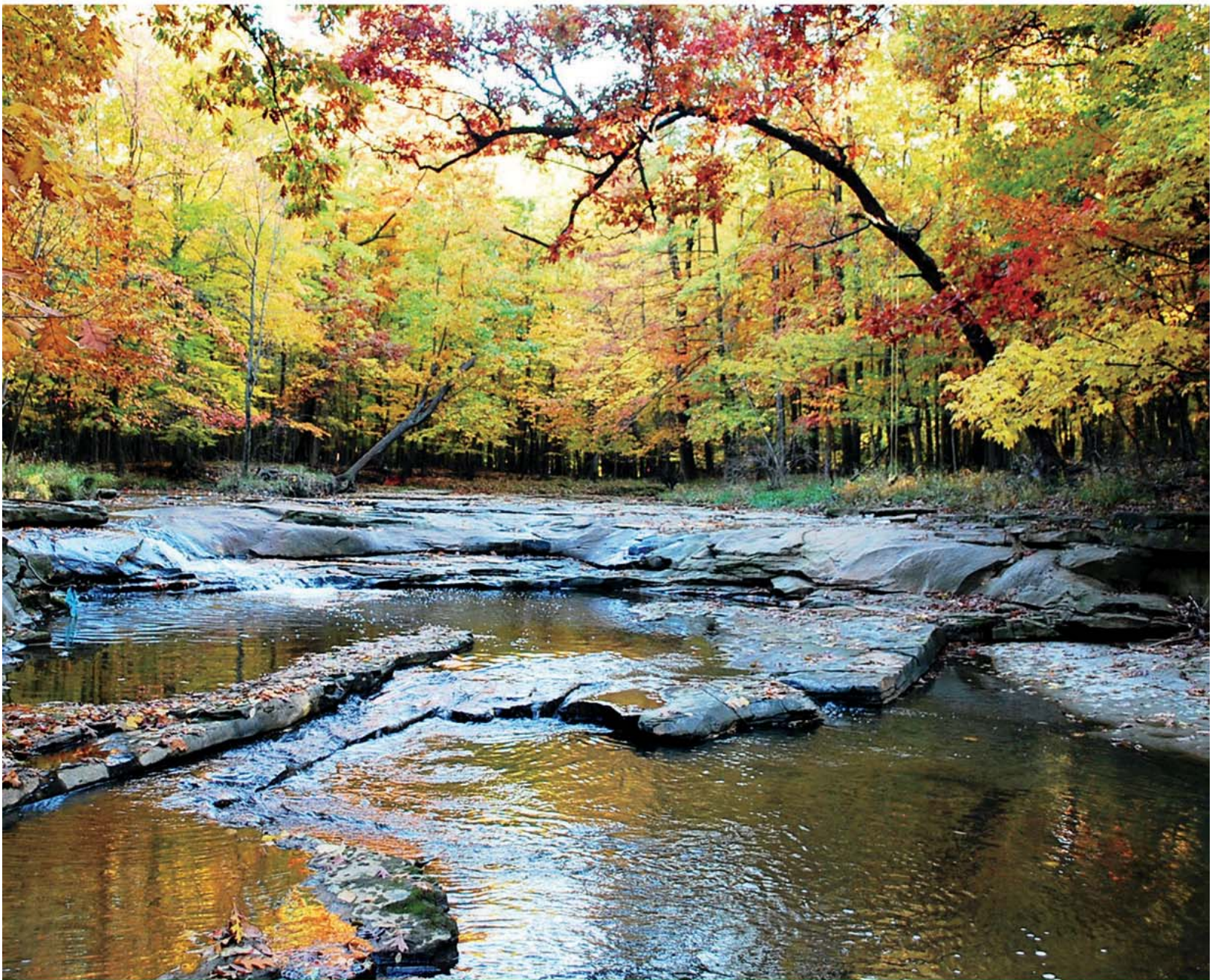




2013 Annual Report



Enriching the lives of people in Greater Cleveland by:

- Conserving natural habitat
- Restoring the ecological value and sustainability of urban lands
- Expanding neighborhood opportunities to experience nature.

