In 2016 Friends of the Wissahickon laid the groundwork to ensure that Wissahickon Valley Park is the best park it can be environmentally and socially and that it has a strong advocacy base at a time when the park needs our support more than ever. We planned and designed several upcoming capital projects, launched new outreach initiatives, and strengthened our staff and board of directors, all in service of these two goals.

Yet nothing garnered more attention for the Wissahickon in 2016 than the black bear that wandered into the park in May, probably looking for food and water. An FOW Facebook post reached over 194,000 people (See p. 18), while the sighting garnered abundant press and created lots of excitement among FOW staff and park users. Like most rare wildlife sightings, the bear that wandered into Wissahickon Valley Park instilled in us a sense of wonder and reminded us that we need to maintain expansive areas of natural habitat for all wildlife while caring for our urban parks and green spaces.

In addition to our regular trail maintenance, structure repair and construction, and habitat restoration work, FOW began developing a forest management plan and implementing large-scale capital projects that will help us preserve the Wissahickon, such as the Andorra Natural Area Stormwater Management and Sediment Reduction Project (See p. 7) and the Forbidden Drive Trail and Streambank Stabilization (See p. 11). These and other capital projects will improve park user safety and help mitigate erosion and its effects on the water quality of the Wissahickon Creek—key objectives of the Sustainable Trails Initiative.

We continued to execute numerous outreach programs and events to cultivate support on the ground, such as educational activities, volunteer programs, special events, publications, and social media initiatives. For the first time, FOW published a children’s book, Good Night Wissahickon Valley Park (See p. 18), and launched a new fundraising event, the All Trails Challenge (See p. 17). Both of these new initiatives will help us build the ground of support we need to increase FOW membership and influence future conservation issues affecting the park.

Behind the scenes, FOW strengthened this support by adding a new field coordinator position to our staff, moving to a larger and more efficient office space, and achieving a gold-star rating by GuideStar, a respected online guide to nonprofit organizations. The board of directors began the process of generating a new three-year strategic plan and completed a survey to generate ideas for improved board effectiveness and involvement.

Like the bear that visited the park this spring, people have a direct investment in clean water and unpolluted air. We also need areas for our children to run and play, a natural environment for exercise and rejuvenation, and places for our community to gather. FOW hopes you will join us in building the groundswell of support we will need in the coming years to preserve the unique Philadelphia asset that is Wissahickon Valley Park.

William Whetzel
President

Maura McCarthy
Executive Director

Photo by C. Nancy Evans.
In 2016 FOW laid the groundwork for several large capital projects in the Wissahickon. Turn the page to learn more about these projects, our work on the ground, and our many outreach initiatives this past year.

**CAPITAL PROJECTS**

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FOW's habitat restoration work creates the conditions on the ground for a healthier forest understory in the Wissahickon, one of the goals of the Sustainable Trails Initiative (STI). A healthier forest understory will improve and increase natural habitat for over 200 species of birds and other wildlife. FOW's habitat restoration work in 2016 included removing invasive plants, supporting efforts to curb invasive insect species, planting and monitoring the resurgence of native species, removing litter and graffiti, and building and installing wildlife boxes.

**COVERING A LOT OF GROUND**

**PLANTING HOURS**

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FOW has increased its volunteer planting hours by 78% in two years due to our more robust volunteer programs.
PLANTING and INVASIVE REMOVAL

This year FOW volunteers worked 738 hours planting native trees and shrubs and removing invasive plants at various work sites throughout the park: the Roxborough Avenue Stormwater Mitigation and Habitat Restoration Project; the White Trail behind Monastery Stables; the Sumac Street Trailhead; the Thomas Mansion property; and Blue Bell Hill. At some locations we supported the invasive removal efforts of Philadelphia Parks & Recreation (PPR). Crew members from the Student Conservation Association, individual volunteers, and volunteer groups helped in the effort, including the St. Vincent de Paul Young Adult Center, the Watershed Church, and the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. FOW Crew Leaders led these volunteers and were instrumental in the success of these planting and invasive removal projects.

FIGHTING the HEMLOCK WOOLY ADELGID

The Hemlock wooly adelgid has been present in the Wissahickon for over 20 years, and today many hemlocks are heavily infested. These majestic trees once dominated Wissahickon Valley Park. In the summer of 2016, PPR interns and FOW summer field assistants made progress on a treatment program to save the hemlocks in the Wissahickon when they evaluated several stands of hemlocks in the park. Tom Dougherty, Park Projects Technician at PPR, Sarah Johnson, Forest Ecologist with the Pennsylvania Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, and Peg Shaw, FOW Project Manager, reviewed their findings and decided to proceed with a treatment program in May 2017 that will treat up to 350 hemlock trees. FOW staff and volunteers will monitor the trees following treatment.

