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Discovery & Connection: Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2026

Founded in 1897 as the Audubon Society of the District of Columbia, our organization has a deep history of rising to environmental challenges.

Our leaders have included luminaries such as renowned naturalists Roger Tory Peterson and Louise Halle, as well as Rachel Carson whose work Silent Spring launched the global environmental movement.

After working with other Audubon groups to pass the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, we went on to protect iconic natural areas that make the DC area special including the C&O Canal, Dyke Marsh, Huntley Meadows and Ten Mile Creek.

Today, Nature Forward engages thousands of nature lovers across DC, Maryland and Virginia. Our educators deliver rich nature experiences and critical ecological knowledge to children and adults. Our restoration experts improve landscapes to support wildlife, climate resilience and human health. And our advocates empower community activists to demand sustainable and equitable policies toward a thriving future for people and nature.

Join us as we build a larger and more diverse community that treasures and protects nature!



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A Message from our Executive Director

Dear Nature Forward Community,

Thanks to our supporters, Nature Forward made great strides this year in protecting habitat, advancing sound environmental policies, and inspiring nature champions.

During the academic year, our environmental educators delivered free classes and field trips to more than 11,000 public school students. And this summer, Camp Woodend provided a record 91 weeks of scholarships to ensure that local children can connect with nature regardless of their family's income.

Nature Forward's determined conservation advocates have been on the front lines of data center reform advocacy, building coalitions to demand regulation that protects air, water and community health. Meanwhile, they continue to advocate for tree protection, park funding and rigorous environmental planning for development projects.

Our restoration experts continued to address climate change, improve community health and create wildlife habitat at Woodend Nature Sanctuary and in communities around the region. This year they planted nearly 1,000 native trees, worked with partners to install 3 new conservation landscapes at community hubs, and distributed 300 native plant kits to residents in the urban Anacostia watershed.

The entire Nature Forward staff worked together to host the 6th Naturally Latinos conference in March, uplifting and celebrating environmental champions from a community being stressed like never before.

Thank you for sustaining our growth. In fiscal year 2026, Nature Forward supporters provided more than $3.7 million in grants and contributions. This strong financial foundation fueled impactful programs across our mission pillars: Education, Conservation, and Restoration. Together, we are working toward greener, more sustainable communities throughout the DC region and finding new ways to connect people with the natural world that surrounds and sustains us all.

With gratitude,



Alison Pearce
Executive Director
Nature Forward



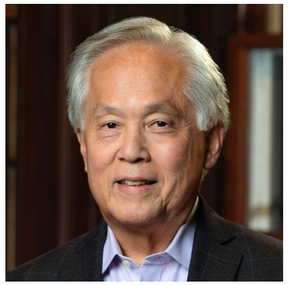
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Connecting people and nature in the Capital Region



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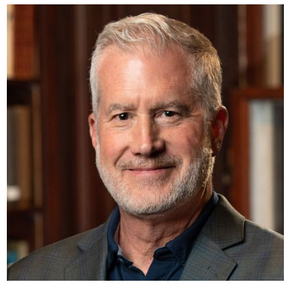
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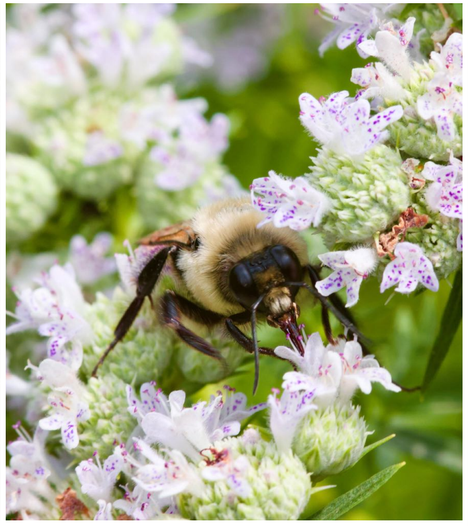
Our Mission