DEAR FRIENDS,

Your support in 2013 enabled West Creek Conservancy to realize yet another successful year in urban conservation. Throughout Greater Cleveland, West Creek Conservancy - your Conservancy - has been collaborating to create parklands and greenway trails that connect all of us to nature—to the fresh air, clean water, and green spaces where people and wildlife find sanctuary.

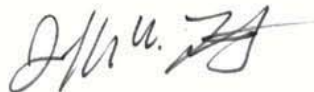
We are proud to report how West Creek Conservancy continues to put your dollars to work. Since our inception, the ratio of dollars we have outlaid into projects versus the dollars you have contributed to our operations has averaged over 20-to-1, a remarkable return on your investment.

But we trust your greatest satisfaction in supporting West Creek Conservancy comes in knowing that you are making real, positive change – change that is restoring our natural environment, enriching people's lives, and enhancing our neighborhoods and our region.

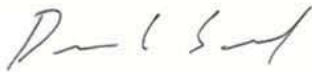
This report highlights a few of those changes. Each involves transformation – from urban wasteland to urban farm, from abandoned commercial property to priceless wetland and public space, from a 164-year old structure facing certain demise to one poised to showcase our region's heritage and promote healthy lifestyles.

As we celebrate these successes - these transformations - we hope they inspire you the way they inspire us.

West Creek Conservancy is where your dollars make a real difference. We thank you for keeping us strong.



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ABOVE: In 2013 some of the hundreds of volunteers for West Creek Conservancy helped remove invasive plants (top), excavate at Henninger Homestead (middle), and clean up our waterways (bottom).

ON THE COVER: The beautifully wooded Paguch property was part of a 10-acre acquisition by West Creek Conservancy in 2013, securing a crucial link along the proposed 20-mile West Creek Greenway.

HOW IS WEST CREEK CONSERVANCY DIFFERENT?

West Creek Conservancy is a **catalyst** for innovative and collaborative **change** with its:

- **Urban Focus** - Making a difference right within those urban neighborhoods where a great many people live and work.
- **Opportunistic Stance** - Always alert to quickly seize unexpected opportunities to generate a real public benefit.
- **Effective Partnerships** - Initiating and undertaking the heavy lifting to do what we do best, while readily collaborating to encourage and enable others to do what they can do better.
- **Committed Board** - Board members meet often, volunteering readily for program and project responsibilities; many of those members have served for over a decade.
- **Return on Investment** - Each dollar donated has been leveraged to return on average over \$20 to create a Greener Greater Cleveland.

Over 45,000 people live within 1000 feet of a property protected by West Creek Conservancy.

Protecting Natural Areas for People & Wildlife

Challenge: Almost 160 acres, one of the biggest swaths of undeveloped woodlands, meadows, and streams remaining in Cuyahoga County, faced destruction by development into more cluster homes, another mall, and another golf course.

Action: West Creek Conservancy rallied Parma voters and spearheaded the effort to preserve this natural area. In collaboration with the City of Parma and Cleveland Metroparks, the resulting park became West Creek Reservation. In 2013, West Creek Conservancy obtained an adjacent 10-acre woodlot and 32-acre conservation easement for incorporation into the valley's conservation lands.



Outcome: Surrounded by residential neighborhoods, West Creek Reservation today provides a quiet and friendly setting where visitors can escape to unwind, reflect, and perhaps reconnect with our natural environment. Completed and dedicated in June of 2013 in collaboration with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, the Watershed Stewardship Center at West Creek Reservation focuses on water—our freshwater—where it comes from, where it goes, what we do with it along the way, and why it all matters so much. In the second half of 2013, the Center alone welcomed over 33,000 visitors.

"West Creek Conservancy continues to be a pivotal force in Greater Cleveland. Extending from their efforts to create West Creek Preserve, now a Cleveland Metroparks jewel, the organization has successfully pursued the conservation of entire corridors, which will connect some of our region's most treasured assets.... They are formidable partners with each municipality, deeply engaged with best management practice, volunteer outreach, restoration initiatives, as well as recreational trail development."

David Nedrich
President, Parma Area Chamber of Commerce

(Top) Opening day of the Watershed Stewardship Center at West Creek Reservation. (Bottom) Adjacent to the park, West Creek Conservancy continues protecting new lands. In 2013 the Conservancy acquired the 10-acre Gannett Woods in Parma, featuring beautiful stream and forest - plus a view of Cleveland's skyline.