FOW led clean-up efforts throughout the year at various sites in the Wissahickon, including the Walnut Lane and Henry Avenue Bridges, the Ridge Avenue bike trailhead, and the Sumac Street trailhead. At this last site, volunteers from Outward Bound and the Wissahickon Interested Citizens Association worked with FOW, additional volunteers, and the Philadelphia Water Department to remove 12,000 pounds of debris and chip 4,000 pounds of accumulated yard waste and invasive plant species from the hillside. In total, over 500 bags of litter and debris were removed from the park this year by individual volunteers and groups, including the Twining Life Day program, the Crefeld School, Eagle Rock Management, and RSM Accounting.

At Devil’s Pool, FOW relied primarily on the crew from the Student Conservation Association and our field assistants to keep litter under control during the summer months. While performing their duties, the field assistants increased FOW’s presence in the park, talked with visitors about park rules and regulations, and reminded them of the risks of swimming in the area. (See p. 15)

SALAMANDERS AND OTHER AMPHIBIANS ARE GENERALLY CONSIDERED GOOD INDICATORS OF THE HEALTH OF OUR ENVIRONMENT. THEY ARE VERY SENSITIVE TO CHANGES IN BOTH THE AQUATIC AND TERRESTRIAL ENVIRONMENTS IN WHICH THEY LIVE. DEER MANAGEMENT IS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN A HEALTHY HABITAT IN THE WISSAHICKON FOR THIS SPECIES. IT’S A GOOD SIGN THAT STAFF AT THE WEC RECENTLY FOUND A DUSKY SALAMANDER—THE FIRST ONE RECORDED IN PHILADELPHIA SINCE 1941 ACCORDING TO THE PENNSYLVANIA AMPHIBIAN AND REPTILE SURVEY (PAHERPSURVEY.ORG).

— Trish Fries, Wissahickon Environmental Center

WISSAHICKON DEER Management Program

The Wissahickon Deer Management Program, operated by PPR in close cooperation with FOW, mitigates the devastating impact of deer overpopulation on native plants and trees and reduces the number of deer-vehicle collisions on Philadelphia roadways. The program, which provides venison to local food banks, is conducted with safety as a paramount concern, as well as efficiency and minimal inconvenience to the public.

FOW also partners with PPR on deer enclosure monitoring. In 2016 a large restoration area below the Walnut Lane Bridge was also examined. The deer enclosures allow us to monitor the resurgence of native plant species without the pressure of deer herbivory. Long-term studies of such areas are needed, and we will be developing monitoring studies with the Academy of Natural Sciences in 2017-2018.

LITTER and GRAFFITI REMOVAL
CREEK CLEAN UP

FOW and the Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association joined forces for the eighth year to clean the Wissahickon Creek from top to bottom at the Annual Creek Clean Up in April. Over 60 volunteers spent the morning along the creek and in it, collecting bags of litter and debris that included beer kegs and chairs.

HABITAT STEWARDSHIP by the NUMBERS

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With its habitat restoration projects, FOW is helping to create a healthy ecosystem in Wissahickon Valley Park. Figures for 2016.

WILDLIFE BOXES

FOW's Structures Crew and other volunteers built dozens of wildlife boxes in 2016 for bluebirds, owls, hawks, wood ducks, and bats. The boxes were placed in species and habitat appropriate sites throughout the Wissahickon and sold at Killian Hardware in Chestnut Hill, Stanley's Hardware in Roxborough, the Wissahickon Environmental Center, and The Cedars House. By installing these boxes, local residents provide breeding and roosting options for animals suffering from habitat loss.
Decreasing the amount of stormwater runoff entering the Wissahickon Creek reduces the contaminants that threaten this source of Philadelphia drinking water. Through the work of the Sustainable Trails Initiative, trail improvements are designed to shed stormwater more efficiently, thus reducing trail erosion and the amount of pollutants entering the creek. In 2016 FOW conducted planning and design groundwork required for several extensive projects, continued to protect the Wissahickon Watershed through conservation easements, and worked with the Philadelphia Water Department and other partners in watershed stewardship. (See p. 15)

The Wissahickon Environmental Center (WEC) sits at the bottom of a large drainage basin. During rain events the WEC is inundated with stormwater which routinely causes flooding of the structure and damage to the surrounding property, particularly the center's driveway. This problem is exacerbated by several factors: the location of the WEC at the bottom of the basin; runoff from Northwestern Avenue; inadequate water infiltration into forest soils due to compaction; the absence of organic leaf litter; and the lack of understory growth (plants uptake water, slow the movement of water, and create infiltration opportunities).