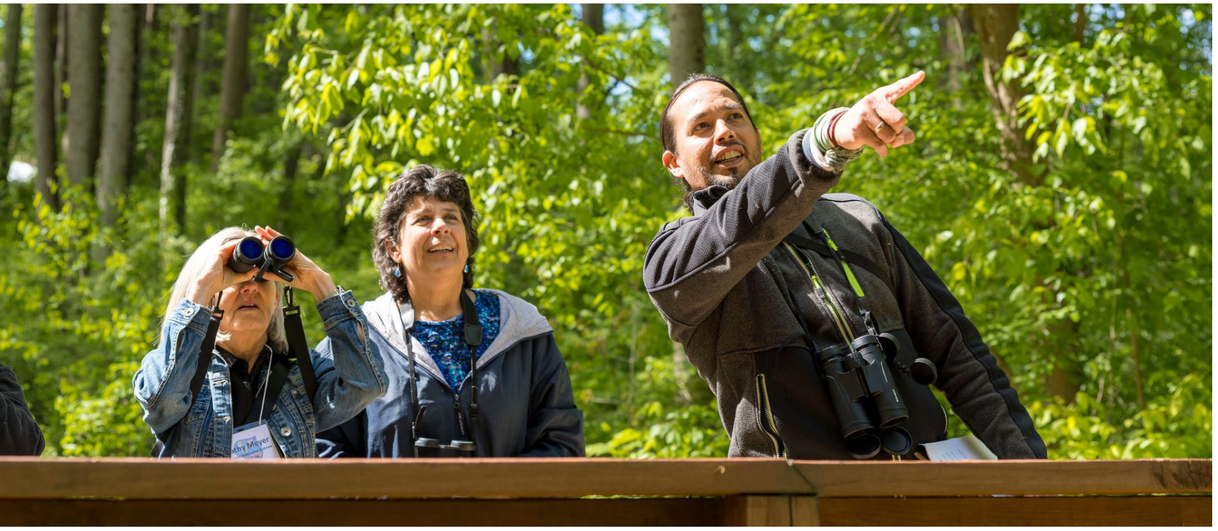
To inspire residents of the greater Washington, DC, region to appreciate, understand, and protect their natural environment through outdoor experiences, education, and advocacy.

Our Vision

We seek to create a larger and more diverse community of people who treasure the natural world and work to preserve it.













IDEA: Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility





Creating a larger and more diverse community of people who treasure the natural world

As we work to create a larger and more diverse community of people who treasure the natural world and work to preserve it, we recognize the importance of our region's rich diversity being reflected among our membership, staff, board, volunteers, and program participants.

Nature Forward upholds IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility) as a key pillar of our mission work. Our strategic plan embeds combating racism and environmental injustice across our program efforts.

We train staff to recognize and work to overcome the unconscious biases that we all carry, and we have created safe spaces for employees to speak up about discrimination.

Our Conservation, Education, and Restoration teams work with communities across the region. We support the rights of all people to a safe and healthy environment. We provide environmental education that sparks joy in nature for people of all ages and abilities. And we help people across the Capital region restore native habitat in their own neighborhoods.

Initiatives like our Naturally Latinos and Taking Nature Black conferences and related events bring together diverse regional and national environmental leaders to inform, inspire, and empower communities on critical environmental issues.





Financial Overview

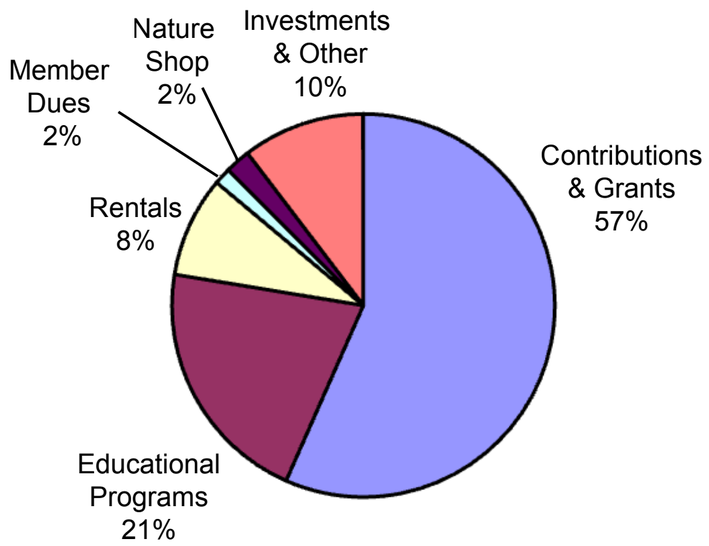
Statement of Activities

For the Year Ending August 31, 2026

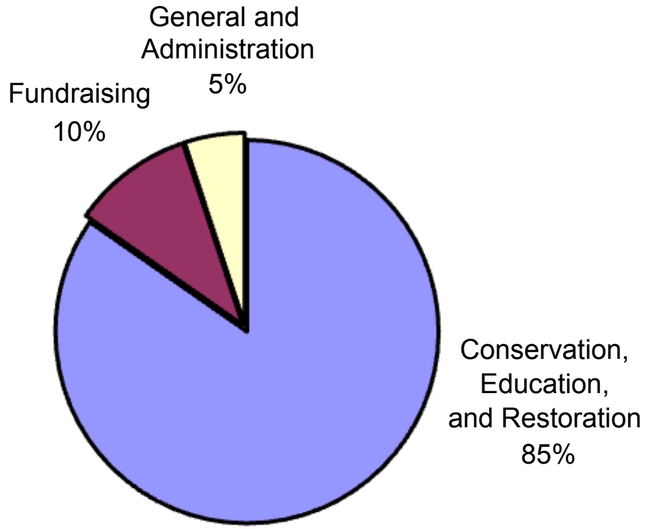
Revenue	
Contributions & Grants	$3,861,380
Educational Programs	$1,431,078
Rentals	$579,524
Membership Dues	$96,344
Naturalist Shop	$145,740
Investment Income (net of fees)	$704,283
Other	$2,180
Total Operating Revenue	**$6,820,529**

