

Dear friends of Teatown

For over half a century, Teatown has been a place of refuge and renewal. Thousands of visitors come to the preserve each year to connect with nature and to find peace, hope, and the unique sense of community that our many programs and events provide. At 1,000 acres, Teatown is the largest indpendent, community-funded nature preserve in Westchester County.

We're proud to celebrate several significant milestones in our work at Teatown in 2019:

We proudly cut the ribbon on our state-of-the-art Environmental Science Center, completing the transformation by adaptive reuse of an old garage into a unique resource for our education programs for students throughout the year.

We achieved the greatest singleyear impact in our history with the under-resourced communities of our region. We did this through the extension of our "Grow Wild Outside" program funded by the Westchester County Youth Bureau, as well as programs supporting school visits like "No Child Left Inside" and enrichment programs for schools such as "Nature Girls" and "Nurtured by Nature." More than 3,500 schoolchildren participated.

We completed a Capital Campaign Feasibility Study with assistance from CCS, an internationally known and highly regarded fundraising consulting firm. The study provided valuable insight from our community as well as powerful validation of the support that exists for our forthcoming capital campaign. The Teatown Board of Trustees approved launching a capital campaign with a preliminary working goal of \$10 million for much-needed enhancements and improvements to our preserve, lakes, dams, classrooms, and public spaces.

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 encouragement of friends like you. With your support, we will continue to be the community-centered place whose regional impact is growing and inspiring environmental stewards by the thousands.

With gratitude and kind regards,

Hem Carter

Howard Permut Teatown Board Chair

Howard &

Kevin Carter Executive Director





Our science and stewardship mission is to conserve our region's biodiversity, while creating an environment for exceptional educational opportunities.

1,050

Hours spent by high school senior experience interns from four area high schools clearing trails and removing invasive plants.

12

250

Native plants planted by

interns and volunteers to

Twin Lakes corridor.

restore forest habitat along the

Paid internships offered to college students seeking careers in conservation and land management.

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

We are expanding our science education initiatives.

We are partnering with area high schools to mentor and support local students' multiyear science research projects.

The Teatown Environmental Science Academy (TESA) hosted 12 students this year. Four of these students received awards at the 2019 Westchester Science and Engineering Fair.

The newly renovated Teatown **Environmental Science Center** officially opened with a ribbon cutting event on May 15. This space offers direct access to Teatown's 1.000 acres of lakes and lands, and is the site of the Teatown Environmental Science Academy.

We provided paid internships to students interested in environmental science and land stewardship. This past year, we worked with three interns who gained valuable experience in land management, wildlife monitoring, invasive plant management, trail maintenance, and habitat restoration.

We are working to preserve and maintain our region's biodiversity.

Incised fumewort (Corydalis incisa): We continued to monitor and remove incised fumewort, a new emerging invasive plant in Westchester County, from Wildflower Woods. Staff and volunteers spent approximately 30 hours this year on removal and monitoring 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.

150 feet of fencing around Wildflower Island was reinforced by a volunteer as part of his Eagle Scout project to protect it from wildlife damage.

Corporate volunteers from Regeneron restored half an acre of forested habitat along the Twin Lakes corridor during Regeneron's Day for Doing Good, by removing invasive plants and replanting with 250 native wildflowers, shrubs, and ferns

Staff conducted 50 hours of breeding bird and forest surveys to track population trends that inform Teatown's land management priorities.

We are always improving Teatown's trail system.

Two 25-foot bridges were constructed on the Briar-cliff-Peekskill Trail by two Boy Scouts as part of their Eagle Scout projects.

A cumulative 450 feet of bridge, boardwalk, turnpike, and stone steps were added to trails by volunteers.

A 50-foot section of boardwalk was repaired and extended on the Hidden Valley Trail.







Teatown's education programs create lifelong environmental stewards through programs that inspire, educate, and engage our community.

School districts attended field trips at Teatown. We reached a total of 60 different schools within the districts.

2,000

Westchester students attended programs on transportation scholarships.

Expanding our Impact

As of this year, our sciencebased programs align with the new NYS Science Learning Standards, addressing students' academic needs while furthering our mission of cultivating future environmental stewards.

Listening to the Forest

Thanks to a grant from the Land Trust Alliance, Teatown established a partnership with Columbia University's Lamont

Outreach programs at libraries, schools, and environmental centers were given by Teatown educators.

Boy Scouts completed Eagle Scout projects that improved our trails and Raptor Loop.

Doherty Earth Observatory (LDEO) to install dendrometers in Teatown's forests, which monitor trees and transmit the data in real time. Through this partnership, Teatown will become a bridge that connects the cutting-edge environmental research of LDEO scientists to students and teachers in the local community.