In 2016 FOW got the Andorra Natural Area Stormwater Management and Sediment Reduction Project off the ground when it hired A.D. Marble, a firm specializing in environmental resources studies and engineering services. With them and the staffs of the WEC and the Philadelphia Water Department, we began the planning and design phase of this project, which will intercept and infiltrate stormwater from higher elevations of the Andorra Watershed as it travels down toward the WEC and the access road. The new stormwater management system will reduce the amount of surface water flows reaching the WEC and thereby help stabilize its lower driveway and improve the adjacent tributary which has become deeply eroded. Proposed solutions for the Andorra Natural Area Watershed involve a range of interventions both major and subtle. Phase I will include design, permitting, and implementation for work in Zones 1 and 2, as well as design and permitting for Zone 3. Funding for Phase I is being provided by the PA Department of Environmental Protection and will support the major earth-moving components which will begin in the upper parking lot area and continue down to the WEC day-use area. Once funding is secured, Phase II will include implementation of work in Zone 3 and will address the main driveway and adjacent tributary. FOW staff and volunteers will support the effort in a variety of ways throughout the watershed. This may include invasive plant removal, native plantings, wooden structures, and the installation of contour logs.
The Joint Easement Program of FOW and the Chestnut Hill Conservancy (formerly the Chestnut Hill Historical Society) encourages property owners within the Wissahickon Watershed to donate potential development rights to the Conservancy, a land trust accredited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission. In 2016 the Joint Easement Program received a grant from the William Penn Foundation which facilitated the hiring of a new conservation and easement manager. FOW manages the conservation portion of the Joint Easement Program, which focuses on the health of the Wissahickon Watershed. The program currently protects 87.65 acres through 36 conservation easements. Many of the conservation easement properties border on or are adjacent to Wissahickon Valley Park, and/or possess natural features that would help to manage stormwater runoff. The easements on these properties also provide scenic views, sustain natural habitats, and prevent inappropriate development.

**CONSERVATION Easements**

This year FOW continued preliminary fundraising and work on a project to restore approximately 315 feet of stream channel in Valley Green Run to its confluence with the Wissahickon Creek. This will make it more stable and flood tolerant. Currently, the stream at this location is actively enlarging, and this widening process (lateral erosion) is likely to continue into the future and will eventually undercut the old fill slope, causing its failure.

This project will facilitate the Valley Green Road Pedestrian Trail Project (See p. 10) and provide a secure foundation for all work FOW undertakes above this site. Once completed, the channel will be restored to a naturalistic, boulder-bed, step-pool channel based on the morphology of the lower valley in this location. Restoration will include large native rock as well as extensive riparian zone planting. Additional stabilization of the fill slope—and protection from exceptional floods—will be provided by the establishment of dense native plant cover.

**RAIN CHECK**

Over 40 people attended a Rain Check Workshop hosted by FOW during the summer of 2016 to learn how they can help reduce stormwater entering the Wissahickon Creek. Rain Check is a program that helps residents manage stormwater on their properties. It is sponsored by the Philadelphia Water Department, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, and Sustainable Business Network. Participants receive a free rain barrel and/or a downspout planter, a rain garden, or porous paving installed at a reduced price.

**DRAIN MARKING**

Storm drains send stormwater from roadways, driveways, and other impervious surfaces directly into our waterways, especially during heavy rain events. Philadelphians rely on the Wissahickon Creek for 10% of their drinking water, so PWD asked FOW to team up with them to mark the storm drains in the Wissahickon Watershed. They provided the supplies and we provided the labor. Look for the drain markers we installed in the Andorra neighborhood.
Using funds provided by the City of Philadelphia, FOW led a planning process in 2016 on behalf of the community in partnership with the Wissahickon East Project for the newly acquired Wissahickon East Parcel. Among other things, the plan describes existing conditions and provides a detailed base map of the parcel, identifies critical erosion areas, including concept level designs for stabilization of the stream corridor, and identifies restoration opportunities for upland areas of the park.

