



**OUR MISSION IS
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COMMUNITY
TO LIFELONG
ENVIRONMENTAL
STEWARDSHIP.**



Dear friends of Teatown

Amidst the frenetic pace and wired intensity of 21st-century life, Teatown provides the place and the time to experience the wonders of nature. We know that Teatown's mission – to inspire our community to lifelong environmental stewardship – becomes more relevant with each passing day.

We're proud to celebrate several significant milestones in our work here at Teatown in 2018:

- We officially received the transfer of deed from the Brooklyn Botanic Garden for 245 acres that are at the very heart of Teatown – and that land will remain forever protected and undeveloped because of a conservation easement.
- We began the transformation of an old garage into the new, state-of-the-art Teatown Environmental Science Center that will be a core resource for our education programs for students throughout the year, and a space where we can host events with the environmental and educational organizations with whom we collaborate on scientific research throughout the lower Hudson Valley.
- We completed an intensive needs assessment and master planning process that will enable us to confidently seek and secure the resources

we need to extend our educational and conservation work over the next years and decades.

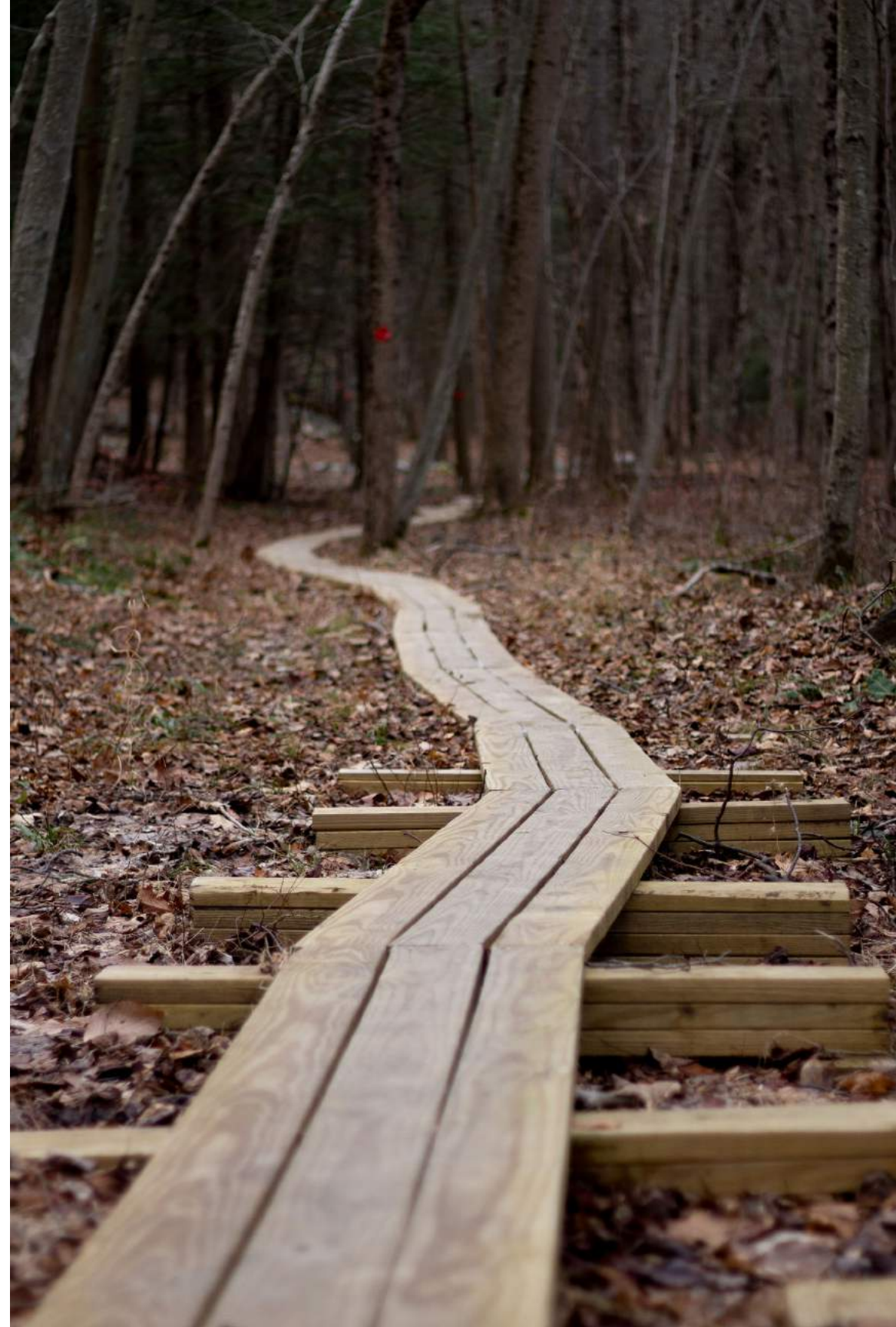
We continue to mourn the passing of our dear friend David Swope who was such an inspirational and driving force at Teatown. We also were saddened by the recent passing of Mike Bakwin, a long-time benefactor and supporter of Teatown. Both men have left an indelible mark on the Teatown community, and we will continue our work in their honor.

