A YEAR OF MOMENTUM

If there is one word that captures the past year at Asbury Woods, it is momentum.

Throughout the 2025-2026 fiscal year, thousands of people gathered at Asbury Woods to explore, learn, celebrate, challenge themselves, and simply spend time together outdoors. At the same time, significant improvements across our property have begun opening new possibilities for the future. Long-standing traditions continued to grow, new ideas took root, and our community once again demonstrated just how deeply it values this special place.

Our calendar remained full of events that have become traditions for families throughout our region. Scary Creature Feature brought a little nighttime mystery to the trails while helping visitors discover the fascinating creatures that call our forests home. The Children's Water Festival welcomed young learners for hands-on exploration of one of our most important natural resources. Winter Wonderland transformed the Woods during the coldest months of the year, while Maple Festival once again celebrated the changing seasons and the tradition of maple production.

For those who prefer to experience the Woods at a slightly faster pace, the Asbury Woods Trail Run Series continued to bring runners onto our trails throughout the year, combining competition with an opportunity to experience our property in an entirely different way.

We also tried something completely new.

In January, we launched 90s Night, an adults-only evening built around nostalgia, music, food, drinks, and plenty of fun. The inaugural event sold out, proving there was an appetite for new ways for adults to experience Asbury Woods and connect with one another. 90s Night will return, joining our growing collection of events that give our community reasons to visit the Woods throughout every season.

Summer brought another successful Wine & Dine in the Woods. With increased attendance, new experiences throughout the property, and revenue surpassing the previous year, the event continued its return to growth. Wine & Dine has long been one of Asbury Woods' signature fundraising events, and its momentum gives us an exciting foundation as we prepare for an even bigger celebration during our 70th anniversary year.



Of course, our community's support extends far beyond event attendance. During Erie Gives, more than 350 contributions generated over $74,000 in support for Asbury Woods. Each of those gifts represents someone choosing to invest in accessible outdoor recreation, environmental education, conservation, and the future of this place. Together, those individual acts of generosity allow Asbury Woods to remain free and open to the public while continuing to grow what we can offer our community.

YEAR AT A GLANCE

·Over **9,800** students were engaged during **271** hands-on, science-based lessons

·Over **228** programs delivered to the public serving **2,500** youth and **1,800** adults

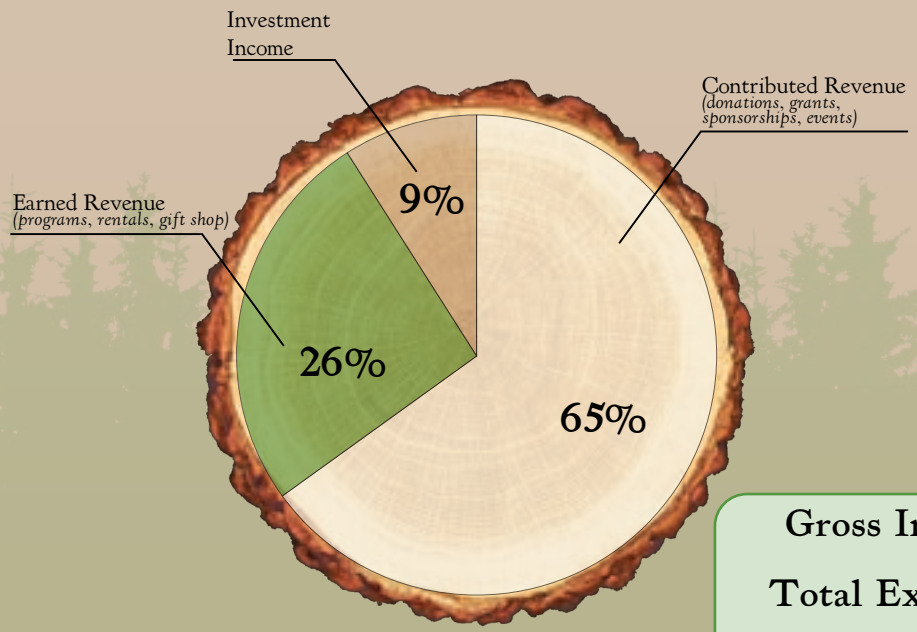
·**7,500** people attended festivals and events

