

2021 ANNUAL REPORT



IMPACT



2021 BY THE NUMBERS



LAND CONSERVATION

- **24** acres newly conserved
- **2,600** trees planted on **5** acres of conserved land
- **3,200** acres total protected
- **100** high-priority properties for conservation identified



MAJOR MILESTONES

2 new programs:

- Conservation Champions Circle
- Invasive Plant Control Program



STEWARDSHIP

- **100%** of easements monitored
- **20** Invasive Plant Control Program Workdays
- **2,100** pounds of invasive plants removed

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A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

It's always a slightly dizzying exercise to look back on an entire year. So much happens! The world changed. And changed again, and again. Each of us did the same. Scenic Rivers changed too, evolving to tackle the land conservation challenges of today and of the future.

Our Conservation Champions Circle was created and launched last year to ensure we have the financial support to stay stable year over year. Knowing our partners and supporters have our back allows us to stay focused on advancing our mission and making an impact.

Our Invasive Plant Control Program was implemented last year after plans were laid in 2020. Invasive species are a major threat to our natural world, one we need to find a way to confront. We have 3,200 acres under easement that are vulnerable to invasion and the biodiversity crashes that follow these prolific and damaging plants.

Our third change of the year: we completed a rigorous process to identify our 100 highest-priority properties for conservation—the Top 100, as I call them. This will focus how we allocate our outreach and land conservation resources (time and money) so that we can make the biggest impact. We are already forging the partnerships and support for these critical projects.

Our goal to conserve as much of the remaining natural and open spaces in central and southern Anne Arundel County as possible is what gets us out of bed every morning (and sometimes keeps us awake at night!). We're proud that we were able to permanently protect 24 acres of beautiful forest and wetland with two Arnold families last summer.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we work together to protect the natural and scenic lands we all love.

Your support keeps us going.

With gratitude,



Sarah Knebel
Executive Director



CONSERVATION COLLABORATION

The Rucker and Murray families partnered to donate a conservation easement on 24 acres of their adjoining properties in Arnold.

The land has been enjoyed by both families for more than 50 years.

OUR MISSION

Scenic Rivers is dedicated to protecting forests, wetlands, farmlands, and other open spaces in central and southern Anne Arundel County. We work with landowners and other partners to conserve natural and scenic areas through landowner education and by holding and facilitating land protection agreements.

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OUR STAFF

Sarah Knebel
Executive Director

Lindsay Smith
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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



FISCAL YEAR 2021 FINANCES

Scenic Rivers continues to maintain solid financial footing thanks to a sound strategic plan, expanded fundraising efforts, and strong relationships with partners, sponsors, and donors. The net deficit reflects restricted grant funding carried over from previous years and finally expended in 2021.

2021 INCOME*

Conservation Project Grants/Donations	\$	42,807
Corporate and Family Foundation Grants	\$	181,260
Contributions (individual and corporate)	\$	48,345
Special Events	\$	40,834

Total **\$ 313,246**

2021 EXPENSES*

Program Expenses	\$	269,911
Management & General	\$	49,110
Fundraising	\$	20,452

Total **\$ 339,473**

* Unaudited at the time of publication.

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE 2021 WALK FOR THE WOODS SPONSORS!



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Annapolitan Assisted Living Community • Regional Veterinary Referral Center • Phyllis Saroff •
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WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU. THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS & DONORS!

Scenic Rivers' success begins with the loyal donors, volunteers, and partners—like you—who give so generously to further our mission. Thank you for investing in us, so that we can work with landowners throughout our county to protect the natural, open spaces we all love. Special thanks to these partners for their continued support:

- Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks
- The Helena Foundation
- Maryland Department of Health
- Maryland Department of Natural Resources
- Maryland Environmental Trust
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Thank you to all of our 2021 supporters!

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FUNDRAISING ROCKSTAR!

Celebrating a peer-to-peer fundraising and fitness success story

Annapolis-based personal trainer Debi McKibben has raised over \$18,000 for Scenic Rivers in the last two years by soliciting pledges for her participation in the annual Lifeline 100 century ride.

Debi rode 100 miles for our land and water at the Lifeline 100 in October 2021. She also raised funds during our month-long Walk & Ride for the Woods event in 2020.

Debi's enthusiasm for fitness and the outdoors is inspiring. We are so lucky to have her support!

Join Debi and other Scenic Rivers supporters at the 2022 Lifeline 100!

www.SRLT.org/Lifeline100

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THANK YOU TO THE 2021 INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL PROGRAM SPONSORS!



CONSERVATION CHAMPIONS CIRCLE

Go above and beyond to invest in the value of land conservation. Join today!

Conservation Champions Circle members donate annual gifts to Scenic Rivers at \$1,000 and above.

In recognition of their extraordinary commitment to our mission, members enjoy exclusive benefits, such as invitations to members-only events, quarterly insider updates, meetings with members of our team, plus fun extras at our public events.

You can learn more and sign up to become a Conservation Champions Circle member at:

www.SRLT.org/ConservationChampions



Conservation Champions enjoying our first land conservation luncheon at Café Mezzanotte in Severna Park in October 2021.

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LIFELINE 100: RIDE FOR LAND & WATER WITH SCENIC RIVERS LAND TRUST

15, 30, 65, and 100 Mile Route Options

Join us at the Anne Arundel County Lifeline 100 Century Ride on Sunday, October 2, 2022.

Executive Director Sarah Knebel and other members of our dedicated community of land conservationists will be riding for our land and water!

As an official nonprofit partner, a portion of your registration fee goes to support our mission when you register through our website.

Plus, you can sign up to raise funds for Scenic Rivers and win fun prizes. **The top fundraiser wins a two night stay at a Deep Creek Lake area cabin!**



Register online at www.SRLT.org/Lifeline100.