



WEST CREEK CONSERVANCY

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Ongoing Collaboration Drives Continued Impact in 2024



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Dear Friends,

We extend our sincere gratitude to our partners, collaborators, and supporters who help West Creek make a positive impact on people's lives and well-being in Northeast Ohio. Your support enables us to advance our mission: conserving natural habitats, restoring the ecological value of our region's lands and waters, and connecting people from all cultures and backgrounds with nature. In other words, fulfilling our commitment to Protect, Restore, and Connect.

Since 1997, we have protected over **5,000 acres across 16 counties**, provided hundreds of thousands of people with access to natural areas, and tackled some of our region's most complex conservation projects. Our recent merger with **Big Creek Connects** further amplifies our impact, uniting two Northeast Ohio organizations with a shared vision for the future. In this annual report, we highlight some of our projects and partnerships, and we hope you take as much pride in these many successes as we do. Together, we are delivering lasting benefits to communities across Northeast Ohio and beyond.

Your continued investment with us is essential to our collective success. With your support, we will build a greener and healthier Northeast Ohio! As always, please feel free to reach out to any of us with your thoughts.



DEREK SCHAFER
Executive Director



MICHAEL MOHLENKAMP
Board Chair



Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Program

The Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) program was established by the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act to provide up to \$4.3 billion for projects across the country designed to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through measures identified in Priority Climate Action Plans. In 2024, West Creek Conservancy supported a coalition of local governments and other stakeholders from Northeast Ohio – including Cuyahoga County (lead applicant), the City of Cleveland, the City of Painesville and numerous workforce development, clean energy and philanthropic partners – in developing the Municipal Empowerment for Clean Energy and Conservation CPRG proposal. The request, totaling nearly \$130M, was successfully awarded in July 2024.

Implementation of this project over the next five years will advance a brownfield to brightfield model in Northeast Ohio, developing an unprecedented 63 MW of municipal utility solar power across six sites on or adjacent to brownfields and landfills, and pairing this sustainable land reuse with nature-based solutions to restore habitat and ecological functionality on these derelict landscapes. The estimated GHG emissions

reductions that will result – 206,445 metric tons CO₂e by 2030 and 995,319 metric tons CO₂e by 2050 – will put the region on a path toward achieving its emissions reductions goals.

A major feature of this project is the installation of a **35 MW solar array** on the former Diamond Shamrock facility, a **1,000-acre brownfield site on the shore of Lake Erie** in Lake County, as well as a **10 MW battery system**. This would potentially enable the City of Painesville to close its coal-fired peaking power plant, reducing the city's reliance on fossil fuels, stabilizing operating costs, reducing peak electric loads and improving air quality for residents. Simultaneously, 2 miles of Grand River riparian area running through the Diamond Shamrock property will be reforested, and hundreds of acres will be restored to native meadow habitat. Ultimately, the vision is to transform this former industrial site into a passive nature preserve with biking and walking trails providing multimodal access to the lakefront, including to the 2-mile ADA lakefront trail currently in development by Lake Metroparks.

Zaclon River Landing

Zaclon River Landing is a 3-acre riverfront property on the east bank of the Cuyahoga, in the City of Cleveland. The property's former use was largely industrial, leaving behind almost entirely impervious surface area, decommissioned industrial equipment and a 10,000 sq. ft. storage warehouse. West Creek, in partnership with the **Spartan Alumni Rowing Association (SARA)**, has acquired Zaclon River Landing and secured funding sufficient to remediate the property, with future plans to transform it into a public greenspace and paddle access point. Ongoing remediation includes removal of contaminated soils, industrial equipment and all other hazardous materials, and replacement of 15% of the site's impervious surface area with native vegetation. An ADA ramp will be installed to provide safe, accessible paddle access to the Cuyahoga River Water Trail. Following remediation, the storage warehouse will be used by SARA and other community organizations for nonmotorized boat storage. The Zaclon River Landing project is a transformative opportunity to **reclaim public access to the Cuyahoga River** and improve water quality by remediating a disused industrial site, while honoring the area's industrial heritage.