Reclaiming Vacant Urban Land to Strengthen our Neighborhoods

Challenge: Cleveland, like other older cities, is embracing urban agriculture as a strategy to reclaim and revitalize abandoned and deteriorating urban neighborhoods. But a major problem to urban farming is land tenure.

Action: West Creek Conservancy is helping to remove that barrier. At Cleveland's Kinsman Farm, the Conservancy undertakes the land tenure and licensing role for each farming entity. One of the largest urban farms in the United States, it enables new farmers to learn and grow their operations before attempting a larger tract of land. Kinsman Farm is a unique partnership between West Creek Conservancy, Ohio State University Extension, the City of Cleveland, and Burten, Bell, Carr Development Corporation.

Outcome: The site is now free of debris, renewed with fresh soil amendments, equipped with storage structures and gates, and fenced to prevent future illegal dumping. In 2013 twelve operations were leased at Kinsman Farm. Most grew mixed vegetables, and one began egg production, the first of its kind in the city. Vegetables produced on the Farm are sold in farmers markets and by other direct sales outlets throughout Cleveland.

"The Kinsman Farm highlights the possibilities and opportunities for urban agriculture production and community development when organizations such as West Creek Conservancy are willing to branch out and engage in nontraditional partnerships. The partnership has helped Ohio State University Extension engage in a community endeavor it otherwise could not have."

Jacqueline Kowalski
Extension Educator, OSU College of Food, Agriculture,
and Environmental Sciences



Kinsman Farm, once a dumping ground that blighted the neighborhood, the project site is helping establish new farmers in Cleveland's growing local agricultural economy.

Restoring Streams & Habitats to Clean Our Air & Water



West Creek Confluence Site: Taken near the end of earth-grading work in 2013, this view looks upstream from the Cuyahoga River at a newly formed channel and wetland complex along West Creek in Independence. The wetlands will provide critical habitat and capacity to retain stormwater, while offering future public access by boardwalk and trails connecting to nearby parklands.

"West Creek Conservancy has a proven track record of collaboration, public involvement, and capable leadership in land management and conservation matters.... I am grateful for their strong leadership in promoting public access to green space and in driving conservation efforts in this region."

Marcy Kaptur
U.S. Representative for Ohio's 9th Congressional District

Challenge: Over many decades, increased commercial and residential development surrounding the headwaters of West Creek steadily replaced natural green areas that once absorbed and filtered upstream stormwater. As a result, downstream flooding, erosion, and pollution had destroyed the commercial value of a 10-acre property at the confluence of West Creek and the Cuyahoga River.

Action: West Creek Conservancy partnered with the City of Independence and the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District to purchase the flood-prone property with funding from the Clean Ohio Greenspace Fund, Scenic Byway Program, and the Ohio EPA's Water Resource Restoration Sponsorship Program. Leveraging an additional \$2.4 million through the Ohio EPA's WRRSP Program and 319 Program, the Conservancy undertook a major transformation. The hardened narrow channel built decades ago in an increasingly futile effort to confine the creek was eliminated in 2013. Over 80,000 cubic yards of fill were also removed to restore a natural meander to over 1000 feet of West Creek forming over six acres of wetland, floodplain, and parkland, with extensive native plantings.

Outcome: The abandoned five-acre warehouse, drive-in bank, four acres of impervious pavement, plus a third structure upstream, are gone—replaced with 10 acres of public parkland that now provide wildlife habitat and the capacity to mitigate over 100 million gallons of floodwater. The new West Creek Confluence site will link West Creek Reservation and nearby neighborhoods to the Towpath Trail and Cuyahoga Valley National Park.



Connecting People to Nature by Creating Recreational Trails & Greenways

Challenge: With permits already issued and only hours to spare, the clock on Parma's oldest home, the historic 1849 Henninger House, was counting down. Built of the same native sandstone that provided a breakwall for the port of Cleveland and locks for the Ohio and Erie Canal, this abandoned but still sturdy structure was slated for demolition.

