2022 IMPACT REPORT

Little Bluestone Community Forest, Summers County 212 acres protected in 2022
“The world is too much with us,” starts a poem from 1807 by the English poet William Wordsworth. Lamenting how daily concerns of “modern” English life obscured the rhythms and beauty of natural surroundings, he continued: “For this, for everything, we are out of tune.”

Britain was entering the first Industrial Revolution, changing from an agrarian economy to mechanization and industrial manufacturing, and Wordsworth feared the costs of progress in this modernizing world.

(Perhaps somewhat improbably, I learned about Wordsworth’s poem during a conversation with an attorney about solar power.)

Two centuries later, those concerns persist and amplify, in a world of hyper-advanced technologies, artificial intelligence, and virtual realities. Still expressed in poetry (Mary Oliver, Wendell Berry) and song (Taylor Swift’s “Folklore” and “Evermore” albums), they’re also a proving ground for researchers in mental and physical health, education, and evolutionary biology, among others, who document the losses that stem from nature detachment, and the benefits of Nature-based Interventions (NBI) to remedy that disconnect.

But NBIs require, well, nature. That’s where the West Virginia Land Trust comes in: Conserving outdoor spaces that offer reprieve, refuge, and recovery from being “out of tune,” as Wordsworth described.

In this Impact Report you’ll see how far we have come, thanks to help from many people who love WV’s natural lands. In 2022, we conserved almost 500 more acres in four WV counties:

- We expanded the Jenkinburg Recreation and Natural Area where Big Sandy Creek spills into the Cheat River in Preston County, protecting whitewater access in a larger protected landscape;
- A donor gifted the 30-acre “Airport Park” parcel in Morgantown, which will become a great urban recreational space;
- A family trust asked us to take ownership and become stewards of their 173-acre woodland in Lincoln County, on the Guyandotte River; and
- We implemented WV’s first-ever Community Forest Program grant, establishing the 212-acre Little Bluestone Community Forest in Summers County with local partners.

Our conservation work is methodical, nationally accredited, permanent… and expanding! So, if you’re in need of the kind of tune-up that the outdoors can offer, chances are good that WVLT either has a conserved property near you, or soon will.

We’re grateful to have you with us as we protect more of the wild and wonderful in West Virginia.

Regards,

Brent Bailey, Ph.D., Executive Director
WVLT By the Numbers

- 23 nature preserves
  - 8 Open to the public
- 250 trees planted in 2022
- 135 miles of streams protected
- 20,287 acres
- 30 easements
- 135 miles of recreational trails
- 5 water treatment facilities protected upstream
- 22 counties represented

Our people by the numbers

- 11 staff members
- 15 board members
- 42 active volunteers in 2022
- 24 active partners
- 620 volunteer hours in 2022
Community Engagement

WVLT’s annual hiking series attracted hundreds of participants from across the state to visit seven land trust owned properties, some of which are already open to the public and others under development.

Please check our website for the current list of activities at wvlandtrust.org/hikingseries.

In 2022, WVLT staff led guided hikes at the following nature preserves:

- Shavers Fork Wilfong Preserve
- Toms Run Preserve
- Little Bluestone Community Forest
- Mammoth Preserve
- Camp Bartow Historic Site
- Paul Hughes Preserve at Potts Creek
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Preserve Expansion

Jenkinsburg Recreation & Natural Area, Preston County
30 acres protected in 2022
In 2022, we reached the milestone of 20,000 protected acres! Thanks to support from those who donate, sponsor, volunteer, and love the outdoors, we have created outdoor recreation access, ensured clean drinking water, preserved working family farms, and protected open spaces, scenic views, historic sites, and more.

**Land Protected in 2022:**
- Little Bluestone Community Forest, Summers County
  - 212 acres protected
- Jenkinsburg Recreation & Natural Area, Preston County
  - 30 acres protected (expansion)
- Guyandotte Family Preserve, Lincoln County
  - 173 acres donated to WVLT
- Airport Park, Monongalia County
  - 36 acres donated to WVLT

**Photograph:** Mammoth Preserve, Kanawha County • 4,800-acre future recreation site

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**2022 Financials**

**Income**
- $1,473,949

**Expenses**
- $1,588,098

**Income**
- Grants: $522,174
- Events: $33,392
- Annual Gifts: $253,671
- Awards/Fines: $612,207
- Stewardship contributions: $52,505

**Expenses**
- Administration: $837,747
- Education & Outreach: $89,565
- Land Protection: $586,313
- Land Management: $74,473
### Grants awarded in 2022

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**Grants awarded in 2022**
- **Awarded (notification of pending award)**: $4,053,162
- **Received (funds in WVLT accounts)**: $522,174
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