Oxbow Wetlands Preserve

The Oxbow Wetlands Preserve project was a multi-phase conservation and restoration initiative led by Richland County Park District and West Creek Conservancy. The project area comprises an approximately 80-acre riverfront property donated by the Gorman family and an adjacent 25-acre wooded riparian parcel acquired with funding from the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program, resulting in a total of 2 miles of riparian area along the Clear Fork River mainstem being restored and permanently protected. Funding from the H2Ohio program and the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District supported restoration of 20+ acres of agricultural fields, restoring native habitat and riparian buffer while reducing sediment and nutrient loading into the Clear Fork River – a major tributary to the Mohican River. A forthcoming 1.5-mile trail system throughout the Oxbow Wetlands Preserve will provide opportunities for the public to enjoy the restored floodplain property, with winding oxbow wetlands and tributary streams interspersed with native meadow and forest habitat. Visitors will also enjoy direct connectivity to the 18-mile Richland B&O Trail, adjacent to the Oxbow Wetlands Preserve.



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Andover Meadows Wetland Restoration Project

West Creek Conservancy initially acquired the 119-acre Andover Meadows property in 2023, with funding from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources's H2Ohio program. This property, located in the Village of Andover, Ashtabula County, was primarily agricultural with over 80% of the land used for row crops. The property's adjacency to the Pymatuning Valley Greenway Trail, an approximately 30-mile regional connector trail being developed by Ashtabula County Metroparks, as well as its proximity just one parcel removed from Pymatuning Lake State Park, made the Andover Meadows property a priority for permanent conservation and restoration.

In 2024, extensive restoration was completed on the property including conversion of 97 acres of agricultural fields to native habitat with support from the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Wetland Reserve Enhancement program. Today the Andover Meadows property hosts **44 acres of restored wetlands, 26 acres of pollinator habitat, and 27 acres of newly reforested land** in addition to 22 acres of mature hardwood forest that existed previously. All of these resources are now preserved in perpetuity, with the potential for additional native plantings and restoration of adjacent property to further enhance the ecological integrity and resilience of the landscape.

The Andover Meadows Wetland Restoration Project was completed in partnership with the Natural Resource Conservation Service, Pheasants Forever, Ashtabula Soil & Water Conservation District, and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The restored property will be made available to the public for passive recreation from Memorial Day to Labor Day, with the potential for future connectivity to the Pymatuning Lake State Park further enhancing public access.

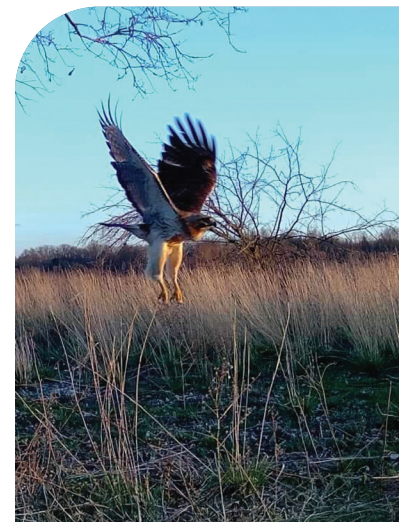


Talcott Creek Restoration Project

With support from the ODNR H2Ohio program, Ohio EPA 319, and Great Lake's Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program, West Creek acquired and is in the process of restoring a 114-acre agricultural property in Thompson Township. The former agricultural fields surround a channelized segment of Talcott Creek - an otherwise high-quality cold-water stream and tributary to the Grand River. Restoration is anticipated to be complete by the end of 2025.

Chippewa Creek Floodplain Restoration Project

The 65-acre Chippewa Creek Floodplain Restoration Project was completed in 2023. A 7-acre property one parcel removed from this project came up for sale soon after; West Creek acquired this additional acreage in 2024 for the opportunity to further preserve and restore riparian area along Chippewa Creek, and to protect the downstream restoration investment. This was proudly supported by ODNR's H2Ohio program.





Valley View Bluffs

With acquisition of the Valley View Bluffs property, West Creek and Summit Metro Parks have successfully added 20 acres of mature forests, small freshwater ravines and wetlands overlooking a part of the expansive Cascade Valley Metro Park – a 1,900+ acre public park nestled along the Cuyahoga River and several of its tributaries (a nationally featured project!). West Creek stepped up quickly to help shepherd this one to the finish line with our great partners.