Expense	
Conservation, Education, and Restoration	
Education Programs & Conferences	($1,962,673)
Sanctuaries	($784,347)
Restoration	($630,234)
Conservation	($906,859)
Membership & Volunteer Services	($142,315)
Communications	($479,163)
Total Program Expense	($4,905,591)
Support Services	
Fundraising	($592,968)
General and Administration	($294,239)
Total Support Services Expense	($887,207)
Total Operating Expense	**($5,792,798)**
Change in Net Assets from Operations	**$1,027,732**
Unrealized Gain on Investments	$591,571
Conditional Contribution: ERC	$350,893
Bequests received in FY2026	$207,707
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	$14,891,150
Net Assets, End of Year	$17,069,053

FY 2026 Operating Revenue



FY 2026 Operating Expense



Financial Overview (continued)

Statement of Financial Position

As of August 31, 2026

Assets	
Current Assets:	
Cash	$2,144,166
Receivables	$1,780,848
Inventory	$336,457
Prepaid Expenses	$116,846
Total Current Assets	$4,378,316
Property and Equipment (Net)	$3,251,663
Investments at Market Value	$10,608,940
Total Assets	$18,238,919

Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	$149,433
Accrued Payroll	$297,436
Deferred Revenue	$705,885
Equipment Lease Liability	$17,109
Total Liabilities	$1,169,863
Net Assets	
Without Donor Restriction	$7,601,291
With Donor Restriction	$9,467,765
Total Net Assets	$17,069,056
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	$18,238,919

These preliminary statements for FY2026 are prepared according to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).
Final, audited statements for FY2026 will be available on our website and by written request after Board approval of the audit in March 2027.

Conservation

Advocating for nature alongside communities in DC, MD and VA

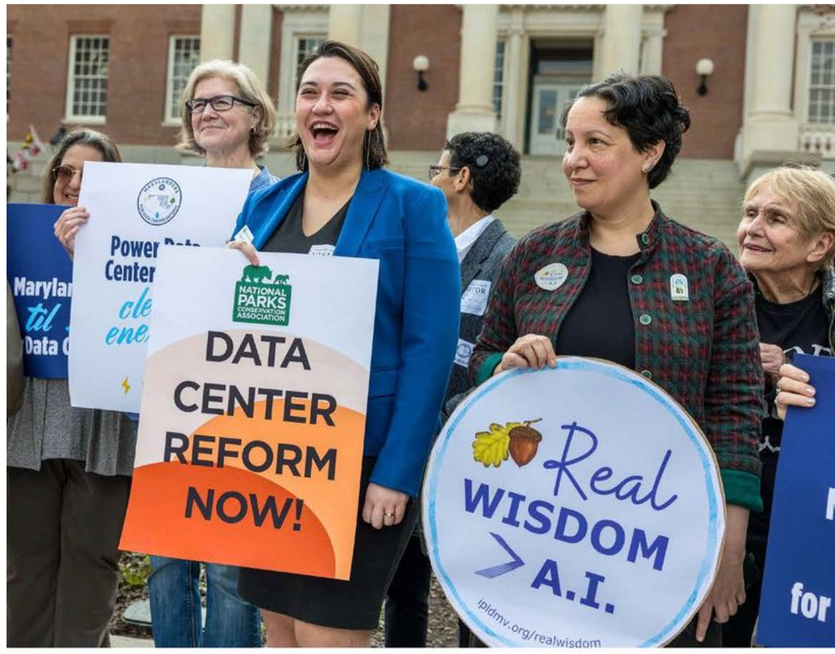
Nature Forward's Conservation Department spearheads our environmental advocacy work, community outreach, and water quality monitoring programs across the DC region, focusing on four priority areas: Human Health & Access to Nature; Biodiversity & Habitats; Climate Crisis; and Sustainable Land Use.

"Communities are desperate for this type of information and discussion and I applaud Nature Forward for taking the initiative to provide it. Great work, and thank you!"

