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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends,

I am proud to share New Jersey Audubon's recent, remarkable conservation victories. Working in three focus areas - forests and farms, coasts and wetlands, and cities and towns - and drawing upon our expertise in research, stewardship, advocacy, and education, New Jersey Audubon models conservation success through innovation. The actions of our talented staff and volunteers convey a message of hope that nature can be conserved and accessible for all.

The projects highlighted in this annual report, made possible through the support of you - our loyal supporters, demonstrate conservation has a profound and lasting impact on wildlife, habitat, waters and the people of New Jersey.

As you read through these pages, you'll find that within each focus area New Jersey Audubon is empowering others to engage in and learn from the natural world, and to become good stewards for the future. It is our core value that regardless of where you live, your income, gender, or ethnicity, everyone deserves access to high quality habitat and wildlife. Access to nature in our own communities should be a right not a privilege, and we have both the opportunity and obligation to ensure that our children inherit a New Jersey rich with abundant wildlife and healthy, thriving natural lands and waters.

New Jersey Audubon is a leading innovator at connecting people with nature right where they live, work and play. Farmers are turning fields into habitat for birds and other pollinators. Corporations are converting lawns into rich grassland and pollinator habitat. Schoolyards are emerging as butterfly and rain gardens. Suburban communities are promoting reforestation and landscaping yards for wildlife. Landowners are stewarding healthy forests. And government is managing and preserving land for wildlife, habitat, water and people, while laws are being passed to make it easier for all of us to do the right thing.

Conservation is alive and thriving in the Garden State, as we make deliberate choices about how we impact the planet. The environmental movement first began as a reaction to the destructive powers of mankind –unbreathable air in our cities, rivers on fire, forests completely removed, and birds killed for fashion. Today we recognize that humans can make an impact for good. This is the motivation behind New Jersey Audubon's healthy forests initiative, our pioneering work with over 200 New Jersey schools through the Eco-schools program, our internationally significant shorebird conservation efforts, our leadership of Coalition for the Delaware River Watershed initiative, the habitat restoration in our cities and towns, our vibrant urban environmental education initiatives and our amazing nature centers.

The natural world is ours to celebrate, and this annual report also highlights three remarkable partners who are doing just that – working in partnership with New Jersey Audubon as a force for good to conserve our wildlife, habitat, and water for people in New Jersey.

Of course, none of it would be possible without friends like you. Thanks for making this happen!



Eric Stiles
President and Chief
Executive Officer



NORTHERN
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FORESTS AND FARMS

SEEING THE FOREST FOR THE TREES

New Jersey Audubon has its eye on the prize – healthy, thriving habitats brimming with diverse wildlife, clean air and water, and preserved natural spaces accessible to all. What it takes to attain this is a collaborative, multi-level approach to conservation, set in science, driven by passion, and fueled by the generosity of donors.

Throughout 2015, New Jersey Audubon worked to improve forest health, minimize the impact of non-native and invasive species, and ensure best management practices on agricultural lands.

We secured a \$10,000 grant from the Wildlife Management Institute, with an additional \$10,000 in federal cost share funding to continue improving forest habitat at our Hovnanian Sanctuary, home for many state threatened and endangered species. We began an exciting new partnership with the Morris County Park Commission to develop a forest stewardship plan for Mahlon Dickerson Reservation that would conserve nearly 3,000 acres. We developed forest stewardship plans for Plainsboro Preserve, as well as for sites in Monmouth, Mercer and Cumberland Counties. A formal partnership was established with the Natural Resources Conservation Service to share data concerning farms that are utilizing new methods to improve conservation. We enrolled landowners in conservation incentive programs and provided mini-grants for implementing best management practices.

