



Aullwood Audubon

# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



where birds thrive, people prosper



# Mission

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Aullwood Audubon enriches lives through education and stewardship of birds and ecosystems.



Aullwood also celebrates Marie S. Aull and her legacy as the founder of the environmental movement in the Miami Valley region.



# Update

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Dear Friends,

The pandemic was not kind to nonprofit organizations that were forced to close. Many, Aullwood included, were not eligible for Federal or State aid due to technical requirements related to obtaining such funds and therefore bore the brunt of the financial losses during that period.

Thanks to the incredible support of our members and patrons, Aullwood has now turned the corner and has soared to new heights this past year. Aullwood attracted more visitors from around the world than ever before, expanded its summer and afterschool programs, received novel funding, and installed a major art installation, among other successes. We thank you for your unshakable support and look forward to even greater triumphs in the years to come.

*Alexis R. Faust*

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

# Reach

Aullwood greatly expanded its reach in 2022, welcoming visitors throughout the year from as far away as Jakarta, Saudi Arabia, Western Europe, Hawaii, and Indonesia.





# The Trolls

In November of 2021, Aullwood opened “The Troll that Hatched an Egg” exhibition by internationally known recycle art activist, Thomas Dambo.

The whimsical story of the troll family and their friend the Cardinal has attracted thousands of new visitors to Aullwood. By placing the four installations across a 1.3-mile trail through the property, visitors are enticed into the woods on an adventure where they can discover much more about birds, native Ohio landscapes, and wildlife.

In the months following the opening of the exhibit, Aullwood welcomed over 1,000 new families as members who continue to visit Aullwood and help us in our mission of conservation.