The Wissahickon East Parcel was acquired by the City of Philadelphia in 2013 after a lengthy campaign by the Wissahickon East Project, a community group focused on its continued preservation. The property is comprised of six acres of woodlands parallel to the old Reading Railroad right-of-way, southeast of Cresheim Valley Drive. The Cresheim Creek, a tributary of the Wissahickon Creek, runs through the property. This project was funded by the City of Philadelphia through the Department of Parks & Recreation.
Work on the Ground

Trail restoration, new trail construction, and regular trail maintenance are key components of the Sustainable Trails Initiative and support habitat restoration and stormwater management. An improved trail system minimizes the impact of trail use on the habitat; sheds stormwater evenly to reduce erosion and subsequent degradation of creek water quality; withstands heavy use by the public; reduces user conflict through design elements that encourage proper use; and improves user safety. In 2016 FOW completed over four miles of trail work and laid the groundwork for several large projects to begin in 2017.

Valley Green Road Pedestrian Trail Project

After the boardwalk bridge from the Valley Green Road parking lot to the Valley Green Bridge collapsed, FOW installed safety barriers at either end. This year FOW began planning and fundraising for the Valley Green Road Pedestrian Trail Project. FOW plans to construct an elevated boardwalk approximately 140 feet long, restoring an environmentally and socially sustainable trail connection in this area. This project will provide a safe, sustainable trail connection for park users from the upper parking lot to Forbidden Drive and other trails.

After construction of the trail, FOW will restore native plant habitat at trailheads and along the corridor. Once the boardwalk is in place, the fill slope surface will be amended to create a surface better suited to supporting a thriving plant community. This will be accomplished with dense plantings and ongoing maintenance—both help to defeat the invasive weedy species rampant in Wissahickon Valley Park. The natural forest recovery process will be accelerated by installing many large-stock plants within the corridor.

Schematic cross section showing the proposed restoration approach. Created by Skelly & Loy, Inc. Not to scale.

Trail Work by the Numbers

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**FORBIDDEN DRIVE TRAIL and STREAMBANK STABILIZATION**

This year FOW raised $1 million toward repairing three sections of Forbidden Drive that have partially collapsed near Valley Green Inn, Mt. Airy Avenue, and Kitchen’s Lane. The Forbidden Drive Trail and Streambank Stabilization project is one of the largest projects FOW has ever undertaken, and this year we began the permitting and design phase. FOW selected the team led by Riverlogic Solutions/AKRF to conduct the construction work, which is scheduled to begin in 2018. This project will improve park-user safety, mitigate erosion, and restore the riparian streambank habitat, which will help improve the water quality of the Wissahickon Creek. In addition to repairing the collapse sites, the project team will inspect and deliver a detailed report of drainage issues along the entire length of Forbidden Drive. The creek is included on Pennsylvania’s list of impaired waters in part because of siltation, and each of these collapse sites are actively eroding, contributing sediment loads to the creek during rain events. Repairing these collapses will also help ensure that important utility systems are not damaged. This project is being funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Financing Authority Department of Community and Economic Development, and private donors.

**TRAIL Work**

1. A large section of the Yellow Trail from Bells Mill Road to Cathedral Road underwent heavy maintenance. Using a mini-excavator and the new mini-skid steer, FOW constructed new drainage features, cleared existing drains, and removed several sections of dilapidated fencing.

2. Professional trail builder Steve Thomas of Terra Firma Trails worked with FOW staff and Crew Leaders to make structural repairs and sustainable improvements to the White Trail near Rex Avenue.

3a. Maintenance was completed on segments of the White and Orange Trails and the connector trail between Valley Green Road and Kitchen’s Lane. Crew Leaders John Cassidy, Kara Schoch, and Lisa Stout joined John Holback, FOW Volunteer Coordinator, in leading 18 volunteers in completing this trail work.

3b. In the spring, professional trail builder Steve Thomas closed approximately 1,500 LF (linear feet) of two heavily eroded segments of the White Trail north of Monastery Stables and replaced them with approximately 2,000 LF of two new segments of sustainable trail. FOW staff and volunteer Crew Leaders completed the finish work.

4. On National Public Lands Day, 24 volunteers conducted trail maintenance during a workshop on trail repair. They were led by Crew Leaders John Cassidy, David Dannenberg, Emily Southerton, and Brad Maule.

5. Volunteers helped rebuild the trailhead at Sumac Street near the 100 Steps by installing six log terraces to repair the trail entrance that had been severely eroded by stormwater runoff from Vicaris Street.