Watershed protection advanced in 2015, as we joined with more than fifty other non-profit organizations on a Delaware River Watershed Initiative, spearheaded by the William Penn Foundation to protect and restore water quality across a 13,500 square mile area. New Jersey Audubon is leading efforts to engage farmers and landowners in the implementation of best management practices that safeguard waterways, reduce water use, and improve wildlife habitat. We supported the installation of cover crops on more than 400 acres of farmland, worked on 23 acres of wetland restoration, 30 acres of grassland restoration, and more than three miles of riparian restoration in the Highlands. And we launched a small grants program to fund conservation practices and have funded projects covering close to 1,000 acres – supporting the use of cover crops, irrigation efficiency improvements, installation of grassed waterways, and riparian buffers in the Kirkwood-Cohansey region of South Jersey. Another victory for watershed conservation resulted from New Jersey Audubon's

leadership in the Coalition for the Delaware Watershed and Delaware River. Through intensive outreach and advocacy on the part of the Coalition, the Delaware River Basin Conservation Act was successfully reintroduced in Congress with solid bi-partisan support to fund protection and restoration throughout the Delaware River Basin.

Invasive species management, a vital component of our ongoing restoration work, also advanced in 2015 as New Jersey Audubon partnered with the NJ Invasive Species Strike Team. Through a two-year contract with the team, our stewardship team will focus on forested systems, as well as outreach and education throughout the state. And we received a \$30,000 grant for invasive species management in Cape May from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for ongoing work to control invasive vegetation at Cape May Point State Park.

Of the many positive outcomes we celebrated in 2015, one of the most rewarding was the return of a vanished species to its historic New Jersey home. In 2015, Northern Bobwhite began successfully breeding in the New Jersey Pinelands for the first time in three decades, thanks to an outstanding partnership between New Jersey Audubon, the Pine Island Cranberry Company, and the Haines Family. With assistance from the Tall Timbers Research Station, the University of Delaware, Pine Creek Forestry, and the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, we began the process of re-establishing Northern Bobwhite to the State. Spring heralded the release of 80 wild Northern Bobwhite quail, and summer marked the first hatchings of this species in more than thirty years. By season's end, we documented 14 confirmed nests and tracked 66 chicks and 44 adults.

Working in the field, as we do every day at New Jersey Audubon, brings into focus the persistent need for vigilance of our natural world. Yet it also drives home the hopeful realization that there is tremendous concern and support in our State for the protection of wildlife and the natural lands we share. Every time a farmer returns a field to grassland habitat; when business leaders actively seek out environmentally sustainable ways to manage corporate lands; as public officials engage in activities that enlighten and inspire informed decision making, and when private citizens feel empowered to make a difference in their own communities, New Jersey Audubon is unified in its mission and our conservation goals advance toward success. •

THE HAINES FAMILY OF PINE ISLAND CRANBERRY

CELEBRATING PRIVATE
LANDOWNERS AND
THEIR STEWARDSHIP ETHIC

For six generations the Haines family has operated the iconic Pine Island Cranberry farm, serving not only as leaders, and a model, of sustainable agriculture in the Pinelands, but also as outstanding stewards of the land. They attribute their success to their “pride in continuous improvement, growth, innovation and their love and respect of the land and the people.”

To do their part, and help the region maintain its healthy habitats and water, the family has been implementing ecological forestry practices under a state approved Forest Stewardship Plan. Through carefully planned timber management prescriptions, which includes the use of prescribed fire and tree harvesting, Pine Island Cranberry is ensuring that nature functions as nature was meant to. This means providing disturbance mechanisms through forestry and fire that result in a diversity of habitats, a forest with multiple age classes and an ecological system where wildlife can and are thriving.



Despite the good stewardship actions taken by the Haines family, however, a once common native bird to the pinelands was still missing, the Northern Bobwhite. Northern Bobwhite are extirpated from the pinelands and considered functionally extinct from the state of New Jersey primarily due to loss and degradation of habitat. In fact, the species is in such severe decline across its entire range in the US, that the Northern Bobwhite Conservation Initiative was launched in 2002 in an effort to conserve and restore the species.