Cuyahoga Valley National Park - Martin Road

The 2.4-acre Martin Road property in the city of Akron is surrounded on three sides by the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. West Creek was needed to quickly step in and acquire the property to ensure its conservation status for the National Park Service, which helped to balance the agricultural land use with impacts on the surrounding national parkland.



Erie Wilds DuPont Marsh Expansion

The Erie Wilds DuPont Marsh Expansion is a 95-acre expansion of the ODNR-managed DuPont Marsh State Nature Preserve in Erie County. The property is situated along the banks of the Huron River, featuring wetlands and marshland including regionally significant mixed emergent marsh habitat. This habitat is not only exceptional for waterfowl but also has the potential to host two plant species currently threatened or endangered in the state of Ohio – leafy tussock sedge (*Carex aquatilis*, Threatened) and leafy blue flag (*Iris brevicaulis*, Endangered). The property is also significant to water quality in the Huron River and Lake Erie; the site’s wetlands slow runoff from neighboring industrial and agricultural land uses, reducing nutrient and sediment loading in the Huron River just three miles upstream from its confluence with Lake Erie. Preserving one of the last remaining natural areas along the banks of the Huron River was thus a high priority for both West Creek Conservancy and ODNR. An existing trail system running through the Erie Wilds DuPont Marsh Expansion, owned and managed by Erie MetroParks, provides public access to this unique natural area.



“West Creek Conservancy has been an outstanding partner in our mission to improve water quality along Lake Erie and northeast Ohio,” ODNR Director Mertz said. “With more than a dozen wetland restoration projects, we’ve reduced the impact of harmful runoff by capturing and filtering nutrients before they make it to our rivers and streams. This all leads to cleaner drinking water, better spaces for outdoor recreation, and improved habitat for wildlife.”



Casement Property - Painesville, Lake County





Photo Credit: Judy Semroc



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Grand River Casement Floodplain Restoration Project

The former Casement Club golf course is situated along an approximately 3/4-mile stretch of the Grand River in the City of Painesville and Painesville Township, in Lake County. This 67-acre property comprises almost entirely Grand River floodplain, which led to the golf course's closure due to flooding in 2006. Since then, the property has sat vacant and underutilized.

The Casement property is in a portion of the Red Creek - Grand River subwatershed that is designated as a Critical Area due to substantially poorer water quality compared to upstream in the Grand River, resulting from the higher concentration of urban and industrial land uses in this part of the watershed. Restoration of the golf course's manicured landscape to a more natural and functional floodplain ecosystem has the potential not only to reduce runoff, sediment and nutrient loading into the Grand River, but

also to improve habitat for the large number of state-listed species identified on the property.

In 2024, West Creek acquired the Casement property with funding from the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program. Restoration is currently underway, with support from the Ohio Lake Erie Commission's Lake Erie Protection Fund and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' H2Ohio program, and is anticipated to be complete in 2026. Restoration activities will include establishing native meadow and pollinator habitat along the former fairways, restoration of floodplain hydrology and removal of drain tiles associated with the golf course, and restoration and expansion of wetlands and forested riparian habitat. Following restoration and addition of mowed walking paths, the property - to be known as Casement Springs Preserve - will be available to the public for passive recreation and nature observation.

Species identified on the Casement property to date:

Tri-Colored Bat (Ohio Endangered) • Big Brown Bat (Ohio Species of Concern) • Eastern Red Bat (Ohio Species of Concern)

Hoary Bat (Ohio Species of Concern) • Red-Headed Woodpecker (Ohio Species of Concern) • Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker (Ohio Species of Concern)

12 Species of Moths (New Lake County Record)



The Funk Bottoms Wildlife Area is a nearly 2,000-acre wildlife area spanning Ashland and Wayne counties in the Mohican River Watershed, with creeks and lush marshland providing habitat for a number of fish, wild game species, and nesting and migratory birds. The Funk Bottoms Wildlife Area is managed by the ODNR Division of Wildlife, and has been gradually acquired through piecemeal acquisitions since 1991. ODNR often relies on conservation partners like West Creek to nimbly acquire high-priority properties as they come available; two such properties were identified in 2023, totaling 168 acres adjacent to Funk Bottoms Wildlife Area protected land.