Participant
Building Community Power for Data Center Reform course







Conservation Impacts in FY26

- **26,000+ people educated on data center reform**
- **5,500+ people educated on environmental issues impacting their communities**
- **3,300+ letters sent to DC-Metro leaders advocating on behalf of the environment**
- **$17 million in budget funding restored to clean water and clean energy programs in DC**
- **4 bills passed in Virginia to manage invasive plants**
- **Marylanders for Data Center Reform passed the state's 1st data center reform legislation through Maryland's RELIEF Act with the help of more than 70 member organizations.**

Youth Programs

Instilling a sense of awe and joy in nature

Nature Forward's Youth Programs Department delivers educational enrichment to students ages 3-18 through programs such as our popular Camp Woodend summer camp and Woodend Nature Sanctuary field trips.

We seek to instill a sense of awe and joy in the natural world as we foster the next generation of environmental stewards.

"They came home with so many stories, new knowledge and wonderful memories. This opportunity has meant so much to our children and to our family."

2026 Camp Woodend Parent



Youth Programs Impacts in FY26

- **2,270 youth reached through 103 Woodend Nature Sanctuary field trips for schools and grant partners.**
- **312 children from affordable housing centers served**
- **176 children with disabilities served**
- **807 camp enrollments at camp woodend**
- **91 weeks of scholarships provided to campers from low-income households**

GreenKids

Connecting students, teachers and schools to the natural world

GreenKids provides hands-on environmental literacy lessons for K-12 students throughout the region. Our educators deliver in-school lessons aligned to curriculum standards, after-school enrichment programs, and opportunities for students to learn about and care for the natural world through topics ranging from energy conservation and solid waste reduction to watershed stewardship and biodiversity. We also deliver high-quality professional development to teachers.

GreenKids works with schools in Montgomery County, MD; Prince George's County, MD; Washington DC; and Loudoun County, VA.

"For our students, particularly those with diverse learning needs, being immersed in nature encourages curiosity, communication, problem-solving, and social interaction in a highly motivating environment. The sensory-rich experiences and opportunities for exploration helped make science concepts both accessible and memorable. Thank you for helping students develop meaningful connections with nature and the world around them."

Program Autism Teacher
Loudoun County Public Schools



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Impacts in FY26

- **9,090 students engaged in hands-on environmental science**
- **461 classes served in 60 schools**
- **365 teachers reached through professional development**

Nature Preschool

An endless wellspring of wonder and inquiry for young children

Serving children ages one to six, Nature Forward Nature Preschool provides young learners and their caregivers with meaningful experiences in nature.

At Woodend Nature Sanctuary, our Acorns, Saplings, and Oaks programs nurture curiosity and inquiry through outdoor play, hands-on exploration, and encounters with the changing seasons.

Guided by children's interests, our educators create opportunities for discovery, meaningful relationships, and a growing appreciation for the natural world.



"My son is no longer afraid of bugs and bees. He points birds out to me now and has a much deeper connection to the environment."

Nature Preschool Parent

nature forward preschool **Impacts in FY26**

- **49 participants in the Acorns (ages 4 and younger, with a caregiver) program**
- **13 Saplings (ages 3-4) and 13 Oaks (ages 4-5) drop-off preschool students**
- **153 days of Nature Preschool**

Restoration

Creating habitat from Woodend to the watershed

Nature Forward's Restoration Department demonstrates habitat restoration and storm water management best practices at Woodend Nature Sanctuary, while promoting and installing conservation landscaping throughout the region via our community greening and workforce development programs.

> "wouldn't have been able to plant anything, much less natives, without the program's free plants. It was beautiful and productive in its first year. I saw tons of pollinators including bees, wasps, and a monarch butterfly! I can't wait to see what next year brings."
>
> **Participant**
> **Anacostia Community Greening Program**



Restoration Impacts in FY26

- **240 trees with native gardens planted in Justice40 communities in Maryland**
- **740 native trees and shrubs planted at Woodend**
- **143 landscape professionals trained in conservation landscaping practices**
- **969 native plants and seed packets sold at Woodend**
- **25,600 square feet of conservation landscaping installed throughout the Anacostia Watershed**
- **318 people joined tours of Woodend's habitats**

Adult Programs

Exploring wild places across the DC Region and beyond

Adult Programs offer a wide range of naturalist-guided walks, classes, hikes, and travel excursions for lifelong learners. Our program leaders love sharing their deep knowledge about the natural world – all while making friends, building community, and exploring the wild places of the greater Washington, DC region.

Experiences range from one-day field trips with a wide variety of topics, locations, and activity levels, to our Natural Heritage series, which offers two-day adventures to regional gems like the James River, West Virginia, and Cape May, to Nature Travel, where you can experience and learn about some of the most awe-inspiring destinations on the planet.