This initiative advocates for and implements many actions to advance quail conservation and recovery, but most importantly by working through an array of partners it provides guidance to landowners interested in helping to restore Northern Bobwhite. The Haines Family has been committed to a land stewardship ethic for generations and has been undertaking the work needed to create and restore habitat. What they weren't aware of was that they had the perfect ingredients for re-introducing Northern Bobwhite!

With the habitat in place, the Haines family opened their forest to NJ Audubon and our project collaborators, and the first release of wild Northern Bobwhite (obtained from Georgia) onto the Pine Island property took place in April. With a season of successful nesting, hatching, overwintering, a 2nd release was scheduled for the following spring. The project's success is due not only to the fact that the habitat was already in place, but more fundamentally to the fact that the Haines family understands the role and need for land stewardship.

"My grandfather always told my dad, and my dad told us, that if you have a resource - you are supposed to take care of it. We take care of our forest, we take care of our water, we take care of our business, we take care of our home and if the quail are back then we are doing our job," said Stefanie Haines. To that NJ Audubon, says congratulations to the Haines family's significant commitment to conservation of the Pinelands region and we are proud to work with you to make NJ a better place for people and wildlife!



BILL HAINES

BLACK
SKIMMER



COASTS AND WETLANDS

The Jersey Shore is our State's ecological and recreational jewel, supporting an extraordinary variety of wildlife and providing outstanding recreational opportunities for visitors and residents. Protecting its sandy beaches, fertile marshes, sculpted dunes, and rare barrier islands means finding ways to balance a multitude of uses and needs. In 2015, New Jersey Audubon engaged all our tools of research, advocacy, conservation, and education to restore critical habitats, protect threatened and endangered wildlife, and ensure coastal resiliency in an era of rising sea level and storm intensity.

In early spring, our research team completed the habitat restoration phase at Stone Harbor, elevating nesting areas used by Piping Plover, American Oystercatcher, Least Tern, and Black Skimmer, and foraging and roosting habitat for Red Knot, Semipalmated Sandpiper and other migratory shorebirds. We moved into the assessment phase of our restoration to monitor any improvement in the abundance and diversity of potential food sources for migrating and beach-nesting shorebirds.

We partnered with the NJ Endangered and Nongame Species Program to launch a statewide survey for Eastern Black Rail, whose population is experiencing steep

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declines. Volunteers surveyed nearly 250 points statewide and recorded Black Rails in at least four locations, while our staff continued collaborating with state partners and the regional Black Rail Working Group to advance conservation of this declining species. And our staff worked to improve habitat for the federally threatened Bog Turtle by mowing phragmites at the Salem River Wildlife Management Area. Nine turtles have been documented at this site, and two are being tracked using transmitters.

2015 marked the fourth year of our research in Brazil to monitor Semipalmated Sandpipers. Nearly 600 birds were tagged to help biologists track their migration across two continents and develop focused conservation strategies. Birds we tag in South America may be spotted at Delaware Bay weeks later, feeding and resting before heading further north to Arctic breeding grounds. Shorebird monitoring on the home front resulted this year in nearly 1,800 birds tagged and data collected. Radio transmitters were deployed on 60 Semipalmated Sandpipers, while our partner, the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife deployed transmitters on 150 Red Knots. The transmitters can be detected from Delaware Bay to the Canadian Maritime Provinces and from the mid-Atlantic Coast to New England, providing much needed information about the local movements of shorebirds during migration.

New Jersey Audubon entered the next stage of a Coastal Impoundment Vulnerability and Resilience Project, working with partners to develop a sophisticated mapping catalog of more than 100 coast impoundments from Virginia to Maine. These manmade water bodies are managed to provide important habitat for wildlife; often they are drained in the spring to expose mudflats for migrating shorebirds and raised in fall to provide open water for ducks and other water birds. Superstorm Sandy was a powerful reminder that, in addition to being valuable, these structures are also vulnerable. In this phase of the project, information was collected on management vulnerability concerns and wildlife use, to better protect wildlife and people most affected by flooding.