No Child Left Inside (NCLI)

Fees are waived and transportation scholarships are available to under-resourced schools from around Westchester County through No Child Left Inside scholarships. In 2018-2019 we welcomed 2,000 students from area schools to learn from our educators, hike our trails, and deepen their understanding of environmental stewardship.

Nurtured by Nature

Teatown's signature pre-kindergarten program opens the door to the natural world for children at Paulding School in Tarrytown, Park Early Childhood Center in Ossining, and Little School, part of the First Steps program in Ossining. This year, 385 students were led on outdoor explorations, and participated in age-appropriate hands-on activities weekly throughout the school year.

Grow Wild Outside

Generous grant funding from the Westchester County Youth Bureau supported Grow Wild Outside – a science enrichment program for kindergarten students enrolled at Park Early Childhood Center in Ossining. More than 200 children participated in afterschool and summer outdoor discovery sessions at Teatown.

Public Programs

Our community gathered to hear from knowledgeable speakers in the Art of Conservation series—featuring Caldecott Medal award winning author and illustrator Jerry Pinkney,
Jon Bowermaster–filmmaker
of "Hope on the Hudson,"
and photographer Al Horner.
Others derived inspiration to
plant natives from Amanda
Bayley, landscape architect,
and Rick Sammon, noted
photographer, who wowed
the audience with the "Art and
Craft of Bird Photography."
On most weekends during
the year, Teatown educators
led programs for families and
children.

The RiverWalk Center

Weekend public programs at the Kathryn W. Davis RiverWalk Center in Sleepy Hollow continue to draw many participants. Beachcombing events were extremely popular—more than 100 children and adults joined Teatown educators as they searched the beach for shells, driftwood, and stones, creating Wash-Away Artwork, while learning about the Hudson River Estuary as "the river that flows both ways."

Nature Girls

Thirty 5th-grade girls from two school districts – Tarrytown and Ossining – met weekly during the school year to investigate habitats at the Peabody Preserve Outdoor Classroom, RiverWalk Center, Teatown, and around their own schools. In their own words, Nature Girls are: curious, adventuresome, exuberant, leaders, explorers, green scientists!







Bottom left: A kindergartner with our Grow Wild Outside program after planting native wildflowers

Bottom right: Summer campers fishing on Vernay Lake





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

6,046 515

Total volunteer hours donated to Teatown.

Individuals participated in volunteer efforts.

1,262

Volunteer hours were accumulated at special events such as EagleFest, Pancake Brunch, and PlantFest.

Corporate volunteers

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

School volunteer groups

Pace University, Gamma Sigma Sigma, Keio Academy of NY, and Clearview School.

Other volunteer groups

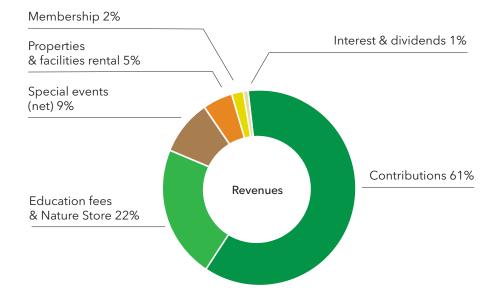
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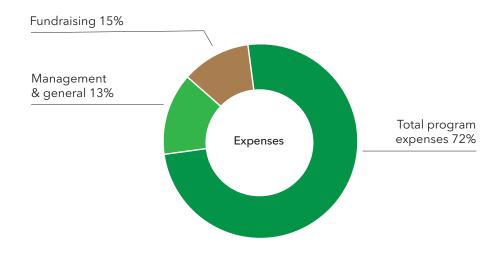
Interns

We were proud to host interns from Pace University and from area high schools including Chappaqua, Briarcliff, Croton, Katonah-Lewisboro, Bedford, Yorktown, and Tarrytown.

Financials

For the year ending June 30, 2019





SUPPORT AND REVENUE	2019*	2018*
Education fees & Nature Store	\$669,689	\$646,072
Contributions	\$1,879,986	\$1,848,598
Special events (net)	\$270,419	\$345,359
Properties & facilities rental	\$148,445	\$150,660
Membership	\$72,927	\$64,080
Interest & dividends	\$18,043	\$2,640
Total support and revenue	\$3,059,509	\$3,057,409
EXPENSES: PROGRAMS		
Environmental education at Teatown	\$1,343,887	\$1,284,531
Stewardship at Teatown	\$458,764	\$561,076
Regional conservation	\$201,187	\$165,461
Programs subtotal	\$2,003,838	\$2,011,068
EXPENSES: SUPPORT		
Management & general	\$360,060	\$365,813
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