·**208** volunteers contributed over **4,300** hours to Asbury Woods

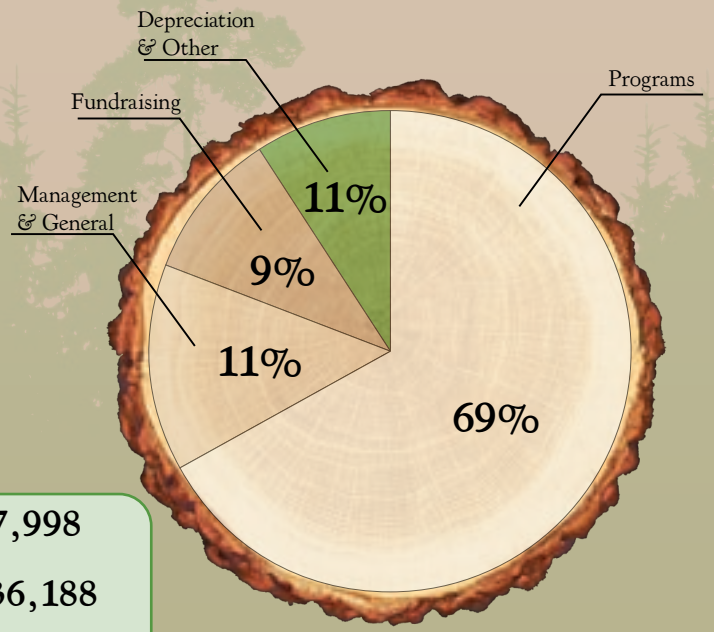
·A record **520** children attended summer camp. An **18%** increase over last year!

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

INCOME



EXPENSES



Gross Income: $1,267,998

Total Expenses: $1,036,188

Net Income: $231,810

A CHANGING LANDSCAPE

Some of the most significant changes this year happened beneath our feet.

The completion of major improvements to the Greenway Trail boardwalk marked an important investment in one of the most heavily used areas of our trail system. Replacing aging infrastructure helps ensure that visitors can continue exploring the Woods safely while protecting the sensitive wetland habitat surrounding the trail. The completed project is also part of a broader effort to continually evaluate and improve the ways visitors experience our 234 acres.



Along with these improvements is the creation of a new Trail Crew to continuously maintain the trails at Asbury Woods. We have been thrilled with volunteers' response to this new opportunity to care for the woods and we are excited to see the trail improvements moving forward.



Elsewhere on the property, sometimes progress meant taking something away. Two buildings were demolished this year, changing the face of the Asbury Woods property and making room for new possibilities. Their removal is part of a larger vision for how our land can better serve conservation, recreation, education, and our community.

That vision is particularly exciting around Buttermilk Falls. As we continue planning for the future of this area, we are exploring new ways to connect visitors with one of the most beautiful natural features within the Asbury Woods landscape. The work happening today is laying the groundwork for experiences that will serve visitors for decades to come.

INSPIRING CONNECTION THROUGH EDUCATION

Environmental education has been at the heart of Asbury Woods since our beginning, and that work continued to grow throughout 2025-2026.



This past year brought continued growth and new opportunities for Education & Programs at Asbury Woods. More than 9,800 students learned with our education team through school visits, hands-on programs, and outreach, building on strong relationships with local schools while introducing new experiences like Eco-Engineers and expanding successful after-school offerings. Lessons including HydroQuest and Watershed Analysis were updated to focus on local and relevant environmental issues, helping students connect what they learn at Asbury Woods to the ecosystems and communities around them. Beyond the school day, we welcomed a record number of summer campers and continued to offer public programs that give people of all ages opportunities to explore, ask questions, and learn alongside our educators and community partners.



That same spirit of curiosity and connection is shaping how visitors experience Asbury Woods throughout our facilities and beyond. Partnerships with Bebe Marin and Read Early Intervention helped make the Discovery Room and Exhibit Hall more inclusive through new sensory resources and sign language materials, while additions like the I Wonder Wall and indoor birding activity create opportunities for visitors to learn and explore at their own pace. Our impact is also beginning to reach far beyond our property. This year, Asbury Woods secured funding to develop the first-ever Pennsylvania Trout in the Classroom curriculum for the statewide program, a multi-year project that will provide educators with locally relevant resources focused on trout, freshwater ecosystems, and conservation. Across all of these efforts, the goal remains the same: create opportunities to learn, inspire a connection with the natural world, and turn that connection into action and stewardship.

