



Asbury  
Woods

*Connecting our*

PAST TO OUR  
FUTURE

ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019

Dear Friends,

It's hard to capture all the incredible things that happened at Asbury Woods during 2018-2019. It was a year of transformation and growth in so many ways. More than three years have passed since Asbury Woods Partnership purchased the property and Nature Center and we couldn't be more excited about the new directions, programs, growth and expanded community engagement taking place. At the same time, we are keenly aware of the history of Asbury Woods, the valued community traditions and the countless donors, volunteers, advocates and supporters who helped us reach this transformational stage.

As we continue to evaluate, expand and improve our school programs, we have also re-evaluated our community programming to ensure we are offering environmental education, environmental awareness and outdoor recreation programs for all ages. During 2018-2019 we offered 100 more community programs than we did the prior year! A large part of this was more adult programs, more teen programs and offering popular programs more frequently.

Last year we invested heavily in our people, our property, our mission and our infrastructure to ensure Asbury Woods is a vibrant, dynamic and engaging organization with a talented, committed staff and well-maintained buildings and property for visitors. As we continue to move the organization forward and widen our impact, we also pledge to ensure we are connecting Asbury Woods' rich past to its bright future.

I'm ever grateful for your support of Asbury Woods and look forward to what we can accomplish together to deliver on our mission of environmental education, environmental stewardship and outdoor recreation for all members of the community.