Natural History Field Studies classes are continuing education courses with virtual lectures and hands-on field trips that delve into topics like Introduction to Fungi, Birds of the World, and Chesapeake Bay Ecosystems.

Our Master Naturalists program trains knowledgeable ambassadors and volunteers for the environmental movement.

In FY26, we launched a new Natural History Field Studies course titled Naturalist Tools for Community Science. Capital Nature co-founder Ana Ka'ahanui instructed students on how to use both popular and less-well-known nature apps and participate in community science initiatives. Learners contributed to the City Nature Challenge, biological surveys at Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens, and more. Ana and her class are pictured at a freshwater mussel survey with Jorge Bogantes of the Anacostia Watershed Society.



Adult Program Impacts in FY26

- **1,165 people enjoyed one of 135 naturalist-led field programs across our region, including field exploration, lectures, and travel**
- **109 learners took 11 Natural History Field Studies courses**

Stream Science

Water Quality Monitoring (WQM)

Nature Forward's Stream Science program has monitored streams in DC and Maryland for more than 30 years. Our community science volunteers serve as the eyes and ears for stream health while connecting surrounding communities with the magic of their local stream.

Volunteers visit their sites three to four times each year to conduct aquatic macroinvertebrate surveys. Index of Biological Integrity ("IBI") scores, which indicate stream health, are calculated from the survey data.

This year, we highlighted the stories of the people who live around the streams in the DC-Metro Region. Check them out and learn more about stream health by visiting our State of the Streams website.

We also produced the new video "How to Sample for Benthic Macroinvertebrates," along with a Spanish-language version, "Cómo Recolectar Macroinvertebrados."

Pictured right, youth from We Are CASA sample for benthic macroinvertebrates at Ray's Meadow.



Stream Science Impacts in FY26

- **28 stream sites monitored by volunteers across DC**
- **and Maryland during 576 field days**
- **More than 30 new stream volunteers trained on monitoring benthic macroinvertebrates**
- **9,181 macroinvertebrates identified by volunteers**
- **More than 500 people were educated about stream health through learning stations**

Fortaleciendo comunidades y ecosistemas

Since its launch in 2017, Naturally Latinos has become one of the nation's premier environmental conferences showcasing diversity, inclusion, and equity.

Although centered primarily on issues impacting the Capital Region, the event's focus on environmental justice, empowerment, and belonging in nature resonates with diverse nature professionals and advocates from around the nation and world who face similar challenges in their own communities.

2026 Conference chair Gina Ghertner chose the theme, "Fortaleciendo Comunidades y Ecosistemas (Strengthening Communities and Ecosystems)," to highlight the work Latinos are doing to benefit communities and bring nature back to urban spaces. The event included a virtual day, one in-person conference day in downtown Silver Spring, MD, and one day of outdoor nature experiences.

Naturally Latinos Impacts in FY26

- **291 registered attendees**
- **9,137 webpage views**
- **35 conference sponsors**

See Photos



Read our Post-Conference Report

Watch presentations on YouTube



Signature Events & Fundraising

The Development Department builds the philanthropic, institutional, and community support that powers Nature Forward's mission through generous donations, memberships, grants, sponsorships, and in-kind contributions.

In FY26, Nature Forward launched a more accessible membership model that removed barriers to participation and expanded opportunities for community support. By welcoming supporters at any giving level, the new model positions the organization for future growth, strengthens its financial foundation, and sustains investment in environmental education, conservation, and advocacy throughout the region.

"Nature Forward is a great organization that benefits people of all ages and especially helps long-time members stay involved."

Nature Forward Member/Attendee
2026 Woodend After Dark gala fundraiser

Giving Impacts in FY26

- **$3.7 million** in contributed revenue
- **39** grants received
- **67** sponsorships secured
- **$58,928** in-kind contributions
- **1,982** member households

