

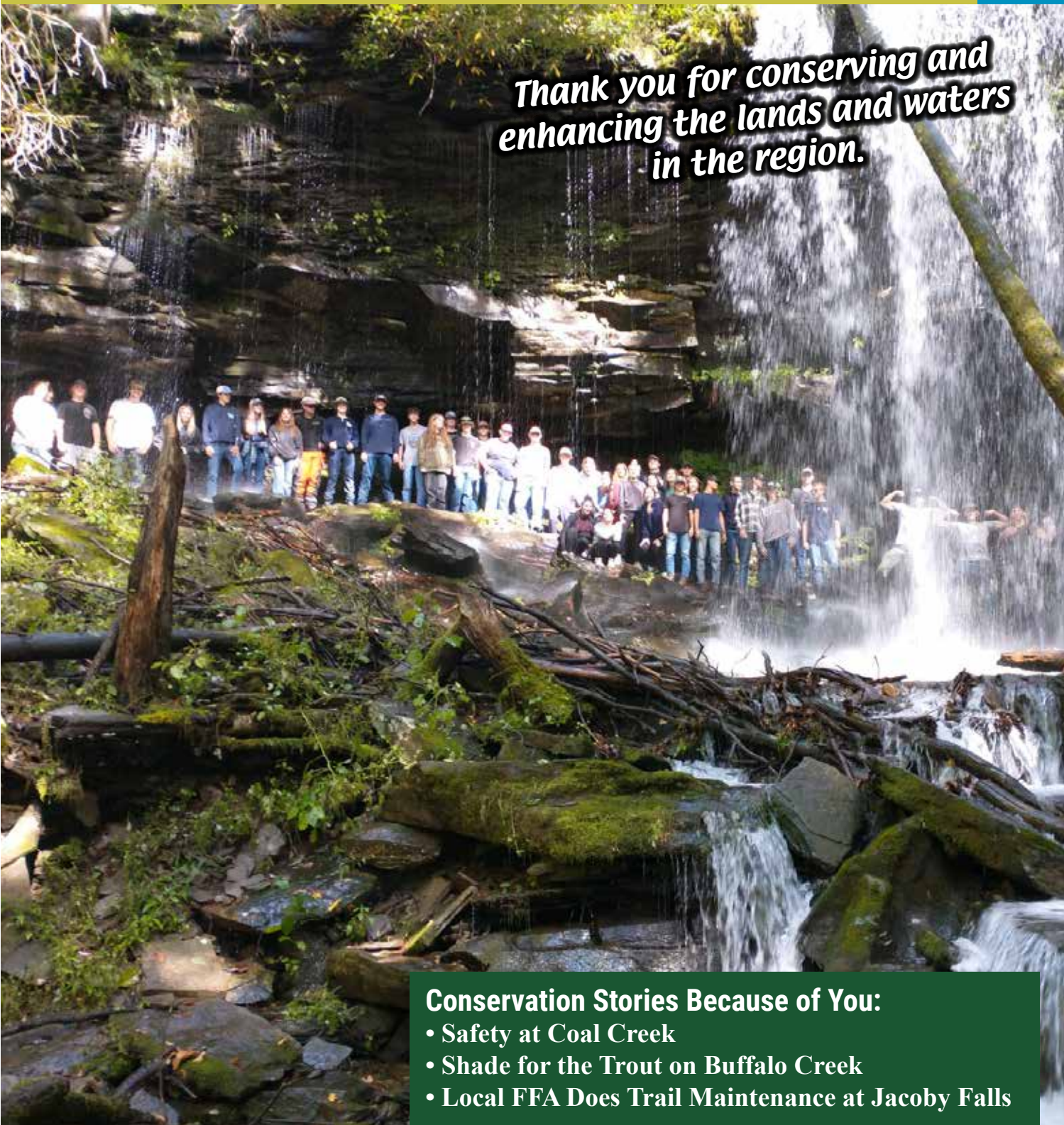
# Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy

*Conserving and enhancing the lands and waters of Northcentral PA*



Winter 2023

***Thank you for conserving and  
enhancing the lands and waters  
in the region.***



## **Conservation Stories Because of You:**

- Safety at Coal Creek
- Shade for the Trout on Buffalo Creek
- Local FFA Does Trail Maintenance at Jacoby Falls



## Do You Know Where You Are?

If you spend time in the outdoors you've probably tripped over a branch or slipped because of wet leaves or wet rocks. Hopefully you have never had to call 9-1-1 and explain where you were.