We're committed to the challenging and fulfilling work of providing exceptional education programs and maintaining the health and biodiversity of our environment. That work is only possible because of the support of friends like you. Please take a few minutes to read this 2018 Annual Report, and know that with your support, we will continue to be the community-centered place where you can experience the inspiring beauty of our vibrant natural world.

With gratitude and kind regards,



Howard Permut
Teatown Board Chair





Science & Stewardship

Habitat protection and restoration remain at the core of what Teatown is, and what we have been for the past 50+ years.

245

Acres protected in perpetuity by a conservation easement held by the Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

6

Paid internships provided to local college students seeking careers in conservation.

200

Hours spent by staff and volunteers managing a newly identified invasive plant: *Corydalis incisa*.

12

High school students conducted scientific research through Teatown's Environmental Science Academy.

245 acres, protected forever.

As of May 18, the heart of Teatown is protected from all future development. The Brooklyn Botanic Garden now holds a conservation easement on the 245 acres of woodlands, meadows, streams, and wetlands that encompass Teatown Lake, Wildflower Island, and Teatown's environmental education center. These habitats, along with several

miles of hiking trails, are now protected forever.

A new trail map is coming soon. We have partnered with the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference to create a new trail map which will increase accessibility of our 15-mile trail network. This new map is expected to be released in the coming months. Stay tuned for details!

On the Lakeside Trail, more than 50 Regeneron volunteers constructed a 50' boardwalk on a swampy section of the trail.

We are taking steps to improve our region's biodiversity.

Incised fumewort (*Corydalis incisa*): We identified incised fumewort (*Corydalis incisa*) for the first time last spring in Wildflower Woods. This emerging invasive was first found in Bronx County in 2005, and since identifying a population at Teatown we have spent approximately 200 staff and volunteer hours managing this invasive plant. We will closely monitor its return this spring, and continue our eradication efforts.

We are monitoring carnivore populations in collaboration with the Environmental Management and Monitoring Alliance (EMMA). This monitoring effort helps Teatown and EMMA determine the presence of these important mammals at various urban, suburban, and rural preserves, and determine conservation needs by recording long-term trends in carnivore habitat use.

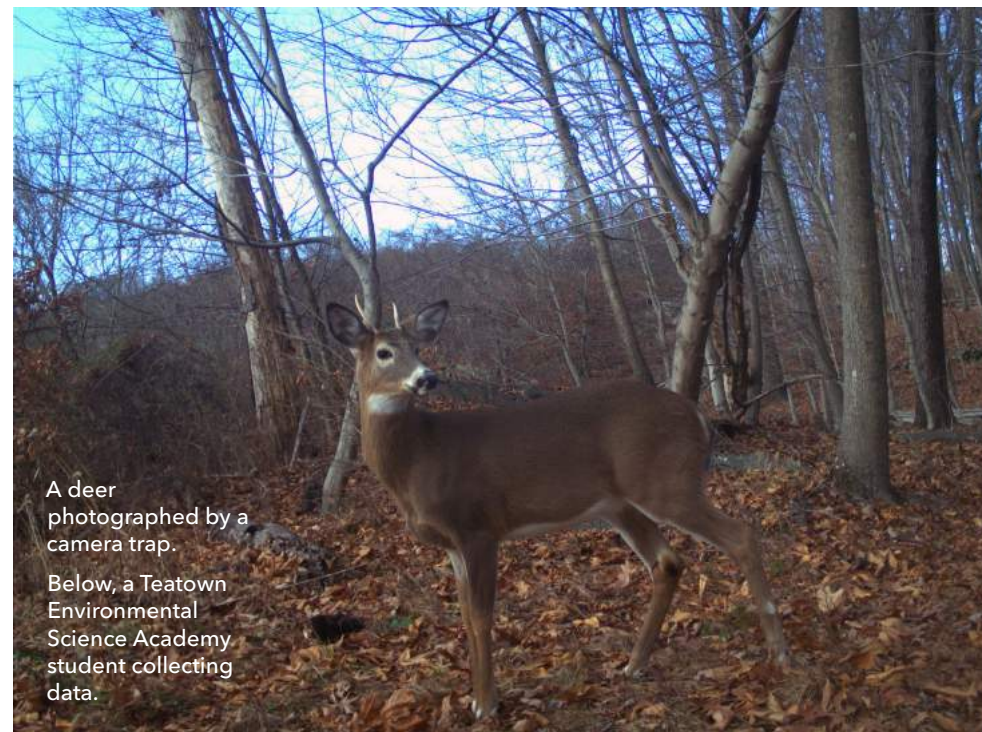
We are expanding our science education initiatives.