Growing a More Inclusive Community of Supporters



Woodend Rentals

Making lasting memories in nature

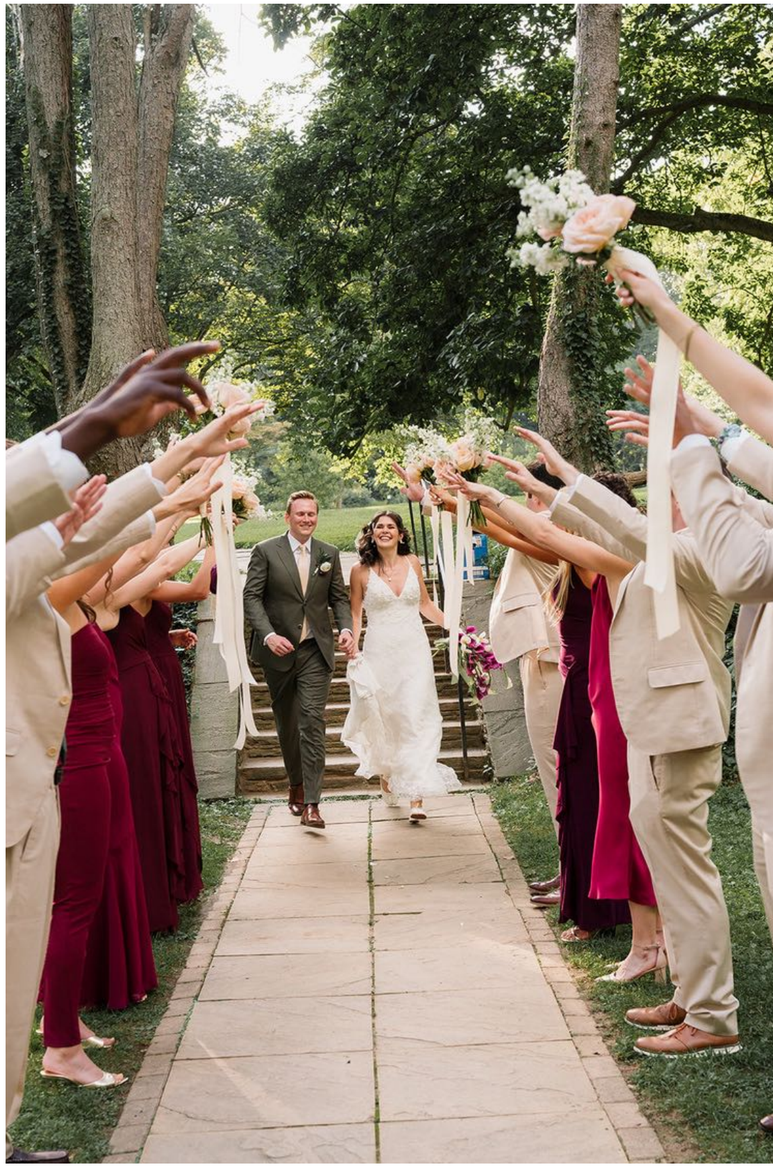
Woodend Rentals department provides a beautiful, private setting for social and corporate events, allowing clients and guests to create lasting memories while supporting Nature Forward's environmental mission.

"Woodend was a wonderful venue for our wedding! The space is obviously gorgeous inside and out, which made it easy to bring our dark romantic vision to life. Beatriz was very responsive, kind, and accommodating of any requests and questions we had along the way. Would 100% recommend Woodend to any DMV couple looking for a beautiful venue!"

Wedding Client
September 2026



Photos courtesy M. Carter Photography



Impacts in FY26

- **8,065 people attended a total of 82 rental events at Woodend Nature Sanctuary, representing an 8% increase in the number of guests over the previous fiscal year**
- **$579.7K in rental income, representing a nearly 10% increase over the previous fiscal year.**

"Our holiday party was a huge success thanks to Beatriz Engel. She is so passionate and helpful, and you can really tell that she loves what she does and will do everything possible to make your event a time to remember. We used vendors that have done events there in the past and it made a tremendous difference because they have worked with Beatriz, so everything was seamless. It's a wonderful place and I'm so glad we chose Woodend."

Corporate Client
December 2025

woodend nature shop

Helping people learn about and enjoy nature

The Woodend Nature Shop welcomes thousands of people each year and is a starting point and information hub for many Woodend Nature Sanctuary visitors.

In addition to a wide variety of the highest quality birdseed, the Nature Shop stocks the best collection of optics for birding and nature observation in the region, including binoculars, spotting scopes, and magnifying lenses.

Nature books for all ages are always popular, and the Shop has one of the best collections around of local field guides.



Nature Shop Impacts in FY26

- **2,736 shoppers made 5,198 visits**
- **$149,520 in revenue generated to support Nature Forward's mission work**







Volunteers

Making everything we do possible - Thank you!

Nature Forward is fortunate to have volunteers in every branch of work, from stream monitors to field trip leaders. Volunteers are busy every day, leading preschoolers at Woodend, planting trees, and researching important local issues. Our adult volunteers are high school students, retirees and everything in between. We have Master Naturalists, Master Gardeners, hobbyists and novices. Volunteers are outside early in the morning, leading our beginner bird walks, and out late into the evening, listening for frogs as part of FrogWatch. Each day, we are learning and spreading knowledge about the world around us, all while getting our hands dirty.

This year alone, our nearly 350 active volunteers have given 5,280 hours of their time! This service, worth more than $105,000, stays right here within our local community!