From the Woods,

Jennifer A. Farrar, CFRE  
Executive Director

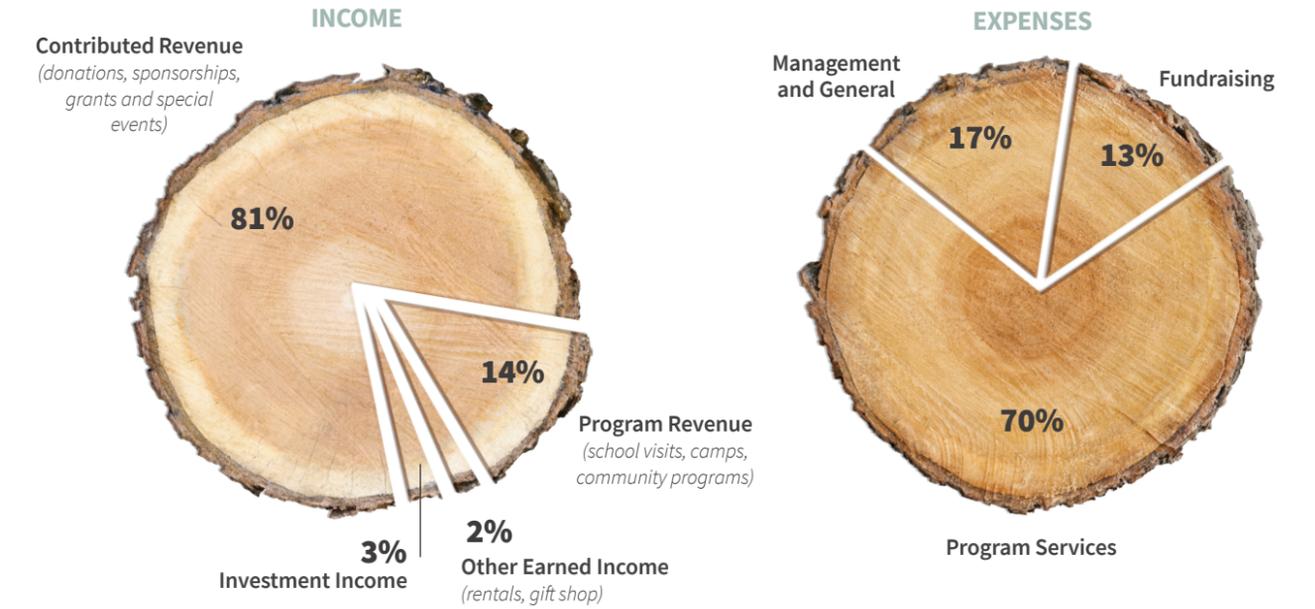


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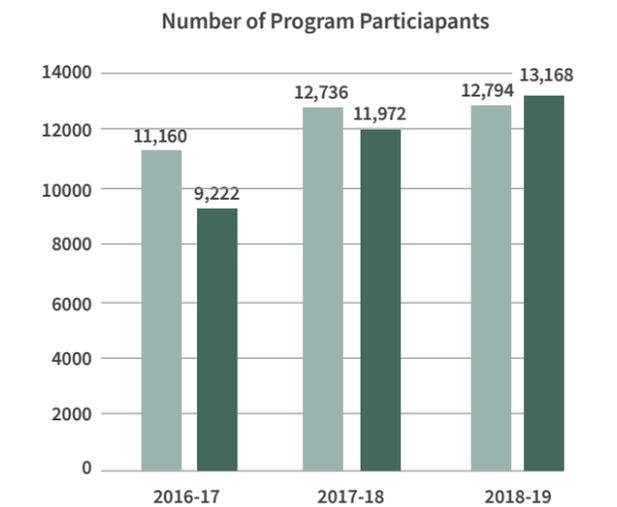
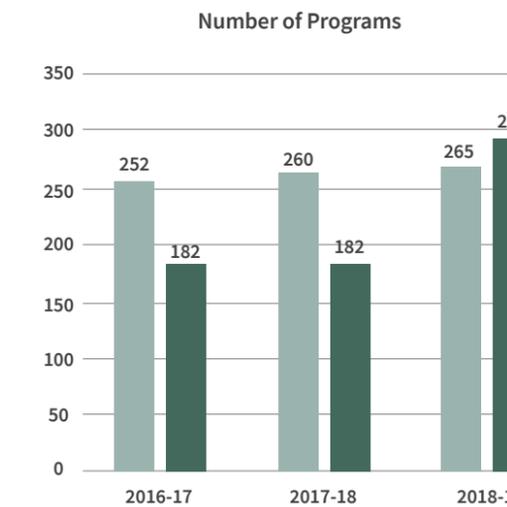
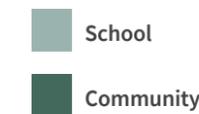
*"I took a walk in the woods and  
came out taller than the trees."  
-Henry David Thoreau*

# Year at a glance

**Audited Financials**  
JULY 1, 2018 – JUNE 30, 2019



## Program Impact



## Annual Fund

### Friends of Asbury Woods (\$1 - \$49)

- Anonymous (7)
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- Matt Swanseger
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- Lynn Weissert & Jill Roue
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- Paul Williams & Deborah Wood
- Sarah Williams
- Gary & Shirley Winschel



# Programs to educate and inspire

During 2018-2019, donor support helped Asbury Woods bridge the past and present by reimagining long standing programs, adding new programs and sharing our mission of environmental awareness, stewardship and outdoor recreation.

### DROP-IN AND DISCOVER

Saturday mornings came alive at the Nature Center with the launching our new weekly program for kids and families. Each week a fresh hands-on, minds-on educational activity was presented free of charge. Themes included animal tracks, snowflake science, vermicomposting, leaf printing, the lifecycle of plastic, animal myths, nature hikes and much, much more.

### EARTH DAY ALL MONTH LONG

During April 2019 Asbury Woods celebrated Earth Day all month long with a series of programs, communications and articles that focused on sustainability. Programs covered topics for all ages such as a zero-waste picnic lunch, building a rain barrel, sustainable cleaning products, recycling and composting.

### SCHOOL PROGRAMS

During the 2018-2019 school year 12,794 students had an Asbury Woods experience as part of their curriculum, whether we went to them at their school or they came here to learn in the outdoor classroom that our property provides.

We continued long-standing partnerships with Millcreek Township School District and Fairview School District while also developing and deepening relationships with new districts and schools.

Students grades K-8 from across Erie County visited Asbury Woods for curriculum enhancing experiences. Students from Millcreek Township School District, Fairview School District, Wattsburg Area School District, Ft. LeBouef School District, Girard School District, Harborcreek School District, North East School District, General McLane School District, Diocese of Erie Catholic Schools, homeschool groups and private schools all had the opportunity to participate in our environmentally based STEM experiences.

Our environmental STEM programs are giving students the experiences, tools and skills they need to confidently pursue STEM studies and careers while sharing the values of environmental sustainability.

Last school year we were particularly thrilled to welcome 799 elementary children from three schools of the School District of the City of Erie. Grant funding from the Kenneth A. Scott Charitable Trust made this experiences possible by underwriting the program fees and paying for bus transportation to bring these children to Asbury Woods.