Thanks to you and your support, people walking on the Coal Creek property will have an address to use and signage to help them know where they are.

Back in the fall we reached out to Tioga County Emergency Services and requested an address for the gate on the property. We explained that since the property is open to the public we wanted to ensure that if something happened and 9-1-1 was called, there'd be an address the caller could use.

Because of you there's a sign on the inside of the gate, as you're leaving the property, with the address listed. If they're heading out for help the information they need will be in front of them as they're walking off the property. Thanks for helping with this small, but important improvement!



## Fish are in the Tioga River's Future

The plans for the Tioga River treatment system are being developed and construction should begin in late 2024 or early 2025. While that sounds far away, we all know it will be here before we know it.

Because of your support, plans are starting to move ahead to create fish habitat in the Tioga River.

You helped reach out to the Tioga County Conservation District and Trout Unlimited for a site visit in Blossburg to evaluate the potential for fish habitat structures to stabilize the River bank, create better access for fishing, and add fish habitat.

Phil Thomas from Trout Unlimited is developing some ideas and plans from the site visit. Once those are in hand we can develop cost estimates for the work, and secure the funds for the construction.



## What Needs to Happen Next at Coal Creek?

Eventually, the Coal Creek property will be transferred to the Bureau of Forestry. In the fall, staff from the Tioga State Forest spent a morning walking the property. They are developing a list of short term management projects for NPC to take on if we can find the funding. The hope is we can check a few off the list during our ownership.

Stay tuned for more information!







## Trees Added Along Buffalo Creek

You helped add trees to the banks of Buffalo Creek (Union County) in the stretch designated as a kids' fishing area!

Following up on the work you supported last year, trees were planted this fall to add shade, roots for stabilization, and food (fish eat macroinvertebrates and macroinvertebrates eat leaves)!

Teamwork make the dreamwork and in this case your help was partnered with help from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and Union County Conservation District!!



## Fisherman Already Seeing Improvement in Little Pine

In September you helped stabilize a stretch of Little Pine Creek within Little Pine State Park. In October, the project partners did a walk through to discuss what went well and the next steps. During that visit a fly fisherman spotted the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission habitat staff (they had on hats and jackets with the name and logo) and whipped out his camera. He was having a great morning catching and releasing fish and wanted to share the photos of what he'd already caught. In his opinion, the fish were already responding to the habitat and he was thrilled with the results.



You may be able to make your donation to NPC through your IRA and save some money on taxes. Talk to your financial provider.

This improved habitat is in the stream stretch where the Annual Mifflinburg Fishing Derby is held. The 2023 event is set for May 6. If you are interested in supporting the event, reach out to the American Legion Post 410 in Mifflinburg. The free event for kids up to 12 is made possible by volunteers and community donations.

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the work of the  
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## Montoursville Future Farmers of America (FFA) Work on Jacoby Falls Trail



Back in 2001, NPC's members ensured the trail out to Jacoby Falls (the second highest waterfall in Lycoming County) was kept open to the public by acquiring property the trail ran through.

This popular hiking trail on the Loyalsock State Forest got a little TLC back in the fall by the Montoursville high school Future Farmers of America (FFA). The students and teachers moved branches and limbs, raked, and posed for a photo at the falls (it was dry then, so they could easily pose).

Thanks to Montoursville FFA for their hard work! And thanks to our members for their help in securing this property and ensuring the trail remains open.





## Joanne Fisher Bequest Helps Build Endowment

Joanne Fisher passed away in June 2022 at the age of 94. In her will, Joanne donated one more gift to the Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy.