West Creek Conservancy pre-acquired both properties, selling them to ODNR in 2024. West Creek also completed a 50-acre restoration on one of the properties, converting an active farm field to natural greenspace to reduce nutrient, phosphorus and sediment loading into an adjacent wetland complex with support from H2Ohio. A ribbon cutting was held at the Funk Bottoms Wildlife Area, with ODNR Director Mary Mertz present to celebrate the accomplishments of ODNR and its conservation partners.

Funk Bottoms Expansion

Bridge Creek Headwaters Preserve



Photo Credit: Judy Seaman

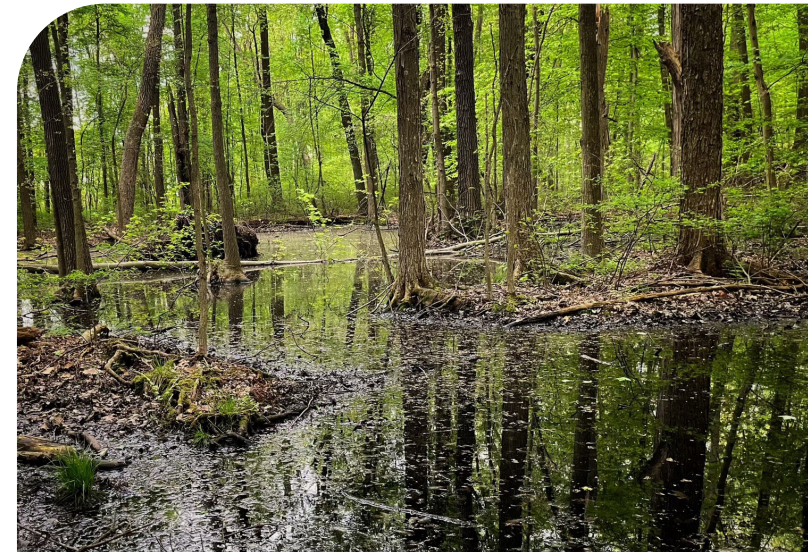
The 108-acre Bridge Creek Headwaters Preserve in Auburn Township, Geauga County, was once home to the Auburn Airport, a privately-owned grass field airstrip. Today, the property boasts tremendous habitat and biodiversity, including 90 acres of high-quality wetlands that provide important breeding, roosting and nesting habitat for several wildlife species. Over 167 plant and 215 animal species have been identified on the property, including at least 15 state-listed species. Some of the most notable species include: the **state-threatened sandhill crane** (seen with colts), the **state-endangered little brown bat and tri-colored bat**, and **necklace sedge** (a newly discovered instance of this state-endangered species in Ohio).

Bridge Creek Headwaters Preserve's Category 3 wetlands have important water quality implications too; this wetland complex surrounds the headwaters of a tributary to Bridge Creek, which feeds LaDue Reservoir - part of the City of Akron's primary drinking water supply. Conservation of this property is therefore not only a win for biodiversity and habitat preservation, but also for downstream drinking water quality.

Thanks to funding through the Ohio EPA's WRRSP program, West Creek was able to successfully acquire and permanently conserve the 108-acre Bridge Creek Headwaters Preserve property in 2024. Looking ahead, we will complete additional assessments to prioritize future restoration activities to enhance and protect the property's wetlands, as well as public access improvements to support passive recreation and nature-based education.

Watershed Divide Preserve Phase II

With the acquisition and permanent protection of approximately 25 acres in the cities of Brecksville and Broadview Heights, the Watershed Divide Preserve Phase II project established connectivity between previously disconnected parcels of preserved natural area in Cuyahoga County. As a result, these communities now enjoy 100 acres of contiguous protected natural area. The project not only spans two cities but also two watersheds, stretching across both the Furnace Run and Headwaters East Branch Rocky River HUC-12s. This conservation acquisition, supported with funding from the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program, permanently protected a **15-acre Category 3 wetland complex** and forested areas providing critical habitat for at least four bat species documented on the Property - including the **Ohio Endangered tri-colored bat**.



Tinkers Creek State Park Expansion

West Creek Conservancy has transferred to ODNR a 30-acre property adjacent to Tinkers Creek State Park. The property contains swamp and marshland that is part of a larger wetland complex extending onto the adjacent parkland, and will be managed by Summit Metro Parks as part of the 3,000-acre Liberty Park.