New Jersey Audubon research staff also evaluated the effects of shrimp aquaculture on migratory shorebirds, specifically Red Knot and Semipalmated Sandpiper, through a two-year grant from the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Runoff from aquaculture facilities can impact shorebird habitat, exposing the birds to harmful chemicals. Warned of new threats to the federally threatened Red Knot, our government relations team worked to ensure that an expanding oyster aquaculture industry does not impact the progress of past conservation measures to protect these birds. We advocated to maintain the state Endangered and Non-Game Species program budget at a time when cuts have already taken a toll.

Monitoring programs in 2015 continued to alert our biologists to threats and population changes and to guide conservation strategies. On September 14th, New Jersey Audubon's research team witnessed the unfolding of an extraordinary migration event that resulted in over 57,000 birds being tallied at our Morning Flight count. It was the largest one-day September count on record. While hundreds of thousands, shorebirds, hawks and seabirds were being counted by volunteers, our research team and communications staff were also tracking two very special birds – Edward and Clarence – an egret pair that were outfitted with satellite transmitters through a partnership with NYC Audubon and Lenoir Rhyne University of North Carolina. Their comings and goings were the subject of social media outlets throughout the year, adding both a whimsical and educational level to our research efforts.

Research is the foundation and inspiration for all our advocacy, education, and conservation efforts. New Jersey Audubon is Keeping Jersey Strong through broad partnerships, outstanding Citizen Science volunteerism, and the ongoing financial support of donors that allows us the time to examine trends and the capacity to innovate and pioneer solutions. •

STONE HARBOR IS A LUCKY TOWN

WITH A BEACH STRETCHING ALONG THE ATLANTIC SIDE AND A TRANQUIL MARSH DRESSES THE INLAND SIDE

Small towns have personalities as varied as the people living within them. Towns in New Jersey have a delicate balancing act, as they look to balance budgets while providing good schools, safe neighborhoods, good parks and a thriving economy. A few towns excel at balancing these interests and are blessed with large open spaces and sufficient resources to both provide for their people and maintain a beautiful natural environment. People who live in these places consider themselves fortunate to live there.

Stone Harbor is one of those towns, perhaps even more fortunate in that they have Dr. Larry Niles, of LJ Niles Associates LLC, working closely with NJ Audubon's Dr. David Mizrahi to help them protect their most valuable of resources, habitat and wildlife.

Stone Harbor is bordered with beautiful yet vulnerable beach stretches along the Atlantic on one side of the island while a tranquil and seemingly endless marsh dresses the other side. Town elders fought hard about how to develop this small community and found a happy medium between natural and built spaces. Stone Harbor Point is nature's jewel in Stone Harbor.

The Point fronts the northern side of wild Hereford Inlet, one of the few remaining natural inlets in New Jersey. Its shoals and ephemeral islands can make for dangerous boating but provides one of the best shorebird

habitats in the mid-Atlantic. According to Larry the value of Stone Harbor Point starts in late March when early beach nesting birds like piping plovers and American oystercatchers get amorous and begin their summer long breeding period. They are soon joined by the colonially nesting black skimmers and common terns that use the point until well after labor day. Punctuating this use, are great numbers of Arctic

nesting shorebirds foraging in Delaware Bay who make Stone Harbor Point their primary night time roost. They leave in early June but then return in July after the brief Arctic nesting period, first females, then males then the young of the yearly Shorebirds, like red knots, rely on the sandy intertidal beaches and low tide shoals of Hereford inlet to find an abundance of perfect size mussel spat and donax clams that fuel their long flights to winter quarters.

Besides providing quality nesting habitat for locally breeding shorebirds, arctic nesting shorebirds migrating north or south find it a safe place during high tide. In some lunar tides most of the shorebirds concentrating on Delaware Bay in the spring will use the point as a high tide refuge. With the ravages of unchecked climate change and sea level rise mounting everywhere on the east coast, Stone Harbor Point grows in value.