- Mary Wolf
- John & Kathryn Yaggy
- Elizabeth Yount

### Supporting (\$50 - \$99)

- Anonymous (15)
- Karen Abramovici
- AmazonSmiles Foundation
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- Lizabeth Gerber
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- Jack Harmon
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- Barry & Marilyn Hurley
- Brian Hutzelman
- Joseph Huya
- Tiffany Ickiewicz
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- Charlie & Emily Ingram
- Dave Jassak
- Krista Jeffries
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- Jenni Keil
- Beth Kopay
- The Ladies Literary Club of Erie

- Matt & Becky Lane
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- Nancy O'Neill
- Jim & Shirley Parker
- Nancy Patterson
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- Wegmans
- Cameron & Vanessa Wilkins
- Jean Evans Williams
- Alisa Winschel
- Rachel Wolfe
- Ronda Wolff
- Jane Woods
- William Wozniak
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- Joseph Yacone

**Contributing (\$100 - \$249)**

- Anonymous (10)
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- David & Theresa Aloiz
- Patrick & Monica Arlet
- Chris & Cheryl Baldwin
- Patty Baldwin
- Maggie Benson
- Theodore Bly
- Sandra Bock
- Randy & Barbara Bowers
- Nicholas Boyer
- Adelyn Brinker



# Partnerships expand *impact*

**SNOW CAMP WITH THE SIGHT CENTER OF NWPA**

During January and February 2019 Asbury Woods was delighted to partner with the Sight Center of NW PA to host their weekly after-school snow camp for low-vision children. The main goal of the program was to provide cross country ski instruction to the children but on days when there wasn't snow on the ground, the kids enjoyed indoor and outdoor activities. Asbury Woods contributed the space, use of ski equipment and staff time to help provide new experiences outdoors and with nature to these clients of the Sight Center.



**URBAN UNIVERSITY WITH ERIE CITY MISSION**

The Urban University program offers both Asbury Woods and Erie City Mission a unique and powerful way to meet our separate organizational missions, while working together to have a positive impact on the lives of young people. Each fall for six years Asbury Woods has held a weekly after school nature program for students of East Middle School and Strong Vincent Middle School. These 10 students are selected through Erie City Mission's Urban University program whose goal is to help create the next generation of kind, engaged, and creative leaders in our community.

Research in the field of environmental education is clear: children who spend time outdoors are healthier, do better in school, and feel less stress. The research is also clear that one thing that causes children to grow up to be adults who care about the environment is to have caring and supportive adults share positive experiences in nature with them as children. As a result of Urban University, 10 middle school students are doing just that at Asbury Woods each year. Donations received through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit program help to underwrite the cost of this collaborative program.

**UNEARTHED WITH MERCYHURST UNIVERSITY**

During July 2018 Brown's Farm Barn was transformed with an installation of fossils from the Sincak Natural History Collection of Mercyhurst University. The exhibition was an exciting partnership that highlighted the fields of geology, history and the excitement of scientific discovery while highlighting the history of the Earth and the processes that continue to shape our planet and life on it. The fossils included specimens that showcased roughly 500 million years of geologic history. In addition to public viewing hours several programs and lectures were offered in conjunction with the exhibition. During the month-long exhibit, 414 people viewed the exhibit and/or participated in an associated program.



- Jeff & Amy Brinling\*
- Kristen Brown
- Bud & Candy Brown
- Kay Buffington
- Anthony & Jo Ann Campanella
- Harry & Carol Card
- Lisa & Kenneth Chinsky
- Al Church & Family
- Rodney & Robin Coburn
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- E. Michael Dail, MD & Mrs. Orysia M. Dail
- Jim & Kathy Dammeyer
- Bill Carney & Sharon Davenport
- Paul & Janet Demjanenko
- Joy Dennis
- Deborah DiPlacido
- Timothy & Lucia Doyle
- Steven & Susan Drabant
- Jean Dunn
- Grace Earl
- William & Diana Ferguson
- Bob & Christie Ferrier
- Chris & Mary Fette
- David & Amy Fugate
- Giant Eagle Yorktown
- Jane & Peter Gilewicz
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- Michael & Patricia Hall
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- Chris & Sue Hauber
- Jim & Nance Holland
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- Alice M Hudder
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- Peter & Ericka Kloecker
- David & Denise Lewis
- Lowe's West Ridge Road
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- Drs. Brett & Kim Mascia
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- Daria McKay
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- David Miller & Susan Moore
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- James & Stacy Semancik
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- Kathy Williams
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- Jason Wolfe & Wei-Shin Lai
- Sam & Carolyn Wu
- Dean Zeller

**Contributing (\$250 - \$499)**

- Anonymous (2)
- AcousticSheep LLC
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- Erie Insurance Matching Gifts
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# Sponsorships Launch new events