Crew Leaders led volunteers in closing several rogue trails throughout the park. Rogue or social trails are a major source of erosion and habitat destruction. Once they are closed, FOW staff and volunteers restore the damaged area.

FOW instituted Trail Patrols—workdays at which a group of volunteers gather tools and supplies, and hike, working on the trail as they progress.

FOW Crew Leaders and volunteer sawyers removed 29 fallen trees from park trails. The most notable project was removing a huge tulip tree that had fallen on the Lavender Trail.

This year’s crew from the Student Conservation Association (SCA) spent the summer clearing trails of encroaching brush, maintaining and building drainage areas, installing trail blazes along the entire length of the Yellow Trail, and closing social trails. The SCA crew, led by Katie Fonte, included Shane Flood, Sethone Kan, Kayla Lawyer, Latifah Nobles, Charles Richards, and Tahlia Silary.
FOW is committed to maintaining the structures in the park because of their historical importance and contemporary use. While we make certain to preserve their integrity and heritage, we believe caring for resilient, well-maintained, and useful structures ensures their survival and the avoidance of new construction in the park. In 2016 we put the finishing touches on our restoration of the Andorra Tree House, continued our stewardship of Valley Green Inn, and the restoration and maintenance of all other structures in the park, which we could not do without the hard work of our dedicated Structures Crew.

**ANDORRA Tree House**

In 2016 FOW completed the construction of a new wheelchair ramp and accessible path to the Wissahickon Environmental Center (WEC). The ramp and path were built by Meadowbrook Builders, FOW's Structures Crew, and Terra Firma Trails, LLC. The ramp provides access to the new porch via an accessible path and a dedicated handicap parking space. The path was constructed using native stone and crushed gravel dust to create a durable surface that matches the natural character of the park, and the ramp was built to match the historic building. This project was partially funded by PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

The porch on the WEC was completed in 2015, but was missing an important element that was added this year: a tree cookie. The WEC is known as the Tree House because of a sycamore tree that once grew through the porch and its roof. While the tree cannot be replaced, FOW did its best to pay homage to it through the installation of a sycamore tree cookie in the porch floor directly beneath a skylight where the tree once grew. The next time you visit the Tree House, step up onto the porch and look down—then up!

**STRUCTURES Crew**

Since 1996 FOW's Structures Crew has completed countless building projects throughout the Wissahickon. They are responsible for various structures in the park, including benches, fences, and the WPA shelters along Forbidden Drive. This year they completed an impressive list of projects and worked 1,061 hours.

**Highlights**

- Repaired 5.5 miles of fencing along Forbidden Drive
- Repaired 40 memorial benches and 16 picnic tables
- Assisted with building a wheelchair ramp at the Wissahickon Environmental Center
- Installed fencing to protect newly planted trees near Monastery Stables
- Built and installed 24 wildlife boxes
- Cleaned and repaired the spring house and watering trough at Mount Airy Bridge
- Installed a new roof on the spring house at Courtesy Stable
- Repaired and painted the guard shack at Valley Green

*Not a complete list of the Structures Crew work in 2016.*
PRESERVATION ALLIANCE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

FOW was awarded the Grand Jury Award at the 23rd Annual Preservation Alliance Achievement Awards in 2016 for the restoration of the Wissahickon Environmental Center, completed with contractors from the Fairmount Park Conservancy, Archer & Buchanan Architecture, LTD, and Roofmeadow Services, Inc.

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Structures Crew hours have more than doubled since 2013 and reflect a $74,011 investment in the preservation of the integrity and history of the park over the past four years.

*Estimated dollar value of volunteer time is for Pennsylvania in 2016. Hourly rate is $23.89. Rate provided by independentsector.org/resource/the-value-of-volunteer-time.

VALLEY GREEN Inn

FOW has been the guardian of Valley Green Inn since 1934 and holds a lease for this popular landmark. Under the auspices of the Fairmount Park Conservancy (formerly the Fairmount Park Historic Preservation Trust), we are responsible for overseeing the physical condition of the Inn’s structure and its immediate surroundings.

This year FOW replaced the outside pavilion roof and added new side panels, which will offer additional natural light and heat insulation for diners. The Valley Green Inn Oversight Committee and Valley Green Inn management are looking into possible improvements to the surrounding area with the goal of enhancing user experience and access to the Inn and its environs.