Action: West Creek Conservancy envisioned the Henninger House as a visitor center, trailhead, and picnic area for the 20-mile West Creek Greenway. Forming a partnership with the City of Parma, the Trust for Public Land, the Henninger Task Force, and Parma Historical Society, the Conservancy raised a total of \$470,000 to purchase and begin restoration of the homestead. The property is now owned by the City of Parma with a conservation/historic easement held by West Creek Conservancy.

"On behalf of the entire Henninger family, we thank West Creek Conservancy sincerely for the vision and hard work that led to the dedication. It was a blessing and a privilege to be a part of it."

- Kris Wilkinson



After being saved by a partnership formed by West Creek Conservancy, the 1849 Henninger House stands ready for adoptive restoration into a trailhead on the West Creek Greenway.

Outcome: With restoration of the Henninger House well underway, West Creek Conservancy purchased nearly one mile of connecting property extending the Greenway Trail north to Brooklyn Heights Park. In 2013 the Conservancy hosted a public dedication recognizing the Henninger Homestead with a newly installed Ohio Historical Marker and inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. Parma Mayor Tim DeGeeter, an early booster of the campaign to preserve the Henninger House, noted the key role it will play in his city:

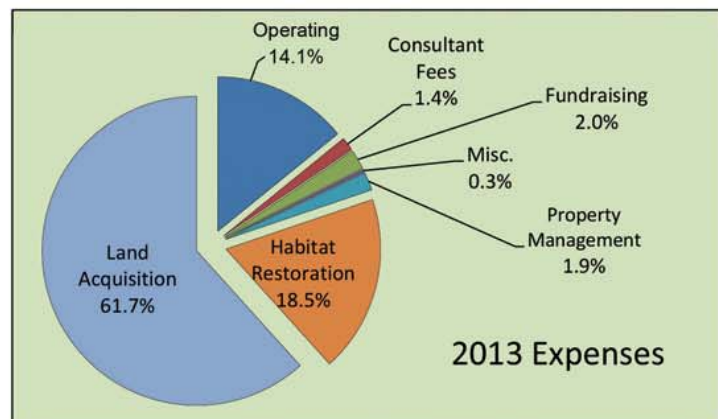
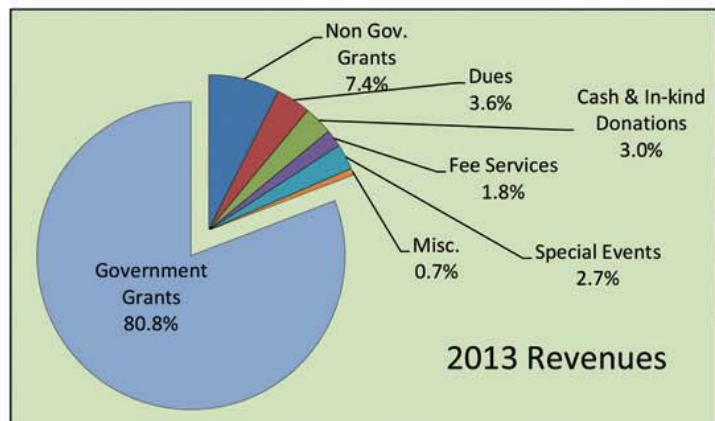
"Henninger Homestead will help tell the rich story of our past. As part of the West Creek Greenway, it will be a vital part of our community and this region for generations to come."

Mayor Tim DeGeeter
City of Parma

As of 2013 West Creek Conservancy has secured over 90% of the 20-mile corridor needed for the West Creek Greenway.

FINANCIAL POSITION

Fiscal year ending December 31, 2013. Accrual basis.



September 2013 dedication of the Henninger Homestead Ohio Historical Marker: (Top) Flanked by family members Lenore Henninger (left) and Kris Wilkinson (right), Janice Sheets Henninger, who was born in the house 1922, recounted her life growing up in the house.

(Middle) Attendees listen to the dedication speeches.

(Bottom) Among those speaking were (from l to r) Cuyahoga County Councilman Chuck Germana, WCC Executive Director Derek Schafer, Parma Mayor Tim DeGeeter, WCC Founder Dave Vasarhelyi.