Thomas Dambo



Ken Fasimpaur

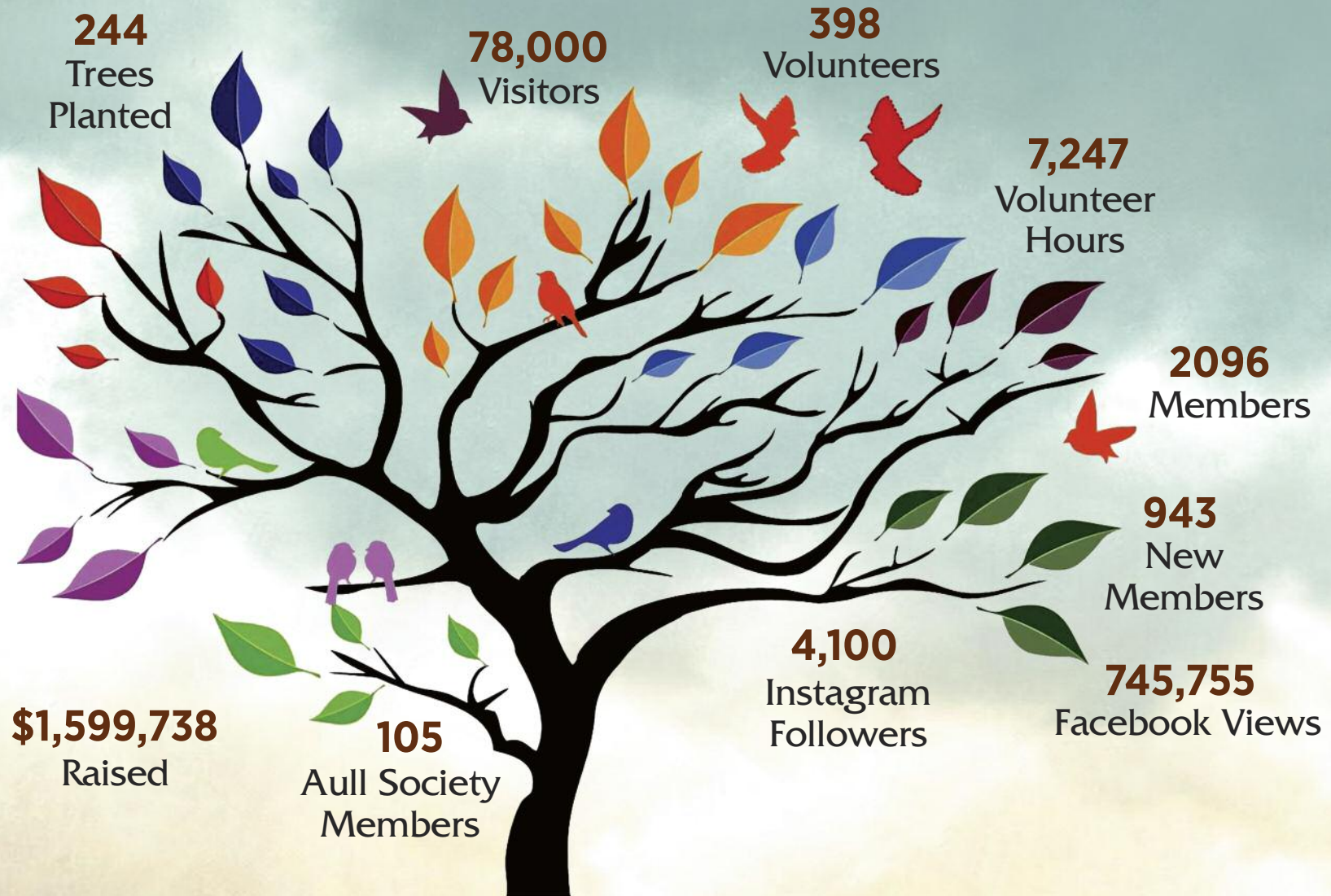
Bodil checks out an egg



Bo takes a break

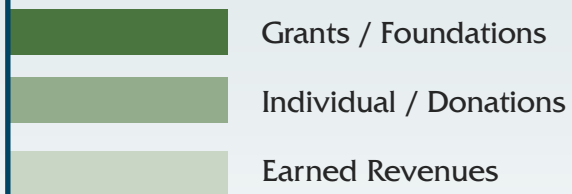
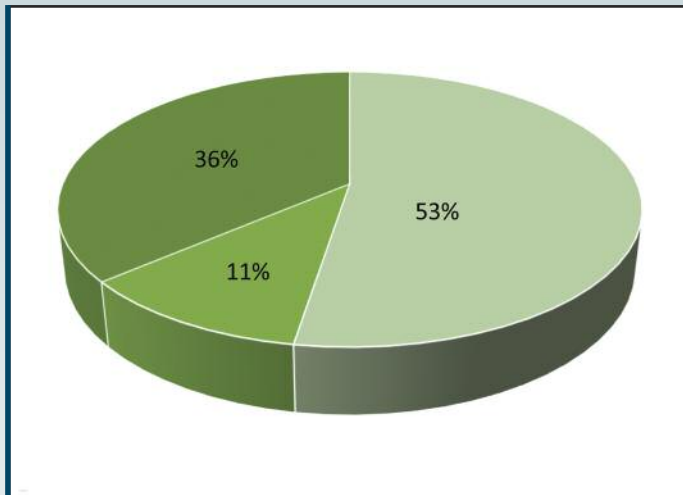
***“We think big  
and put creativity  
to work to achieve  
our goals.”***

# By the Numbers

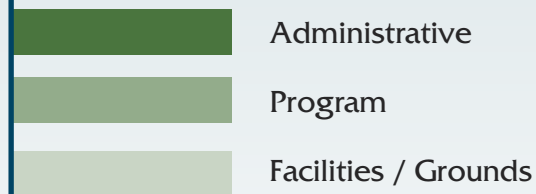
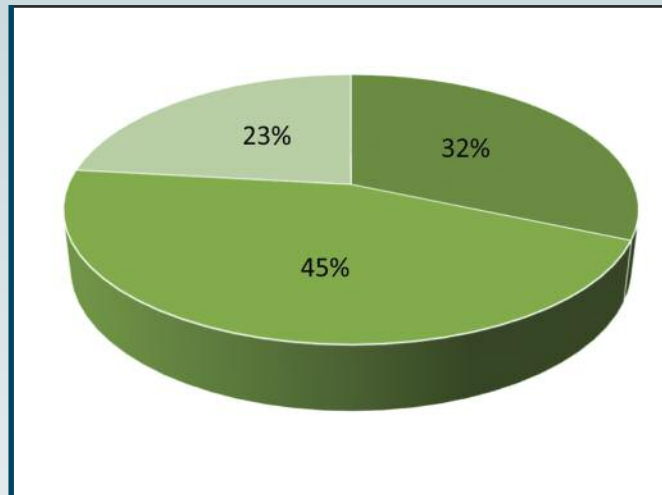


# Operations

Operational Income  
**\$1,612,628**



Operational Expense  
**\$1,605,450**



*Bluebird taking care of young*



# Education



*Hazel Wilson, Volunteer READS mentor and student*

***“Through our  
READS program,  
we provide  
one-on-one  
adult mentoring  
opportunities that  
integrate outdoor  
experiences with  
reading, writing  
and science.”***

In April 2022, Aullwood Audubon was awarded \$875,212 from the Ohio Department of Education through their Summer Learning and Afterschool Opportunities Grants.

The first initiative funded the expansion of Aullwood’s Summer Earth Adventure Camps to a full-day program offering a significant number of scholarships to local area students.

The second grant expands Aullwood’s current READS program to include three additional schools during the school year.