The management of the Inn continues to offer imaginative programming—such as beer tastings—especially during the warmer months. FOW encourages everyone to dine often at Valley Green Inn. Your patronage supports this historic structure, a local business, Wissahickon Valley Park, and FOW.
FOW’s Outreach programs help park users deepen their understanding, commitment, and affection for the Wissahickon. These events and activities help us cultivate support on the ground through members, volunteers, sponsors, and advocates. In 2016 we continued to participate in partnerships and advocacy efforts, while offering an exciting roster of events, educational activities, volunteer programs, publications, and social media initiatives. New this year: the All Trails Challenge, the children’s book *Good Night Wissahickon Valley Park*, and the SEPTA Bike-n-Ride.

**VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR: MERRITT RHoad**

Merritt Rhoad has been an FOW volunteer since 2002 and he is a volunteer who is talented at both field work and outreach activities. He is a long-standing member of and now leads the Structures Crew. He is also a graduate of the first Trail Ambassador class and has worked many volunteer hours conducting patrols and leading hikes. Since 2007 he has been contributing to FOW in a unique way: He recommends FOW for an annual grant from IBM, his prior employer, based on his volunteer hours. As of December 2016, he had leveraged $10,000 for FOW through this program.

**BUILDING A STRONG GROUND OF SUPPORT**

With our growing corps of volunteers, FOW can be an even more effective advocate and steward for the park.
FOW volunteers provide critical support needed to protect, preserve, and enhance Wissahickon Valley Park. Volunteers can contribute in many ways at workdays and events. For those who wish to make a more substantial contribution to preserving the park, FOW continued to offer two volunteer programs this year: Trail Ambassadors (TAs) and Crew Leaders. We also took preliminary steps in developing our new Outreach Corps, set to begin in 2017. Members of this volunteer program will represent FOW in the park and in surrounding communities, while growing FOW’s membership. In addition, FOW partnered with PA Master Naturalist (PMN) again this year to further strengthen our volunteer programs. Volunteers to this program are required to perform service hours, and many PMN trainees become TAs or perform service projects with FOW. This year, 17 PMN volunteers participated in over 712 hours of environmental education.

FOW’s 87 Trail Ambassadors are park docents who aid and educate park visitors about everything park related: directions, safety needs, park history, flora, fauna, geology, and more as they patrol the park in pairs. They also lead hikes, present lectures, and staff outreach events. In 2016 TAs worked over 4,654 hours. They conducted 477 patrol shifts, led 72 hikes, and staffed 31 outreach tables.

Crew Leaders are volunteers who learn how to lead volunteer groups in the park and share their knowledge and expertise with others. They work directly with our volunteer and field coordinators to help plan and lead volunteer workdays throughout the park and are valued for their input, guidance, and encouragement of their fellow volunteers. Crew Leaders can choose to focus on trail work, habitat restoration, structures, or trash and graffiti removal. This year, FOW’s 17 Crew Leaders worked 495 hours in the park, making a positive difference in the Wissahickon with their work on the ground!

In addition to supporting Rebuild Philadelphia, Mayor Jim Kenney’s $500 million program to revitalize neighborhood parks, recreation centers, playgrounds, and libraries across the city, FOW focused our advocacy efforts on watershed issues. We continued to work with the Philadelphia Water Department (PWD) to help ensure they meet their Green City, Clean Waters goals and participated in several watershed stewardship programs: the Joint Water Resources Committee with the Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association (WVWA); the Wissahickon Clean Water Partnership (WCWP), also with the WVWA; and the Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed Partnership (TTF).

Through the Joint Water Resources Committee, FOW leads volunteers in the Annual Creek Clean Up and has organized several public forums on watershed issues with WVWA. The WCWP is primarily focused on partnerships between all of the municipalities, including Philadelphia, that discharge to the Wissahickon Creek and/or have oversight over both point and non-point source pollution in the Wissahickon Watershed. FOW facilitates public engagement for citizens in the upstream portion of the watershed, and supports PWD by coordinating our capital work priorities with theirs.

At TTF, Friends of the Wissahickon works to strengthen watershed messaging that will benefit all of Philadelphia. We support volunteer training initiatives that will benefit both watershed parks and we look for opportunities to join together in advocacy to benefit Philadelphia’s parks and recreation facilities. (See p. 7 for information on FOW’s watershed projects.)

FOW remains committed to improving safety and litter issues at Devil’s Pool, and once again hired three seasonal field assistants to provide a consistent presence in the park during the summer months. They cleared trails and maintained the Devil’s Pool area, along with the crew from the Student Conservation Association, and educated park users about park rules and regulations regarding litter and safety. The field assistants also helped evaluate several stands of hemlock trees in the park for a treatment program. (See p. 5 for more information on FOW’s field assistants and our efforts to reduce litter in the park.)