"I only describe all of this to help the reader understand how important the local community is to our vital natural places. Most often we think of the protection of natural place the job of the state or the federal government. All too often, however, the quality of a natural place depends almost entirely on the will of the people that live in the small community in which it occurs. Will they defend the place from development and how open will it be to the public? How will this change as their economy reels from the unrelenting storms pounding our ocean coasts?"

Fortunately, the town of Stone Harbor believes in protecting their natural resources. This was no more apparent than in the work we completed last year. Another northeaster had plowed into the New Jersey shore on a Friday, this time bringing with it snow and icy rain blown horizontal by a 30 knot wind. Still the weather worn Stone Harbor Public Works department lead by Grant Russ, helped us put the finishing touch on the two newly restored habitats on the point.

But there remains much more to do. These last few weeks would try even the most patient of animals. A relentless swarm of people, on foot and boat crowds nearly every corner of this mighty inlet treating birds like so many uninvited guests. "The birds really have no other place to go," says Larry "Red knots coming to the point must gain weight to cross the Atlantic Ocean to Brazil, some going on to Tierra del Fuego. They will fly for four days on the clams and mussels of Hereford Inlet, if they don't get enough to eat here they won't make it. Our management work on Stone Harbor Point came just in time to help the birds of Stone Harbor Point and Hereford Inlet. But it's just the start. New Jersey Audubon and partners are the voice for these birds, a voice that increasingly must be heard."



LARRY NILES



BRIDGES TO THE NATURAL WORLD



The natural world is not a destination – it is home. Living treasures surround us wherever we are, even in the most unlikely places. Hawks nest on the eaves of skyscrapers; wildflowers spring up in the cracks of a sidewalk; birds, butterflies and an assortment of wildlife find refuge in the tall grass of suburban utility powerlines, or in a wetland surrounded by industrial buildings. New Jersey Audubon celebrates the wild side of our cities and towns bringing people closer to nature right where they live through programs that draw attention to what’s hidden in plain view.

In 2015 we saw significant growth in our urban education programs in Jersey City, Newark, New Brunswick, Morristown and Linden by working with schools, afterschool programs and other youth-serving organizations. We partnered with the Newark Museum and the Newark Boys and Girls Club to establish an Urban Birding Club and introduce urban youths to the wonder of birds. Through Audubon on Call: Teaching S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) through Birds and Birdwatching utilized birds as the “hook” to engage children in healthy outdoor pursuits. We taught children the skills of observation, data collection, forming hypotheses, posing questions, and analyzing data while connecting them to nature in their own schoolyards, parks and neighborhoods. Through these programs, birds and birdwatching became the springboard for engagement, increasing environmental literacy among urban children.

GREAT SPANGLED FRITILLARY ON CONEFLOWER

CITIES AND TOWNS

Every 5th and 7th grader in the Linden school system this year experienced nature through enriching outdoor programs at Hawk Rise Sanctuary. New Jersey Audubon's urban education efforts continued to blossom, and so did the sanctuary itself – with some 250 native plants added to the blueberry, common persimmon, cardinal flower, and sweet pepperbush that was previously planted and is now thriving. Our Eco-Schools program topped 167 registered schools in 2015. And we began collaboration with the National Wildlife Federation, Sustainable Jersey, the NJ Department of the Environment and Education and New Jersey school boards to create a coastal resiliency curriculum for three participating high schools.

New Jersey Audubon conducted more than 2,000 programs, with nearly 40,000 individual visiting our nature centers. Our Lorrimer Sanctuary reached out to the disabled community, completing a handicap-accessible trail to accommodate making Lorrimer available to everyone. The quarter-mile long ADA approved trail allows wheelchairs and other mobility aids to loop through a scenic second growth forest, allowing disabled visitors to engage directly with nature as they learn about species diversity and habitat conservation. With the construction of this accessible trail we can now develop new programs that meet the needs of people with varied physical and mental disabilities.