Joanne and her husband, Dean, joined NPC early on. Dean served on the Board from 1990 to 1996 and spent 4 of those years as Chair.

When Dean died in 2000 he left a bequest to NPC and a request of his friends and family to support conservation and NPC's work in his memory. With those donations, the Dean R. Fisher Fund was created. Interest income from the fund helps offset organizational expenses.

Kimberly VanCampen, Joanne and Dean's daughter, also served on the Board. Kim explains, "Mom and Dad really supported the Conservancy and its work. They appreciated living along Pine Creek and wanted to help conserve the region so future generations would have forests and creeks to enjoy."

Thank you Joanne for making one, final gift towards conserving the region.

If you've included NPC in your estate plan, please let us know. We'd like to thank you, now.



## 2021 Financial Report

The 2021 audit wrapped up in November 2022. The information provided is based on audited financial statements prepared by McKonly & Asbury. Full copies of the audited financial statements, IRS Form 990, and Bureau of Charitable Organizations filings are available by contacting the Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy Office.

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

#### Assets

Cash & investments	\$2,137,057.00
Other assets	\$10,422.00

**Total assets** \$2,147,479.00

**Liabilities** \$67,802.00

Net assets \$2,079,677.00

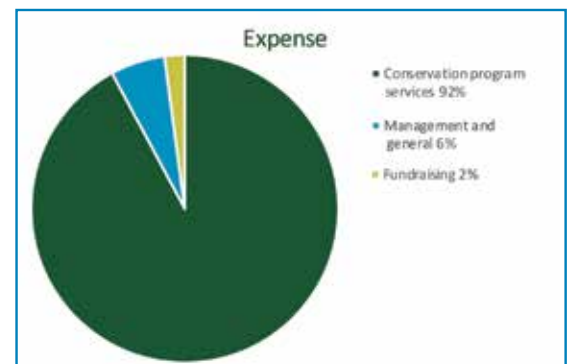
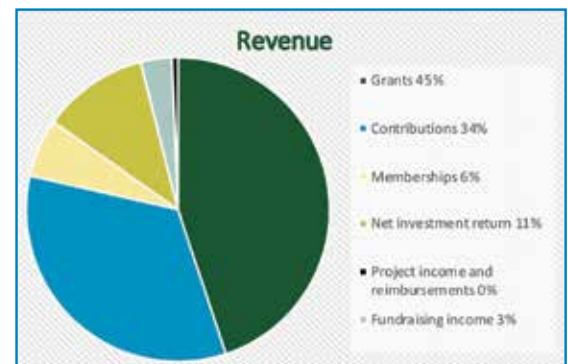
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#### Revenue

Grants 45%	\$531,091.00	0.448770739	45%
Contributions 34%	\$398,657.00	0.336864298	34%
Memberships 6%	\$73,351.00	0.061981435	6%
Net investment return 11%	\$133,488.00	0.11279707	11%
Project income and reimbursements 0%	\$380.00	0.000321099	0%
Fundraising income 3%	\$39,074.00	0.033017445	3%
Gain on sale of land held for sale 1%	\$7,394.00	0.006247914	1%
	\$1,183,435.00		

#### Expense

Conservation program services 92%	\$808,556.00	0.92144079	92%
Management and general 6%	\$50,349.00	0.057378366	6%
Fundraising 2%	\$18,586.00	0.021180844	2%
	\$877,491.00		





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The 2023 calendar is filling up. What NPC events are you going to attend?? More information will be posted on our website and shared in our paper newsletter and e-news as decisions are made and details are finalized!

- **March 31** – Celebrity Waiter Night at the Peter Herdic House (Williamsport Historic District)
- **May 21** – An Afternoon in the Garden at Muncy Farms
- **June** – Paddle Happy West Branch
- **June** – Annual Membership Meeting
- **July 23** – Forest Bathing at Worlds End State Park
- **August** - Clinton County Dinner
- **August** - Tioga County Dinner
- **November 1** – Nan “Drag’n Fly” Reisinger, the oldest woman to thru hike the Appalachian Trail, presenting her story