(Includes Nature Forward staff who volunteer)

Joy Adler
Emefa Agodo
Joseph Ahart
Noriko Aita
Alex Alexander
MJ Alexander
Vladimir Alvarado
Carol Anderson
Catherine Anderson
Joseph Andrews
Matt Anton
Anisa Asad
Margot Ashford
Paul Bade
Madelyn Badger
Laurel Bahar
Suzanna Banwell
Tere Baranano
Matthew Bare
Landrum Beard
Ruth Bedore
Cassie Beeler
Deborah Belchis
Katherine Benjamin
Susan Berlin
Tim Betts
David Blockstein
Mike Bopf
Gaynor Bourgeois
Clarissa Bowie
Christine Bowker
Emily Boyer
Deb Briceland-Betts
Jenny Brown
Penelope Brown
Sam Brown
Bob Burns
McKaila Burton
John Burwell
Maira Caballero
Robert Canter
Craig Carlson
Antonio Carrillo
William (Bill) Cheeseman
Katherine Cleveland
Diana Colangelo
Christy Concannon
Anne Cottingham
David Cottingham
Gayle Countryman-Mills
Tracey Cowen
Colette Cowey
Eso Csikos
Nancy Davis
Virginia Davis
Kirk Dearden
Melissa Deehring
Doug Dembling
Leslie Derr
Paula Desio
Natalie Dickter
Stacy Dimaria
Carla Dinowitz
Jeannine Dorothy
Riley Dosh
Wendy Duke
Susan Dunnell
Kristen Easter
Peter Edelman
Taunya English
Peggy Eskow
Alvaro Espinel
Michelina Ferate
Kathy Ferger
Maria Ferguson
Soup Fick
Tom FitzGerald
Neal Fitzpatrick
Antonia Florio
Barbara Fonseca
Arvina Dalaya Gadre
Cliff Garratt
Gina Ghertner
Jaimal Ghertner
Rena Godfrey
Paul Goldenberg
Jan Goldman-Carter
Zaira Gonzalez
Matthias Graf
Linda Green
Gayle Greene
Mitch Greene
John Gresh
Andy Grosko
Constance Guercin
Liz Guertin
Bella Gusman
Becky Halbe
Jim Hall
Margaret (Meg) Hathaway
Jennifer Hatleberg
Cheryl Hellner
Brian Higgins
Malika Hill
Leeza Hinton
Usha Hippenstiel
Paul Hlavinka
Ann Hobbs
Amy Hufnagel
Susan Hutner
Sheila Igoe
Will Jacob
Eleanor Jacobson
Meg Jarvis
Alan Johnson
Helen Johnson
Marie Jones
Cheryl Jukes
Anne Kaiser
Erika Kalkofen
Melinda Kania
Hugh Kaplan
Stephanie Kaufman
Greg Kendall
Sohani Khan
Sherry Khanna
Lisa Klem
Brianna Knoppow
David Knowles
John Kough
Patrick Kraich
Matt Kramer
Kenneth Kraner
Maya Labarca
Sandra Laden
Will Langhorne
Langley Park Civic Association
Karen Lasday
Michael Lautenberger
Sharon Lavallee
Barney Lawrence
Lydia Lawrence
Lorie Leavy
Claudine Lebeau
Samantha Lee
Stephanie Lee
Billie Leff
Soaren Leff
Todd Leff
Amanda Leiter
David Leonard
Keith Leonard
Allyson Lessard
Katy Levine
Melissa Lewis
Jimmy Li
Tian Liang
Carol Lightfoot
Linda Loranger
Michaela Lovejoy
Steve Lukaczer
Margaret Lynch
Sean Lynch



Volunteers (continued)