FOW Field Assistants DaJuan Banks, Rosie O’Connor, and Kristin Locy.
OUTREACH

FOW offers a steady stream of outreach activities and events that provide the public, including families with children, a chance to enjoy and appreciate the Wissahickon while learning about its wildlife, history, ecology, stewardship challenges, and more. In addition to the popular Trail Ambassador Walks & Talks, FOW offers lectures through Valley Talks, sponsored in 2016 by Valley Green Bank, and at our Annual Members Meeting. This year’s guest speaker was Kathryn Ott Lovell, Commissioner at Philadelphia Parks & Recreation. Our much-anticipated annual events—the Ice Cream Social, Whispers Along the Wissahickon, and Winter in the Wissahickon—have long been traditions for park lovers. FOW presented several new outreach initiatives this year: the All Trails Challenge, the children’s book Good Night Wissahickon Valley Park, and the SEPTA Bike-n-Ride.

The Biennial Wissahickon Photo Contest was the most successful to date with over 110 photographers submitting over 300 photographs. Presented in partnership with the Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association (WVWA) for the first time, the contest included photos taken within Wissahickon Valley Park, along the Green Ribbon Trail, and on any of the WVWA managed preserves. Jamie Stewart, whose photographs are featured in Wissahickon Worth Preserving: The Preservation of a Pennsylvania Watershed (2007), judged the contest. To view all the winners, visit fow.org/winningphotocontest.

EVENTS & EDUCATION

FIRST PLACE PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

PEOPLE’S CHOICE
Rachel Balascak

JUNIOR SUBMISSION
Joseph McDermott

LANDSCAPE
Mark Lipshutz

STRUCTURES
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WILDLIFE
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ALL TRAILS CHALLENGE 2016
Friends of the Wissahickon

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FOW raised over $25,000 with the first All Trails Challenge in the fall of 2016, and we couldn’t have done it without the 271 participants who hiked, biked, and ran throughout the park. The All Trails Challenge was an exciting four-month long event that invited park users to explore Wissahickon Valley Park by hiking, walking, running, horseback riding, or biking all 50 miles of its scenic trails. Participants raised money for the continued preservation of the park by inviting their friends, family, and coworkers to sponsor them. The Challenge included a fun kick-off party, mileage and fundraising incentives, lots of give-aways, and scheduled hikes and walks with great prizes, including exclusive vacations for our top mileage and fundraising participants.

All funds raised by the All Trails Challenge will support the preservation of Wissahickon Valley Park by FOW. Thanks to our sponsors (See p. 23) and everyone who participated, including FOW Trail Ambassadors who led ATC hikes and volunteers who helped at Challenge events. We are already looking forward to the All Trails Challenge 2017!

FOW has long partnered with and supported the Wissahickon Environmental Center (WEC) in its efforts to offer accessible environmental programming to Philadelphia school children and families. This year, they served over 5,800 children and adults with their programs. The WEC, also known as the Tree House, offers innovative and informative environmental education programs on Philadelphia watersheds and stormwater management in partnership with the Philadelphia Water Department. Watershed programming at the WEC is part of FOW’s Protect Our Watershed program, and Trail Ambassadors volunteer time there and lead hikes in the area. FOW also jointly hosts events at the Tree House and provides publicity for its programs. In 2016, FOW completed the construction of a new wheelchair ramp and accessible path to the WEC. (See p. 12)

THE 2016 SPONSOR of Valley Talks

FALL FEATHERED FRIENDS IN THE WISSAHICKON
Ruth Pfeffer, Birding with Ruth

PLANNING FOR THE WISSAHICKON:
LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE BLACK ROCK FOREST
Dr. William Schuster, Black Rock Forest Consortium

PROSPECTS FOR RESTORING THE AMERICAN CHESTNUT
John Wenderoth, PA-NJ Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation

THE POWER OF URBAN NATURE: WHY BETTER ECO SYSTEMS CREATE BETTER LIVES
Claudia West, North Creek Nurseries
Most Popular Post in 2016: a bear sighting in the Wissahickon!