People of all ages and backgrounds benefit from New Jersey Audubon's outreach efforts, learning to understand and becoming champions of the natural world. In 2015, our Government Relations team strengthened relationships with legislators that are essential to advancing issues of importance to our mission. Assemblyman Eustace's office helped draw attention to the decline of Monarch Butterflies by hosting a milkweed planting event; Congressman Lobbiondo and Senator Booker's offices visited Stone Harbor Point to showcase the importance of our beaches and restoration efforts to beach nesting birds; Senator Vitale returned to the Delaware Bayshore to observe and assist with Red Knot research activities, and Assemblymen Andrzejczak and Wilson joined our staff for an afternoon featuring New Jersey Audubon's Semipalmated Sandpiper research, stopping by Moore's Beach for a first-hand look at restoration efforts that have led to increased usage by horseshoe crabs and shorebirds.

Our advocates worked tirelessly through the year to advance New Jersey Audubon-led or supported bills through the legislature, including the first-ever protection for Native Pollinator Habitat, and our signature piece of legislation, the Habitat Certification Bill, which encourages homeowners to garden with native plants that are more beneficial to wildlife. This bill empowers residents to make a difference in their own communities by increasing critical wildlife habitat. We also worked in

2015 to ensure that the funding made available through a recent voter-approved Open Space Ballot Measure is used for its intended purpose – open space, farmland, and historic preservation. We continue advocating for a balance in the appropriation of this funding.

Utility rights-of-ways extending across New Jersey suburbs provide important habitat for many native plants and their pollinators, as well as for birds and other wildlife. New Jersey Audubon advanced its efforts to assess the effects of rights-of-way maintenance activities on target wildlife species, completing a fifth field season of surveying 180 miles of PSE&G rights-of-way. Working with the NJ Endangered and Nongame Species Program in 2015, we recorded 18 different species of turtles, frogs, snakes and salamanders, including a new location of the State-threatened Wood Turtle. Our biologists also worked to develop longer-term maintenance solutions to benefit the Golden-winged Warbler, and completed six acres of habitat creation for the Golden-winged warblers. And we began work to restore 7 additional acres, while 18 acres of habitat remain in various stages of planning and management.

Through funding from the National Science Foundation, New Jersey Audubon continued working to involve community college students in conservation issues of civic importance. The SENCER program – Science Education for New Civic Engagements and Responsibilities – is a collaborative effort between New Jersey Audubon and the Raritan Valley Community College to advance important research while empowering students to make a positive impact in their community. For a second summer, New Jersey Audubon research staff trained citizen scientists to collect data on birds, invasive plants, and deer abundance in the Piedmont section of the Raritan River Watershed. Results of the study will provide a snapshot of the current state of forests in the Raritan-Piedmont region, and will be useful for targeting management activities. The data can also be used as a tool to track forest health over time in the region.

The projects that New Jersey Audubon is so committed to in our forests and farms, coasts and wetlands, and cities and towns make for a healthier environment for all of us to live, work, and play in. They also protect and improve the habitat for so many plants and animals. No matter where you are in the Garden State, you can be sure that New Jersey Audubon is actively working to showcase, safeguard, and gain support for the protection of the natural treasures that matter to us all. We thank you for your commitment to New Jersey Audubon and for the generosity that keeps our scientists, advocates, conservation stewards, educators and volunteers in the field advancing our conservation mission and driving a future of success. •

WHEN JERSEY CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER ALBERT PADILLA SIGNED UP TO ATTEND NEW JERSEY AUDUBON'S HONEYWELL INSTITUTE FOR ECOSYSTEMS EDUCATION, HE NEVER ANTICIPATED HOW THE EXPERIENCE WOULD CHANGE HIS SCHOOL AND HIS LIFE.