Masaya Maeda
Norberto Martinez
Mary C. Massey
Sarah Mayhew
Jim McCarthy
Jim McFadden
Jennifer McGuire Cox
Neal McKinney
Douglas McRae
Annie Mealey
Gail Melson
Tamra Mendelson
Kathy Meyer
Diane Meyers
Eileen Miller
Sabine Miller
Gale Minnich Blewis
Raquel Miranda
Kevin Misener
Alvaro Molina-Cruz
Sarah Morse
Susan Morse
Evan Mullen
Stephanie Mumford
Andree Nam
Mayda Nathan
Susan Nerlinger
Kris Nessler
Elena Neyen
Adele O'Dowd
Katerina Orestes
Peihan Orestes
Janet Owens
Jeffrey Palmer
Stephen Panossian
Saerom Park
Michael Partridge
Gregg Petersen
Monica Petluru
Ed Pfister
Chris Powell
Michelle Price
Leo Pugliese
Sasha Purnell
Kara Reeve
George Reidy
Melissa Rice
Susan Robinson
Juanita Roca
Brielle Roda
Rachel Roll
Lisa Rovin
Dietrich Ruehlman
Libby Sander
Frank Sanford
Elizabeth Sartain
Lisa Schubert
Joe Schultz
Sandy Schultz
Gretchen Schwartz
Laurie Sears
Elizabeth Shannon
Lisa Shannon
Kara Sherk
Cathy Shirima
Sidwell Friends School students
Whitney Sikes
Ben Simasek
Michael Simon
Averill Simone
Emily Simone
Bradley Simpson
Mary Singer
Bryan Sirotkin
Robin Sleeman
Christina Smith
Emma Smith
Karen Smith
Mike Smith
Maria Sola Simon
Trish Stefanik
Julia Steinberg
Sean Steiner
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Maya Sterett
Tali Stopak-Mathis
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Gregg Trilling
Loree Trilling
Lori Tsang
Will Ueckermann
Gregg Van Der Vink
Judy Van Namen
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Howie Weinstein
Glenn Welch
Marjorie Wellman
Daniel Williams
Ella Wilson
Marlena Wilson
Veronica Wilson
Sally Winthrop
Cathy Wiss
Jennifer Wright
Pam Yarrington
Peter Yarrington
Bill Yeaman
Kay Zeiter
Adria Zeldin
Nicole Zimmerman
Chris Zubowicz



Our 239 Water Quality Monitoring volunteers made 576 monitoring visits in FY26.

Supporters September 1, 2025 - August 31, 2026

Nature Forward sincerely thanks the following individuals, families, foundations, businesses, and organizations who supported us during our last fiscal year.



$50,000 or greater

Chesapeake Bay Trust*
Environmental Protection Agency*
Keith Campbell Foundation for the Environment
Chesapeake Bay Trust *
Lynn Dixon
Jessie Harris and George Cunningham
Richard and Nancy Raines
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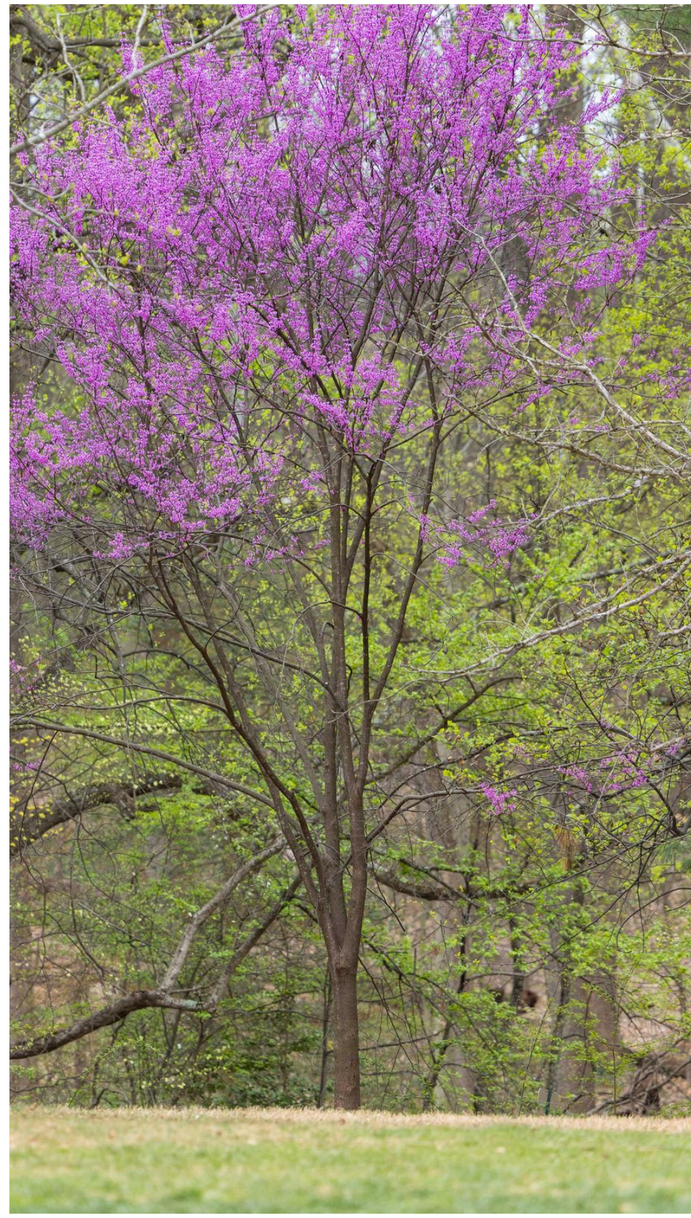
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