



Our Marcellus Shale Workshop for teachers provided insight on this timely issue—giving teachers resources to better educate their students about drilling in our region.

The three-day workshop provided a comprehensive overview of gas drilling and its pros and cons. On the second day of the workshop, participants toured actual drilling sites in various stages of development. Our goal was to provide relevant information from both sides of the Marcellus Shale issue.



Four planter boxes atop the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in downtown Pittsburgh were transformed into Monarch Butterfly Waystations. ASWP planted the boxes with butterfly-friendly plants including milkweed, which is essential for the monarch's reproduction. Within weeks of planting, Monarchs began to arrive—and success! Monarch Larva soon emerged to snack on the Milkweed plants.

The positive response of the planter boxes—from city officials to the media—has led the Convention Center to request additional planters. Ten new boxes will be added with volunteer help from convention attendees.



At Succop Conservancy, the improvements we've made to the property and buildings have allowed us to expand programming and offerings to the Butler Community.

Updates to the inside of the MarCraig House will allow us to provide a more festive environment for our weddings, events, and Holiday Teas. And upgrades on the property itself make programs such as Ice Fishing on the Lake and Family Campfires more enjoyable. Creating an attractive and welcoming environment will help us to grow in the Butler region and connect more people to nature.

PROGRAMS

Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania's programs are the most hands-on way that we connect people to birds and nature. While we count the numbers of people who participate in our programs, we believe that the best accounting of success is to see them in action—on their own.

Some of our greatest program accomplishments of the past year gave people—teachers, students, children, and adults—the tools they needed to connect to nature.

- **We completed two new Schoolground Habitat Enhancement and Restoration Projects at the Environmental Charter School and Falk Laboratory School at the University of Pittsburgh.** This provided the opportunity to expand our reach into the City of Pittsburgh.
- **BirdFest, a festival focused on birds, brought hundreds of people to Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve to learn more about our feathered friends.** Children 10 and under were provided with free binoculars, underwritten by GenOn.
- **ASWP's online program reservation system came fully online this past year, providing an easy way for people to search and sign up for programs that best fit their interests.**

PROJECTS

Reaching out to a broader community through projects is one way that Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania connects people to nature. When a person—who might have never heard of a Chimney Swift—learns about the birds by walking past an ASWP Chimney Swift tower along the Allegheny River, we've made an impact.

We're also making a quantifiable impact with our Rain Garden projects. This past year, we received grants from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Equitable Resources, and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to install rain gardens across the region. Our efforts have created beautiful and practical gardens that keep hundreds of thousands of gallons of stormwater out of our rivers and streams. The amount of water collected by the gardens can be viewed on the Three Rivers Rain Garden Alliance website.

- **New raingardens were installed beside the McCandless Township Municipal Building.** The gardens were planted with native plants that attract and support beneficial birds and insects.
- **New Chimney Swift Towers have been installed in various locations regionally.** The towers provide shelter and breeding areas for these birds, who are losing their homes when residential chimneys are capped.

PLACES

Our places—Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve, Succop Conservancy, and Todd Nature Reserve—are often the public's first point of contact with us. Walking the trails at one of our reserves connects people to nature—to birds and mammals, wildflowers and frogs.

This past year, we focused on updating and renovating our newest property, Succop Conservancy. Throughout spring and summer, the historic MarCraig House was updated with energy-efficient windows and a roof made of recycled materials. The grounds were also updated with new plantings.

- **The new roof on the MarCraig House looks like slate, but is actually a material created from recycled tires.**
- **At Beechwood, a refurbished front porch on the farmhouse welcomes visitors to the reserve.**
- **This summer at Todd, the trails were cleared to allow better access for our visitors--while preserving the natural beauty of our most rustic reserve.**



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Quantifying Experiences with Nature

When you go outside, how do you quantify the experience? Is it through number of birds seen? The amount of time spent? As we look back on our past year, we realize that while annual reports focus on numbers, there is much that we do at Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania that cannot be counted. The experiences people have—and the ways those experiences change their views of the natural world—have an impact. And that impact may not be felt for years down the road.

Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania's mission is to connect the people of southwestern Pennsylvania to birds and nature through our programs, projects, and places. It's a new mission statement for 2012 and beyond that allows us to measure success—both in numbers and in intangible moments of natural discovery.

When a family participates in a native plant workshop, what they take away differs for each member. Parents may be inspired to go home and create a rain garden in the backyard. Or to create a native plant environment that will attract birds and butterflies—creating their own mini nature reserve.

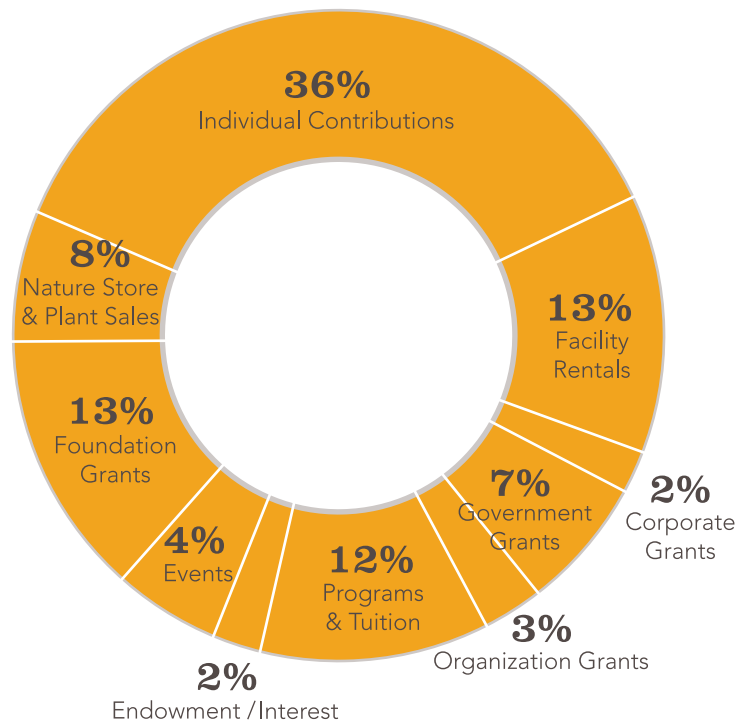
Children may see the event as an opportunity to dig in the dirt—to plant a seed and watch it grow. And when they're reminded of the experience, they may not even recall the program itself. Instead, they'll remember climbing the tree house at Beechwood's DiscoverGround—or hearing the songs of birds in late Spring.

And that's success—a connection made.

Financial Position

ASSETS	2012	2011
Cash and Cash Equivalents	451,788	246,526
Accounts Receivable	181,368	26,137
Pledges Receivable	25,000	78,950
Inventories	60,927	63,189
Investments	862,214	923,529
Assets Held for Sale	165,000	-
Land, Buildings & Equipment (net of accumulated depreciation)	3,644,888	2,009,352
Total	5,391,185	3,347,683
LIABILITIES	2012	2011
Accounts Payable	39,915	46,695
Accrued Expenses	3,446	3,460
Deferred Revenue	22,450	-
Total Liabilities	65,811	50,155
NET ASSETS	2012	2011
Unrestricted Undesignated (land and property)	3,055,245	2,108,489
Unrestricted Board Designated for Land Acquisition	54,818	54,818
Unrestricted Board Designated Reserves	311,798	427,931
Temporarily Restricted Funds	1,110,597	210,692
Permanently Restricted Land	242,500	-
Permanently Restricted Endowment	550,416	550,416
Total Net Assets	5,325,374	3,166,987
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	5,391,195	3,347,683