Powers Brook Preserve

This 32-acre property in the City of Hudson contains extensive forested riparian habitat, with Powers Brook – a tributary of the Cuyahoga River – cutting through the property. The land was donated to West Creek in 2024, resulting in the permanent conservation of this riparian area in an otherwise highly developed area. This project was supported by the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program.

Bishop Road Wetlands

West Creek Conservancy acquired this 11.5-acre open space in Highland Heights back in 2014 to protect it from immediate threat of development. Now, West Creek has transferred the property to the City of Highland Heights for long-term ownership and management as part of the adjacent 100+ acre Highland Heights Community Park. This project was supported by the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program.

Donated Conservation Easements

Through our decades-long partnership with West Creek Conservancy, Cleveland Metroparks has been able to protect and enhance vital parkland and natural habitats, directly improving the quality of life for Northeast Ohioans. This collaboration has been catalytic in delivering lasting benefits to the community, creating a legacy of environmental stewardship that will serve generations to come,” said Cleveland Metroparks CEO Brian M. Zimmerman.

In 2024 Cleveland Metroparks acquired 146 acres, and of that West Creek Conservancy donated 67 acres in Bedford and Brecksville Reservations. We began acquiring acreage from West Creek Conservancy in 2006 and have continued that partnership through 2024, acquiring 552 acres in 6 reservations, see the chart to the right:

RESERVATION	ACRES
Bedford	218.40
Brecksville	48.99
Brookside	19.46
Lakefront	1.83
Mill Stream Run	2.30
West Creek	261.38
TOTAL:	552.36



Art House Green Infrastructure Garden Project

The Art House Green Infrastructure Garden Project is a high impact green infrastructure project bringing the dual benefits of dramatically reducing urban stormwater runoff in the combined sewer area and enhancing a community asset – Art House – through beautification of the urban landscape. Art House Cleveland is a nonprofit providing arts education programming for over 6,000 students annually in the Cleveland neighborhood of Old Brooklyn. With funding through the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District’s Green Infrastructure Grant program, West Creek, Art House, and Big Creek Connects successfully installed a 1,000 SF bioretention basin; reconstructed the existing, dilapidated Art House parking lot and driveway to improve functionality and to direct runoff into the bioretention basin; and implemented an art garden with wildflowers, native grasses, wildlife habitat and seating areas for public enjoyment and artistic inspiration. These improvements have not only enhanced the overall experience for visitors to Art House’s campus but have also reduced an estimated 237,000 gallons of stormwater runoff annually.

Bridge CLE Paver Retrofit Project

Another recent green infrastructure implementation success story in the city of Cleveland is the Bridge CLE Paver Retrofit Project. Some ten years ago, plastic grass pavers were installed at The Bridge Avenue School on the Bridge CLE campus; these pavers had begun to fail and were in need of replacement. In 2024, with grant funding from the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District and in partnership with Big Creek Connects and Bridge CLE, West Creek supported the replacement of these pavers along with other improvements to the campus to enhance stormwater runoff capture. New plumbing was installed to capture rooftop runoff from The Bridge Avenue School building, diverting it to a dispersion swale connected to new permeable pavers that replaced the failing grass pavers. These improvements are expected to result in diversion of 322,000 gallons of rainwater annually in the Clark-Fulton neighborhood of Cleveland.

Taken together, the Art House and Bridge CLE projects are impactful examples of creative collaborations resulting in conservation wins in urban areas and will support regional efforts to reduce stormwater volume in the local combined sewer system.



Creekside Collaborative Partners*

In only our second growing season, our native plant nursery thrived—producing 16 species of wildflowers and 18 native tree species. These plants are now flourishing in green infrastructure sites, community gardens, and across our restoration projects. With each season, our operations grow stronger, setting the stage for even greater impact. A highlight of 2024 was the generous donation of air-pruning propagation tables from Crow Works, a sustainably minded furniture company. This game-changing gift will significantly increase our native tree production and expand habitat restoration efforts.

Thanks to community support, our native plant and seed collection program is stronger than ever. Together, we gathered seeds from more than 30 wildflower species and an abundant variety of native tree mast.

We placed special focus on two keystone wildflower species, goldenrod and aster, and were thrilled to collect seeds of Dusty Goldenrod, a state-listed endangered plant with only one known population in Ohio. These efforts are building stronger, more resilient biodiversity for years to come.