Albert spent a summer at our professional workshop discovering his local watershed and learning to infuse environmental science into his classroom curriculum. Becoming more environmentally aware, Albert then connected with the Eco-Schools USA in New Jersey program which is an international school sustainability program overseen by New Jersey Audubon here in the state. He committed to raising environmental awareness among his students and challenged his class to select a Sustainability Pathway that was relevant to their school. They chose to focus on water conservation and then set to resolve a longstanding problem of storm water runoff flooding their school grounds. After researching watersheds and water conservation, the students applied their knowledge to a real world solution, designing the prototype for a storm water planter to catch the runoff and stem the flooding. They presented their project at a local city council meeting where a team of Rutgers engineers signed on to assist the students in their effort. They partnered with the Jersey City MUA, acquiring \$200K in federal funding to assist the school with the student-initiated project.

Extraordinary as this student effort was, this was not the end of the story. Albert Padilla then encouraged his class to submit their design to the Siemens We Can Change the World Science Competition and his students became national finalists. The class also earned a National Wildlife Federation Eco-Schools USA Bronze Award, making PS 5 one of only 19 schools in the state to win a NWF award. This fall, when the school celebrates its centennial, the water conservation project will be unveiled and this student effort will come full circle.

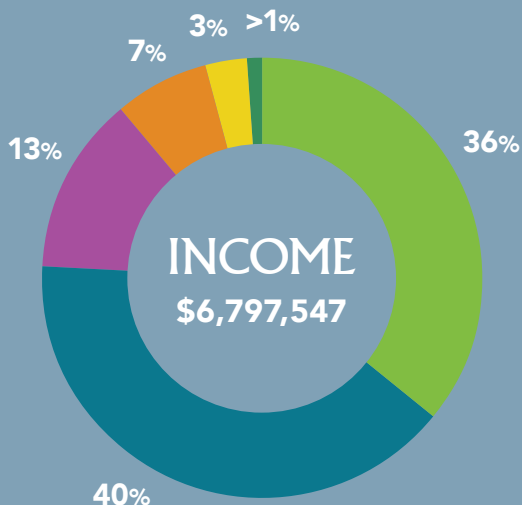
Albert continues to inspire a new crop of future conservation leaders every year. One group of students focused on the Energy Pathway, conducting an audit at the school to determine how much electricity was being wasted. Then they created a wind turbine prototype made entirely from recycled materials to generate their own electricity. Another class addressed the issue of air pollution with similar zeal and determination. Their No Idling campaign raised community awareness about carbon emissions and its harmful health impacts. These inspired youngsters then designed a prototype for window screen filters to install at their school, and were invited to Liberty Science Center to present their project at a science symposium. They also submitted their work to the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow science competition, winning the state competition and finalist recognition at the national level. These students earned \$40K for technological improvements at PS 5.

It's difficult to imagine all the ripple effects of Albert's enthusiasm for environmental science. What is clear is that he successfully raised science to the forefront at PS 5, and that his students continue to demonstrate to the community that even simple actions can make a difference. We applaud Albert and the students of PS 5 for their innovation and dedication to living sustainably.

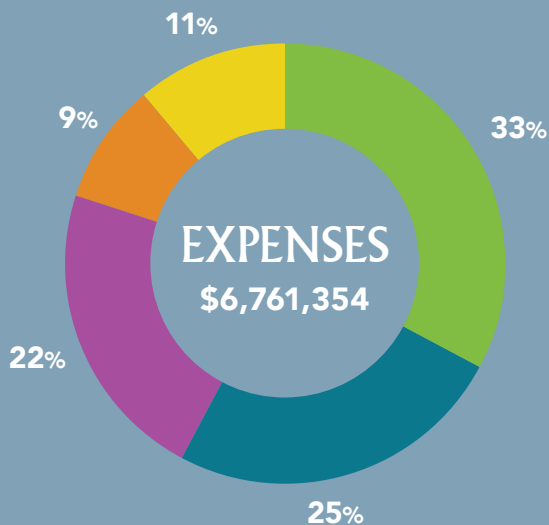


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- 40% GRANTS AND CONTRACTS
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