17 OUTREACH

Good Night Wissahickon Valley Park

In 2016 FOW published our first children’s book, Good Night Wissahickon Valley Park. This brightly colored picture book takes children on a hike through Philadelphia’s Wissahickon Valley Park. Written for preschoolers, FOW hopes to connect with more families with young children and encourage them to explore the park. The publication party featured readings of the book by local celebrities and Wissahickon-themed activities. The book is offered as a free gift to new members at the family level and above, and is for sale at Shop.FOW.org and local retailers.

FOW Online

FOW’s online and social media presence is integral to growing our membership, strengthening community relationships, and cultivating park advocates, all in an effort to ensure the continued stewardship of Wissahickon Valley Park. This year we launched a new website that is compatible with mobile devices and a text alert system for notifying park users of emergencies, weather alerts, and other important information to aid in their safe use of the Wissahickon. FOW’s social media presence is growing and helping us cultivate an energetic community of park supporters and advocates.

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EVENT ATTENDANCE 61% increase in only 5 years!

FOW is cultivating more community engagement and interest in the park through innovative programs like the All Trails Challenge, which attracted 271 participants in 2016.

- The number of TA hikes and their popularity continues to grow. In just five years, the number of TA hikes has more than doubled, from 36 to 83, and the attendance at these programs has grown by almost 100%.

- Valley Talks, sponsored by Valley Green Bank in 2016, has increased 46% since 2012. This popular educational series covers a wide range of topics, including Wissahickon birds and the decline of the American chestnut tree.

- FOW offered six membership events this year, including Whispers Along the Wissahickon, the Annual Members Meeting, Winter in the Wissahickon, and the All Trails Challenge.

- Outreach events include programs such as Quizzo games hosted by Crew Leader Brad Maule; the Rain Check Workshop in partnership with the Philadelphia Water Department, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, and Sustainable Business Network; the Ice Cream Social; the Biennial Photo Contest with the Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association; and outreach tables in the park and at local community events. FOW connects with the public through these events, and attendance has almost doubled in only five years.

- After holding steady at 1,600 member for several years, FOW has seen significant growth in membership in 2016, due in part to an expansion of social media outreach, implementation of a marketing and rebranding program, the All Trails Challenge, and membership acquisition campaigns.
The financial condition of Friends of the Wissahickon remains very strong. In 2016 we had a successful year raising funds for the programs that we manage in the park. FOW raised $1.1 million this year with commitments for an additional $405,000 once certain conditions are met. This indicates the enthusiasm that FOW has generated to attract members, large donor gifts, and grants. At the same time, we spent $1.7 million to continue our investment in the Sustainable Trails Initiative and build a new maintenance facility that will be used to house our equipment in a central location so as to support our many volunteer activities. Also in 2016, the FOW staff moved to new headquarters on West Evergreen Avenue.

In 2017 we have an ambitious plan to continue to upgrade the park for the benefit of all users:

- outfitting the new maintenance facility;
- completing the permitting and design phases of the Forbidden Drive Trail and Streambank Stabilization project, with major construction beginning in 2018; and
- continuing the upgrade of the park’s trail system.

This year we made progress in updating our marketing programs and will continue this work in 2017. FOW will also continue our efforts to attract new members and large donors to support our ambitious programs to upgrade and maintain Wissahickon Valley Park.

I want to thank all the members of the Budget and Finance Committee for their support in 2016. Members of the Committee include Jeff Harbison, Jack Kelly, Maura McCarthy, David Pope, Jean Sachs, Ruffian Tittmann, and Will Whetzel.

Submitted by

James S. Walker, Treasurer

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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES**

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| LIABILITIES              |            |            |
| VALLEY GREEN INN RESERVE | $5,000     | $10,000    |
| ACCOUNTS PAYABLE         | $235,027   | $215,840   |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES        | $240,027   | $225,840   |

| NET ASSETS               |            |            |
| UNRESTRICTED            | $417,295   | $243,119   |
| TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED  | $1,797,410 | $1,373,606 |
| TOTAL NET ASSETS        | $2,214,705 | $1,616,725 |

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS: $2,454,732 - $1,842,565

Note: All 2015 and 2016 figures are audited.
Friends of the Wissahickon wishes to extend thanks to all those who supported our work during 2016. Many individuals, foundations, and corporations gave generously to help fund FOW’s programs and operations. We are grateful for every gift we receive and are pleased to list the following contributors whose cumulative gifts were above $250.

In May of 2007 FOW began raising funds for Phase III of the Sustainable Trails Initiative. Phase III will cost $10,000,000 in implementation and ongoing stewardship funds. As of December 2016, FOW has commitments of over $7,000,000 and would like to recognize the following individuals and organizations for their support:

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