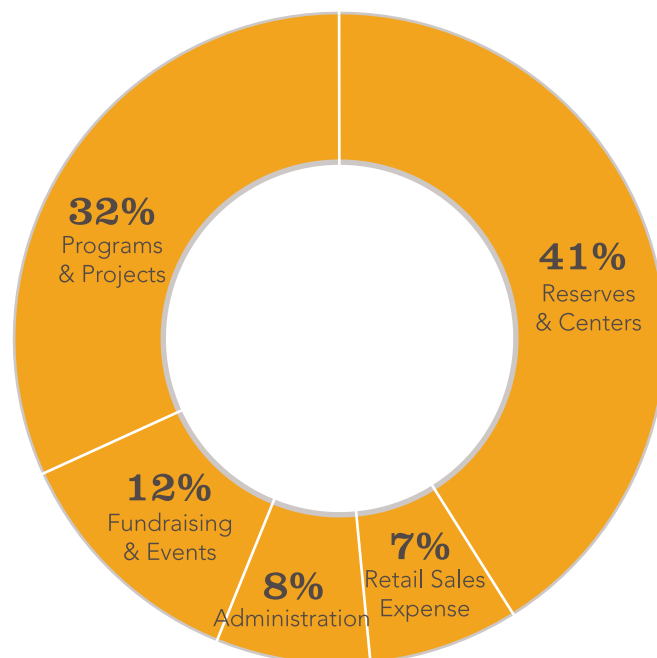
Income Sources



Statement of Activities

REVENUE AND SUPPORT	2012	2011
Fundraising, Contributions & Grants	1,416,452	480,934
Gifts of Land and Property	1,426,291	-
Special Events	60,471	95,217
Rental Income	198,536	-
Education and Program Support	173,083	186,521
Nature Store (net cost of goods)	93,147	100,766
Investment Income	17,763	19,348
Total Revenue and Support	3,385,743	882,786
EXPENSES	2012	2011
Education and Program Support	388,885	337,481
Reserves and Native Plant Center	600,830	228,762
Merchandising	94,797	24,028
General and Administrative	99,043	163,460
Fundraising	146,585	124,253
Total Expenses	1,330,140	877,984

Expense Allocations



Income and Expenses for the 2011-12 fiscal year. All numbers in this report are based on our 2011-12 audited financial statements. Copies available upon request.

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Volunteers

VOLUNTEER GROUPS	VOLUNTEERS	HOURS
Education & Programs	84	1653
Events	575	1330
Raptor Center	4	239
Native Plant Center	21	2299
Nature Store	5	918
Membership & Office Support	3	530
Board Members	20	1005
Total for Fiscal Year	712	7,974

Program Engagement

BEECHWOOD, SUCCOP, AND TODD ACTIVITIES	PROGRAMS	PARTICIPANTS
Adults (includes teacher training)	133	505
Summer Camp Sessions	8	168
Schools and Scouts	110	4,101
Family Programs and Events	46	1,022
Total	297	5,796

REGIONAL OUTREACH	PROGRAMS	PARTICIPANTS
Adults (includes teacher training)	18	681
Children	4	298
Schools and Scouts	127	3,998
Family Programs and Events	27	1,214
Total	176	6,191

Land Holdings

	BEECHWOOD	SUCCOP	TODD	ZELOYLE	TOTAL
Owned	8	50	335	85	476
Easement	0	0	132	0	130
Managed	126	0	0	0	128
Total	134	50	467	85	734

Membership

MEMBERSHIP LEVEL	2012
Individual (\$35)	512
Household (\$50)	719
Naturalist (\$100)	248
Ecologist (\$250)	43
Conservationist (\$500)	25
Steward (\$1,000)	26
Club / Organization	29
Total	1,602

This spring, volunteers from Mountain High Sports worked to get Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve ready for the busy summer season.

Total number of volunteers
420

Total volunteer hours
(3 hours per volunteer)
1,260

Mulch moved by volunteers
(64,000 lbs.)
80 Cubit yards

Railroad ties installed
(in parking lot upgrade)
60

Native plants planted
(installed in DiscoverGround)
150 Plants

Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania continues its successful Eco Trips programs, which allow participants to travel across the country to view birds and check them off of their life lists.

Number of trips
10

Number of species seen
576

Number of Participants
130