2013 REVENUES		
Dues	\$	43,927
Cash & In-kind Donations	\$	36,822
Fee Services	\$	21,779
Special Events	\$	32,784
Non Gov. Grants	\$	90,316
Government Grants	\$	985,065
Misc.	\$	8,233
Total Revenue	\$	1,218,926
2013 EXPENSES		
Operating	\$	186,176
Consultant Fees	\$	18,623
Fundraising	\$	26,949
Property Management	\$	24,763
Habitat Restoration	\$	243,735
Land Acquisition	\$	811,917
Misc.	\$	4,134
Total Expenses	\$	1,316,297
Change in Net Assets	\$	(97,371)

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YOU - our donors - make it all possible. Thanks to your generosity, West Creek Conservancy was able to expand its important conservation work in 2013, protecting hundreds of properties and over 800 acres throughout Greater Cleveland. We gratefully acknowledge the individuals, corporations, foundations, and organizations who together contributed funds in support of urban conservation. The following is a list of those who made contributions between January 1 and December 31, 2013.

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 Zocalo Mexican Grill



We apologize for any mistakes or omissions.
 We have made every effort to prepare these
 donor lists accurately. If you have any
 questions or concerns regarding this list, please
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*My father took me to the woods
 When I was very young
 And sat me on an old rotten log,
 Told me to get comfortable,
 And then, to sit as still as a statue, 'til what seemed
 At first to be only a rustle of wind in the leaves
 And the breeze swaying trees
 Came into focus for me to see
 Many birds flittering around,
 A rabbit hopped across the ground,
 Animals came and did surround.
 In my excitement and my glee,
 I jumped up to touch these things
 And only found myself to be
 Back in the woods of woods and trees.
 After that I listened well and held myself in check,
 Still, sitting still
 Not to interject,
 Only to reflect.*

*--- MaryKay Toth,
 in memory of her father Richard Toth,
 Nature Lover and WCC member*

ABOUT WEST CREEK CONSERVANCY

Yesterday - West Creek Conservancy was born in 1997 when plans to build a second public golf course, cluster housing, another shopping center, and a movie theater threatened the Parma creek and woodlands where Dave Vasarhelyi had played as a child. A grass-roots group joined with him to mount a successful initiative petition, receiving 72% voter support to permanently protect the 160-acre public site. This group – which became West Creek Conservancy - then solicited funding and negotiated with landowners to purchase additional properties and conservation easements to expand the preserve to over 320 acres and to assemble a greenway for trail connections to the Towpath Trail at Cleveland Metroparks Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation and Cuyahoga Valley National Park. In 2006 West Creek Conservancy partnered with the City of Parma and Cleveland Metroparks to create West Creek Reservation.

Today - Because people living in urban neighborhoods have dwindling opportunities to experience those natural environments that have been their heritage, West Creek Conservancy has expanded its vision to include urban communities throughout Greater Cleveland. Their volunteer efforts now spearhead dozens of partnerships in the region. Projects in 2013 included:

- Expanding Brooklyn Heights Park and incorporating it into the proposed 20-mile long West Creek Greenway Trail
- Securing a Cleveland property on the Scranton Peninsula to join the 110-mile Towpath Trail to the Lake Link Trail and Cleveland's lakefront in partnership with LANDstudio and Cleveland Metroparks
- Leveraging support from multiple partners to complete the Mill Creek Watershed Action Plan and form the Mill Creek Partnership for restoration of a major Cuyahoga River tributary extending through nine communities from Cuyahoga Heights to Beachwood
- Partnering with Friends of Euclid Creek and Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District to create the nine-acre Redstone Run Highland Reserve in Richmond Heights
- Assisting Cleveland Metroparks by working with landowners to expand the 88-acre Heron Rookery Wetland property in North Royalton, part of the Rocky River Watershed



Tomorrow - Opportunities to initiate partnerships for projects that **protect** natural areas for people and wildlife, **reclaim** vacant urban land to strengthen our neighborhoods, **restore** streams and habitats to clean our air and water, and **connect** people to nature by creating recreational trails and greenways are constrained only by the amount of funding available to us.

In the absence of direct tax support for the public services we have been providing since 1997, West Creek Conservancy is totally dependent upon voluntary donations from those who find that our record of accomplishments has earned their ongoing support.

Yesterday and Today are now history . . . but you can help us with Tomorrow!

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