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- Dan & Melissa Pastore
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- Nancy Weissbach
- Harold Wesmiller
- Scott Wright & Dr. Carla Picardo
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## Contributing (\$500 - \$999)

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## Grandfather Tree Society (\$1,000 - \$2,499)

- Sheila Brugger
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- Tom Hagen
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- Scott Enterprises
- David Uhlig & Patti Williams\*
- UPMC Health Plan

## Grandfather Tree Society (\$2,500 - \$4,999)

- Bruce & Nancy Kern
- Patricia Petersen Rickloff

## Grandfather Tree Society (\$5,000 & up)

- Andrew J. Conner
- Esther Soder Patton Foundation
- Life Services Equity Partnership
- MacDonald Illig Attorneys
- MAXPRO Technologies, Inc.
- Mr. Ted Rapp Charles G. "Chuck" Rapp Fund
- Dr. Barrett C. Walker

\* Asbury Woods Board Member

\*\* Asbury Woods Staff Member

## Endowments

- Michael & Jane Angelotti In Memory of Terry Majewski
- Tom & Peg Bly In Memory of Donald Hervey
- Patricia Bober Eichen In Memory of Terry Majewski
- Joseph & Kimberly Bohrer III In Memory of Terry Majewski
- Debra Brace In Memory of Terry Majewski
- Jim & Karen Bryant In Memory of Terry Majewski
- Ina Fisher In Honor of Jay Pratt
- Steph & Kim Fitzpatrick In Honor of John & Jessica Carlson's marriage on 7/14/18
- Janice Gangemi In Memory of Dominic Gangemi
- Lisa Gribus In Memory of Terry Majewski
- Stacy Juchno In Memory of Terry Majewski
- Jochen & Janice Kindling

- Lawrence & Marsha Kisielewski In Memory of Terry Majewski
- George Klapthor In Memory of Terry Majewski
- David & Rosemary Kurutz In Memory of Terry Majewski
- Joseph & Joyce Mineo In Honor of Julian & Kristopher Mineo
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- Bill Sanko & Deborah Lee-Sanko
- Jim & Kathy Sertz In Memory of Rick Miller
- Wally & Jane Stanley In Memory of Terry Majewski
- John & Barbara Thoman In Memory of Terry Majewski
- Robert & Lauren Unger

## MONDAY MUSIC IN THE WOODS

This summer we hosted over 3,000 people in the Woods for seven weeks of musical acts along with food trucks, extended Nature Center hours, and more. The music series brought old friends back into the Woods and introduced a whole new audience to Asbury Woods. Monday Music in the Woods was presented by Bock Insurance Agency with additional support from Horstman and Son's Country Store and Lavery Brewing Company.

*"Asbury woods is a wonderful gift to the community and it was my pleasure to support Monday Music in the Woods. It was so meaningful to me to get to know the neighbors, families and friends who attended each week. I just loved how it brought different generations together for a fun evening in a beautiful environment."*

**SANDRA BOCK, INDEPENDENT INSURANCE AGENT AND OWNER OF BOCK INSURANCE AGENCY.**

## WINE AND DINE IN THE WOODS

Over 350 people joined us for our signature fundraising event. This is an elegantly casual outdoor evening of unique food pairings, delightful wines, craft beers and live music. The evening was infused with elements of our mission that reflects environmental education & stewardship, outdoor appreciation and exploration of natural places.



## INTO THE WOODS 5 MILER

On June 1, 2019 we hosted our 2nd annual Into the Woods 5 Miler trail race that had 171 runners vying for top honors, along with 23 kids in the half-mile fun run and 19 walkers covering 2 miles of trails. The Into the Woods run highlights our mission focus on outdoor recreation.



## Wine and Dine in the Woods

- Allegheny Beverage Company
- Dr. & Mrs. John & Karen Alonge
- Dr. Mike & Lisa Balsan
- Garrett & Jennifer Brugger
- Andrew J. Conner
- Bill & Sue Conner
- E. Michael Dail, MD & Mrs. Orysia M. Dail
- The Day & Grandinetti Families
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- Bill & Sally DeWitt
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- Chad & Carissa Snarski
- Rich & Lori Sobin
- MKS arborist services
- Dr. & Mrs. Barry & Carol Stamm
- Roger & Laurel Taft
- Tungsten Creative Group
- Steve Wasiesky
- Harold Wesmiller in memory of Julia Wesmiller
- Scott & Linda Whalen
- Doug Yarbenet