We are making improvements to our campus and outreach programming to better achieve our mission.

The Teatown Environmental Science Academy (TESA) hosted 12 students this year. Nine TESA alumni received awards at the 2018 Westchester Science and Engineering Fair.

The finishing touches are being made to our new environmental science center, with a ribbon-cutting event scheduled for 2019. The center marks a pivotal time in Teatown's development, as it offers a unique space with direct access to Teatown's living laboratory.

We are providing internship opportunities to the next generation of environmental stewards. During the course of the year, we worked with six college interns seeking employment in conservation and environmental science fields after graduating. These students gained valuable conservation experience in wildlife management, trail maintenance, invasive species management, and camera trap studies.



A deer photographed by a camera trap.

Below, a Teatown Environmental Science Academy student collecting data.



Education



Teatown's programs for families, adults, and children draw more than 20,000 participants each year.

5,000

Adults and children participated in topical, educational, and hands-on public programs.

3,000

Students from under-resourced districts attended programs at Teatown through No Child Left Inside scholarships.

8,000

Children attended field trips at Teatown.

10,000

Hikers and visitors to our preserve.

Nurtured by Nature

Beginning with the youngest learners, Nurtured by Nature encourages the pre-school set to explore the world around them. Teatown educators provided hands-on, age appropriate activities to more than 400 students at Yorktown Head Start, Park School, Little School in Ossining, and Pocantico Elementary School throughout the school year. Nurtured by Nature includes professional development for teachers in these schools to bring learning beyond the classroom walls.

No Child Left Inside (NCLI)

Scholarships are made available to schools to cover transportation costs or fees for service. This year students from Peekskill, Ossining, New Rochelle, Mount Kisco, Mount Vernon, and Yonkers enjoyed the benefits of discovery and learning at Teatown through NCLI.

Nature Girls

Fifth-grade girls in Tarrytown and Ossining meet weekly throughout the school year in this supportive environmental

A student spotting bald eagles in our Return of the Eagle school program

Education (continued)

enrichment program that fosters creativity, science skills, and inquiry. Through team building, self-discovery, and explorations in nature, girls develop confidence, make new friends, and increase their environmental literacy.

Public Programs

On most weekends there are activities for families, and most months Teatown hosts evening programs for adults. This year the Sustainability Series debuted and was well received. Programs in this series included seminars led by Professor Tom Wessels from Antioch University New England, Dr. Shahid Naeem from Columbia University's Earth Science Institute for Environmental Sustainability, Dr. Cynthia Rosenzweig from NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies, and Dr. Michael Gerard of Columbia Law School.

Natural Science Summer Day Camp

From 4-year-old Discoverers to 14-year-old Explorers, more than 600 children experienced the wild in Westchester this past summer. Campers learned from conservation scientists, participated in citizen science projects, investigated habitats from swamps to meadows, and enjoyed the freedom of playing in nature.

School Programs

Our school programs are shifting to align all field trips with the new NYS Science Learning Standards. Newly developed and piloted programs such as Busy as a Beaver and All About Water have been designed with STEM in mind and provide new learning opportunities for students.

The RiverWalk Center

At the Kathryn W. Davis RiverWalk Center in Sleepy Hollow, our programs focus on river ecology and watershed health. This year we launched Estuary Investigations where students learn about the changes that carved out the Hudson River Valley, and the daily tidal changes that bring fresh water down from the north and salt water up from the south.

Citizen Science

Teatown partnered with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation on the Hudson River Eel Project. Teatown coordinated the volunteer effort to count and collect data on American eels at Furnace Brook, a Hudson River tributary in Cortlandt Manor. Twenty-five volunteers began daily sampling in late February and continued until mid-May, braving high water, snowstorms, rain, and cold temperatures.



Top: Tom Wessels leading a hike as part of the Sustainability Series

Bottom left: A happy Teatown camper.

Bottom right: Sarah Edwards, Raptor Group volunteer.

Volunteers



A Regeneron volunteer helping to construct a mew for Ralph, our new turkey vulture.

So much of Teatown's work would not be possible without our dedicated volunteers.

6,229

Total volunteer hours donated to Teatown

507

Individuals and individual groups participated in volunteer efforts

1,358

Number of volunteer hours at special events such as EagleFest, Pancake Brunch, and PlantFest

24.69

Dollar value of the average volunteer hour contributed to Teatown, according to GrantSpace.