Through school programs, camps, public programs, and experiences throughout our property, our educators continue to create opportunities for people of all ages to understand the natural world by experiencing it firsthand. A walk through a stream, the discovery of a salamander beneath a log, or a first hike through the forest can spark a curiosity that lasts far beyond a single visit.

That connection between people and the natural world remains central to everything we do.

SEVENTY YEARS AND WHAT COMES NEXT

All of this momentum brings Asbury Woods toward a remarkable milestone.

In 2027, Asbury Woods will celebrate its 70th anniversary. For seven decades, generations of families have walked these trails, learned in our classrooms, explored our streams and forests, volunteered their time, supported our mission, and helped protect this place for those who would come after them.

We intend to celebrate accordingly.

Alongside special programming and expanded versions of familiar events, 2027 will introduce something entirely new: The Great Asbury Games.

This new team competition will invite participants to put their skills, teamwork, and knowledge to the test through a series of challenges across Asbury Woods' property. It is something different, something ambitious, and exactly the kind of new experience we want to introduce as we celebrate 70 years.



While an anniversary is an opportunity to reflect on the past, it is also a time to envision the future. The story of Asbury Woods has never been about preserving a place exactly as it was. It is about caring for something so that it can continue to evolve

The boardwalks change. The property changes. Programs evolve. New traditions begin alongside old ones. Children who once came here for field trips or summer camp eventually return with children of their own.

Through all of that change, the reason Asbury Woods exists remains remarkably constant: to connect people with nature and inspire a greater appreciation for the natural world.

As we close another year and prepare to celebrate 70 years of Asbury Woods, we are grateful for everyone who continues to be part of that story.

ANNUAL FUND

In an effort to reduce printing costs and paper use, our annual donor roll is available digitally this year rather than printed in these pages.

We remain deeply grateful to every individual, family, business, and organization whose generosity makes our work possible.

Scan the QR code to view our complete 2025–2026 donor roll.





SUSTAINING DONORS

Sustaining donors provide the reliable, year-round support that keeps Asbury Woods thriving. Monthly gifts help care for our trails and natural spaces, support environmental education, and keep meaningful experiences in nature accessible to our community.

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Asbury Woods
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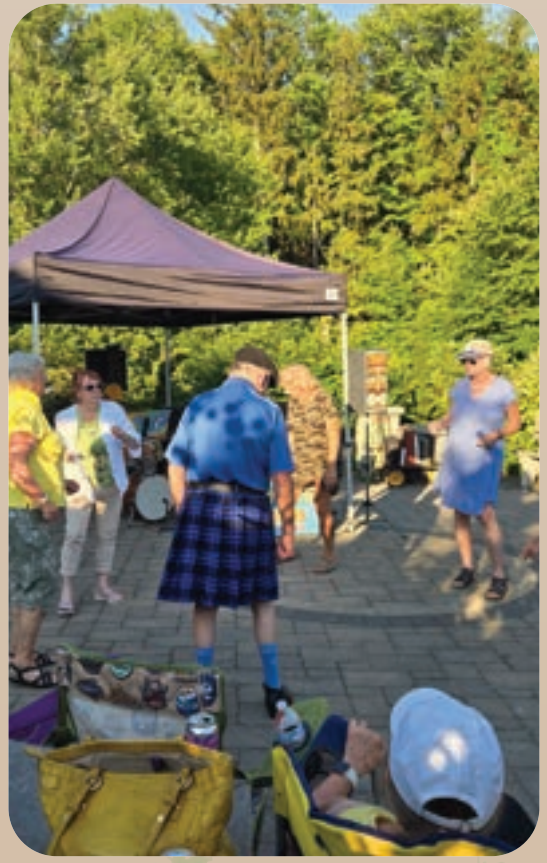






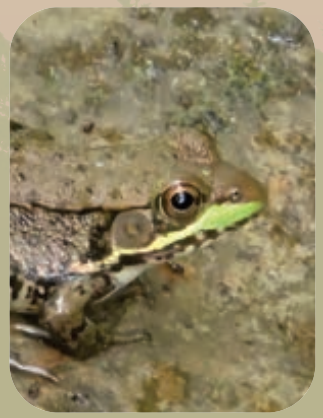












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