve. In that time, we had the most campers that we've ever had-625! Our camps were almost 100% full and we were able to host 38 campers with either full or partial scholarships thanks to your generous donations.



Visit [brandywineredclay.org](https://www.brandywineredclay.org) for more information about annual Summer Camp offerings for children age 4-15 as well as dates for next year's registration.

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