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- ECGRA
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- Highmark
- Horstman and Son's Country Store
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- Jo's Brooklyn Bagels
- Kohl's
- Phil and Sally McAfee
- MacDonald Illig Attorneys
- Mason Farms
- National Fuel Gas
- Northwest Savings Bank
- Petruso Financial Services
- UPMC Health Plan
- Walmart
- Wegmans Food Market
- Charles and Catherine Vorisek

## Preserving a Legacy

### \$100,000 or more

- Andrew J. Conner
- DCNR
- DCED
- Erie Insurance
- John M. & Gertrude E. Petersen Foundation
- Kern Family Foundation
- Mary Lincoln
- Betsy Miller
- Millcreek Township

### \$50,000 or more

- The Erie Community Foundation
- Bruce and Nancy Kern
- Mark and Prudence Shaw
- Roger and Laurel Taft
- Randall and Amy Valentine

### \$25,000 or more

- Bill and Sue Conner
- Bill and Sally DeWitt
- Erie County Greenways
- Robert Frenzel
- HRLC Architects
- Shawn and Sharon Rooney
- Barry and Carol Stamm
- Douglas Yarbenet

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- Ralph and Betsy Riehl

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- The Britton Family Foundation
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- Steven and Diana Day
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- Bob and Christie Ferrier

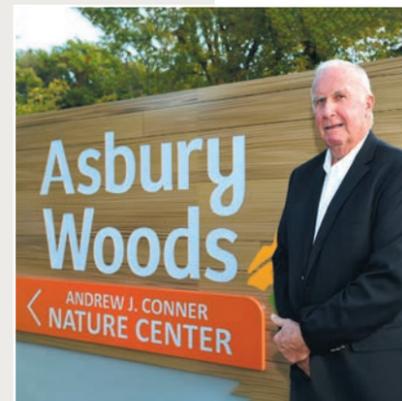
- Thomas and Mili Hanes
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- McCain Foundation
- Mark and Kathryn Raimy
- Tungsten Creative Group
- Harold Wesmiller

### \$2,500 or more

- FirstEnergy Foundation
- Fred and Jackie Garnon
- Susan Greenaway
- Dan and Cynthia Muccio
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- Rich and Lori Sobin
- Justin and Toni Zona

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- Bob and Karen Armour
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- Ken and Connie Borland
- Russ and Julie Daniels
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- Jane Earll
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- Jay and Carol Habas
- Vincent and Ann Halupczynski
- Steve and Susan Kemenyffy
- Karl and Melody McFadden
- James Ryan
- Richard and Janice Scolio



# Preserving a Legacy campaign *concludes*

In October 2018 we officially wrapped up the successful Preserving a Legacy Capital Campaign that infused \$5.2 million into Asbury Woods for the purchase and preservation of the property and current and future needs.

The official acquisition in July 2016 was just the beginning of the impact of these critical dollars for Asbury Woods. Campaign funds have helped Asbury Woods evolve into a dynamic organization with new and innovative programs, updated facilities, necessary maintenance equipment and a fresh branding initiative.

The premiere projects that the Preserving a Legacy campaign has accomplished to date include:

- Purchase of a truck, snow plow and salt spreader to handle snow removal
- Purchase of a tractor for maintaining the property
- Purchase of a phone system, hardware and computer server
- Maintenance of the Nature Center's geothermal system, a key part of the overall green building design
- Overall marketing plan that included new logos for branding and new website
- Beautiful new signage with solar lighting to ensure high visibility
- Maintenance projects such as parking lot sealing, systems repairs, reflashing the chimney, and more
- Exterior remodeling of the cottage portion of the Nature Center including siding, windows, trim repair and gutter work to ensure this historic portion of our property is preserved well into the future
- Replacement and expansion of the boardwalk, a key part of the property that is enjoyed by thousands of people each year. The new boardwalk totals 2,000 feet of access to the field, forest and wetland habitats of Asbury Woods. It also features an observation deck, large gazebo and a covered wetland teaching pavilion.
- Revision and expansion of the curriculum-based nature and STEM experiences available to school students in Erie County. The new curriculum offers topics in the areas of life sciences, physical science and Earth and space science, all using Asbury Woods unique property and outdoor classrooms to offer hands-on learning experiences.
- Investment in educational technology to complement and enhance the new curriculum. Ipad, a weather station, digital sensors, trail cameras, stream tables, and more for measuring environmental conditions, collecting and analyzing data and integrating scientific methods into our environmental based STEM education programs.

The generosity of the Preserving a Legacy Campaign donors will live on for years to come as we continue to invest in our mission, the property and the people of all ages who come to Asbury Woods for environmental education and nature experiences.



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