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December 2, 2025

Howard County Government
Howard County Council

Re: The Howard County Conservancy Operating Grant

Pursuant to the reporting requirements of our operating grant, attached please find a summary of services the Conservancy provides to our community. The operating grant supports day-to-day operational needs to keep our trails, grounds and buildings open to the public, including maintenance of our grounds and trails. Funds support repairs and maintenance at our education center, eight historic buildings and five miles of trails. We are pleased to be the eighth largest park area in the county, and serve residents in this capacity from sunrise to sunset daily.

We served more than 40,000 residents during this grant period. Some of the larger grounds projects this year include remediating a major area of erosion on our trails and establishing a new trail bypass. Our community gardens donated 4,216 pounds of produce to the food bank and our 10-acre meadow restoration project has begun. We also began design and permitting for our nature playspace project which will feature an ADA accessible pathway through nature play elements, and will be the only ADA accessible playspace in the county.

We are grateful for your support, which allows us to keep our 232-acres open to county residents and provide important educational programs to children and adults throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Meg Boyd
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**Howard
County
Conservancy**
connecting people to nature

In 2025, we celebrated *35 years of connecting people to nature*, building on our deep connections with people and places in our community.



PHOTO: KIM ZARUBA

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

“While at the Conservancy, I feel like my heart beats stronger and I breathe deeper. It is such a gem for us all!”

Alice Parks, volunteer



PHOTO: ERICA WILCOX

Our *family of more than 400 volunteers* spent 7,265 hours reinforcing connections with nature, from guiding field trip students to working on our trails and gardens. New this year—our Climate Steward volunteers stepped up to become community environmental leaders.

The Conservancy’s 232 acres are *thriving for wildlife and people*. Visitors have spotted muskrats, otters and beavers at our Davis Branch stream, and our new 11-acre meadow will buzz with birds, bees and butterflies.



PHOTO: ANNETTE ALLOR

“This was the best field trip ever because there were all these cool things to see!”

Deep Run Elementary student



PHOTO: HEATHER AND ROB PHOTOGRAPHY

This year a *record number of elementary students*, 6,300, met our animal ambassadors and ventured outside to explore. Fourth-graders investigated fossil layers and delighted in meeting our eastern screech owl, Monty.



Our programs offer deep connections with nature.
 Visitors were thrilled to learn about reptiles and spiders, found respite in the calm of forest bathing and delighted in creating houses for fairies in our forests.

New programs for secondary students *empower them to move the needle on the climate crisis.* Sixth-graders investigated the carbon footprint of their food while ninth-graders measured trees' role in carbon sequestration. Our Youth Climate Institute expanded nationally to reach high school students in 54 chapters in 10 states.

"Youth Climate Institute gives me hope that together we can create the change our planet needs."

Sarah KC, Youth Climate Institute Ambassador



PHOTO: KEN ACKMAN

By the Numbers

Pounds of produce donated: **4,372**
 Volunteer hours: **7,265**
 Species spotted
 at the Conservancy: **1,134**
 Number of public programs: **47**
 Number of students
 connected to nature: **12,885**

Together we are stronger.
 Your support enables our vital work. Join us next year to explore our trails, enjoy a program, play in our new nature playspace (coming late 2026) and see your donation at work.



Profit and Loss
THE HOWARD COUNTY CONSERVANCY
July 2024-June 2025

	Total
Income	
41000 Contributions	
41100 Corporate & Community Org.	27,246.56
41200 Fundraising Event	102,468.05
41300 Earthshare/MCC/Workplace Giving	8,679.68
41400 Foundation	25,138.63
41500 Government Grants	81,894.37
41700 Individuals	279,780.99
Total for 41000 Contributions	\$525,208.28
42000 Earned Income	
42100 CREP Payments	5,089.00
42200 School Field Trip Income	49,292.00
42250 Outreach	6,410.00
42300 Program Donations	19,356.62
42400 Facility Rental	329,563.03
42500 Nature Camp	231,287.40
42550 Nature Preschool	401,130.07
42600 Other-Easements,Honors Grd,misc	20,234.40
42700 Proceeds from Goods Sold	12,103.13
42800 Tenant Rent Income	6,000.00
42900 Children's Activities	4,350.00
Total for 42000 Earned Income	\$1,084,815.65
43100 Community Found Endow Income	2,103.90
Interest	22,552.84
Total Income	\$1,634,680.67
Expenses	
60430 Depreciation Expense	215,652.07
Mt. Pleasant Expenses	
60110 Salaries	1,148,141.17
60130 Staff Benefits	22,553.36
60140 Staff Health ins.	32,841.31
60150 Payroll Tax Expense	76,493.21
60156 Pre-employment Fringe	675.00
60180 Dues, Conferences & Travel	8,500.27
60190 Rental Event Expenses	20,727.57
60210 Repairs and Maintenance	40,270.03
60220 Supplies	6,396.70
60230 Postage	4,420.46

60240 Computers	31,082.23
60250 Cleaning/Dumpster Service	12,570.00
60260 Utilities	33,315.68
60270 Copy Machine Lease/Service	1,735.28
60280 Insurance	21,465.35
60290 Fees and Taxes	18,971.54
60310 Marketing and Promotion	7,020.45
60320 Printing	4,538.91
60330 Fundraising	15,634.89
60340 Camp Expenses	2,775.08
60350 Goods Purchased for Sale	8,060.07
60370 Public Program Expenses	2,816.47
60410 Audit Expense	13,330.14
60455 Interest Expense	78.67
60470 Legal Fees	7,567.50
Total Mt. Pleasant Operating Expenses	\$1,757,633.41
Total Belmont Operating Expenses	\$361,043.18
Total Expenses	\$2,118,676.59