*At Summer Earth Adventure Camp*



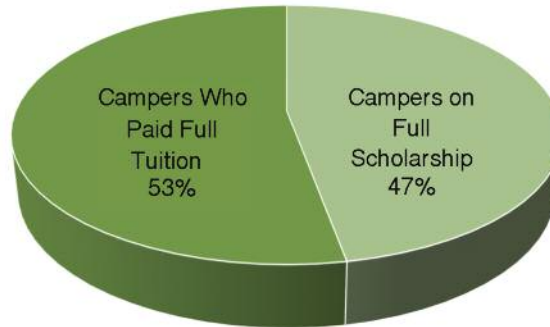
*Creek study at Earth Adventures program*



# Full Day Summer Earth Adventure Camp



*Releasing a banded bird*



*Checking for insects*

***“We strive to make outdoor adventures accessible for all children in our community.”***



*Fun at camp*



# Conservation



Connie Gullory

Barred owl

***“We fight to  
restore  
habitat, clean  
our water,  
and preserve  
threatened and  
endangered  
species.”***

## A Forest in a Day

Aullwood volunteers and staff planted 244 pine and cedar trees to reduce erosion and slow water before it enters Wiles Creek.

As this pine forest matures, it will also create new habitat for wildlife and birds, in particular owls.



Planting new trees



Prepping trees for planting



Newly planted field



## Chimney Swift Tower

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Aullwood installed its first chimney swift tower at the Nature Center to provide new habitat for these social birds. Chimney swifts are amazing birds that spend most of their lives in flight. They only stop to raise young or rest during migration.

Chimney swift populations have declined 70% since 1966 in many parts of the country. There are a number of factors contributing to their decline, but one significant reason is lack of habitat.

A Chimney swift tower provides the perfect environment for breeding pairs and migrating adults. Breeding pair of chimney swifts have already moved into the new tower.

Aullwood's Chimney swift tower was made possible by a generous gift from John and Becky York. Artwork by Greg Henry.



*A Chimney swift eating in flight*



*Chimney swift tower*

# On-going Conservation Projects

- Project Feeder Watch
- The Great Backyard Bird Count
- Christmas Bird Count
- Long-term Butterfly Monitoring
- 4th of July Butterfly Count
- Breeding Bird Census
- Bluebird Box Monitoring
- Native Plant Sale
- The Big Pull – Invasive Removal project partnering with Aullwood Gardens MetroPark
- Partnership with The Livestock Conservancy in protecting America's endangered livestock and poultry breeds from extinction



Maddy McGarvey

*Removing invasive species*



*Guinea hog piglets*



*Monarch butterfly*



Maddy McGarvey

*Planting native plants*



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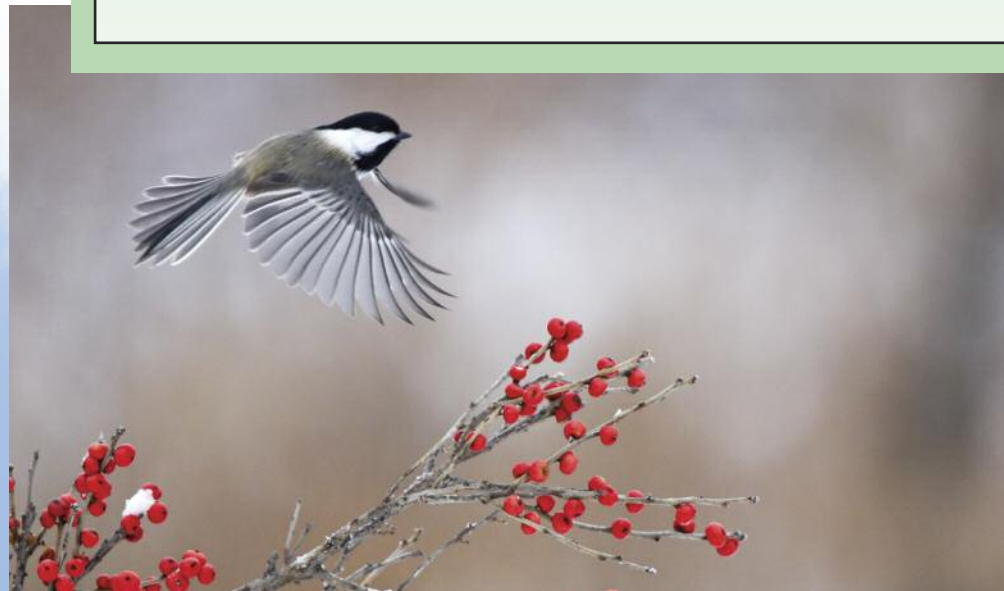
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Black-capped chickadee

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