Corporate volunteers

New York Life, Con Edison, Regeneron, Volunteer NY, and Starbucks.

Other volunteer groups

ARC of Westchester.

School volunteer groups

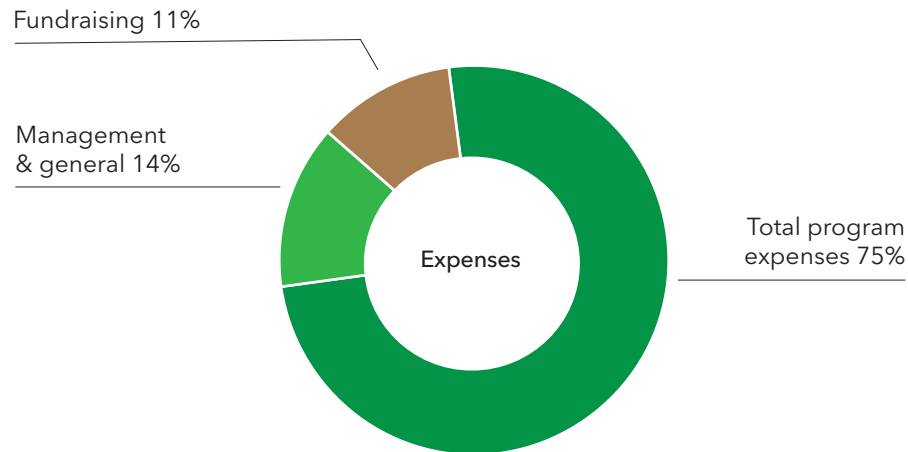
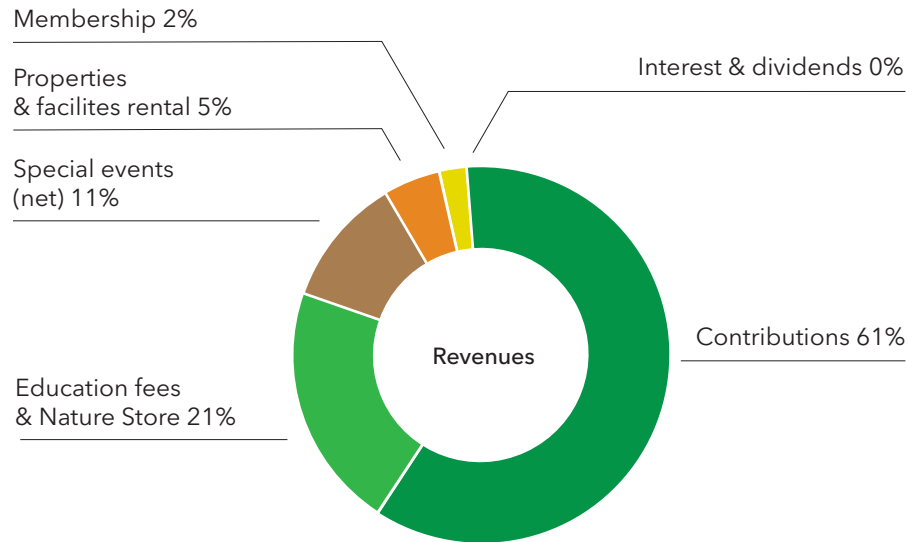
Pace University, Keio Academy of New York, Clearview School, Hackley School, and SUNY Purchase.

Interns

We were proud to host interns from Pace University as well as area high schools including Chappaqua, Yorktown, Lakeland, and Dobbs Ferry.

Financials

For the year ending June 30, 2018



SUPPORT AND REVENUE

	2018*	2017*
Education fees & Nature Store	\$646,072	\$646,447
Contributions	\$1,848,598	\$1,151,438
Special events (net)	\$345,359	\$273,995
Properties & facilities rental	\$150,660	\$146,220
Membership	\$64,080	\$51,260
Interest & dividends	\$2,640	\$(8,466)
Total support and revenue	\$3,057,409	\$2,260,894

EXPENSES: PROGRAMS

Environmental education at Teatown	\$1,284,531	\$1,191,089
Stewardship at Teatown	\$561,076	\$477,601
Regional conservation	\$165,461	\$126,998
Programs subtotal	\$2,011,068	\$1,795,688

EXPENSES: SUPPORT

Management & general	\$365,813	\$345,850
Fundraising	\$307,656	\$276,963
Support subtotal	\$673,469	\$622,813
Total expenses	\$2,648,537	\$2,418,501

NET GAINS (LOSSES)

From investments and other assets	\$3,851,593	\$877,710
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YEAR-END NET

	\$4,224,465	\$720,103
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Endowment value at 6/30/2018	\$3,216,490
Total assets at 6/30/2018	\$17,366,109

***Fiscal year for 2017 and 2018 ends on June 30**

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