We were equally excited to welcome Spice Field Kitchen to Creekside in 2024. Their team installed organic fruit and vegetable learning gardens and hosted camps where elementary and middle school students explored pollinators, practiced growing their own food, and prepared healthy meals with freshly harvested produce. Together, we're growing not only plants, but also knowledge, stewardship, and community.

**Formerly known as Stearns Native Nursery.*





Footpath Foundation Partnership

Footpath Foundation helps connect kids with nature by improving their access to the outdoors. In 2024, the collaboration between West Creek and Footpath Foundation resulted in Footpath finding its permanent home in Parma. The organization agreed to a lease with West Creek on a 12.5 acre property on West Pleasant Valley Road. This property was acquired by West Creek to preserve a large corridor of the East Branch of Big Creek. Moving forward, Footpath plans to add a native plant habitat, build trails, install a team challenge course, and make other improvements so the site can be used for small-group programming.



The Irishtown Bend Stabilization and Park Project



The Irishtown Bend Stabilization and Park Project in Cleveland, OH, continues to make significant strides toward its completion. Recent progress includes extensive regrading of the hillside, which is crucial for both stabilizing the area and improving drainage. Additionally, stormwater management systems have been installed to protect the Cuyahoga River and surrounding environment. Of particular importance, new structural bulkheads along the river's edge are being put in place, ensuring greater stability and resilience to erosion. The planning for the park and its amenities is ongoing, with a focus on creating spaces that will serve the community while preserving the area's unique history and natural beauty.

The installation of 2,300 linear feet of new bulkhead along the Irishtown Bend river front began in December 2024. Once complete, the new wall system is designed to fully stabilize the Irishtown Bend hillside. The wall system is made up of a combination of vertical steel pipe piles on about a 10-foot spacing interconnected with corrugated "Z" vertical sheet piles. Each of the embedded pipe piles is restrained via heavy gauge steel strand wires that are drilled, cased, and grouted into the below bedrock. The work for the new wall is just over 20% complete and is expected to continue into the first quarter of 2026. Onlookers will see cranes, barges, and other material handling equipment along the riverfront through the remainder of 2025. "The stabilization work is on

schedule, and it is a relief to see the hillside secured and the risk of catastrophic failure subsiding. I am excited for the future waterfront asset the community will soon enjoy," said Linda Sternheimer, Port of Cleveland.

The Irish cultural heritage site has also been further developed, with plans to offer a range of interpretive and historical displays. As part of the project's vision, the Cleveland Metroparks is completing the design for the waterfront boardwalk and the Cleveland Foundation Centennial Trail, which will connect to the 101-mile Towpath Trail and enhance access to the waterfront. Fundraising efforts, spearheaded by LAND studio, remain strong, with \$12.7 million raised in 2024 alone. This includes a significant \$10.8 million from the National Park Service's Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Grant program and \$2 million from the State of Ohio. Once the stabilization work is complete, the development of the Irishtown Bend Park will begin, marking a major milestone in the project's long-term vision. "As the Port's important stabilization work wraps up, the community's vision for an expansive new 25-acre riverfront park will start coming to life. That will be a testament to the dedication of many project partners coming together to transform a potentially catastrophic environmental and economic crisis into a legacy greenspace asset for future generations," said Greg Peckham, Executive Director LAND studio.



Photo Credit: Port of Cleveland & Goettle



Up! A Creek 2024

West Creek Conservancy's annual fundraising event, Up! A Creek, was held on September 7, 2024 at Landerhaven and sold out for the 9th year in a row! Attendees were greeted with appetizers and refreshments as they mingled and browsed beautiful photographs by local photographers.

Supporters enjoyed the hit game Heads and Tails, browsed raffle baskets and live auction packages, and enjoyed live music before dinner. The infamous Wine Toss game, dancing, and a 360 photobooth rounded out the evening.

Our sponsors, donors, and attendees helped successfully raise funding to fulfill our mission of protecting local streams and rivers, restoring vital natural habitat, and connecting people to nature. We are incredibly grateful for their help in creating a greener, greater Northeast Ohio.

Up! A Creek was presented by Ohio Real Title, Bartlett Tree Experts & RiverReach Construction.

Thank You, Volunteers!

In 2024, we welcomed hundreds of volunteers that worked to help further our mission to create a greener, greater Northeast Ohio.

Our dedicated volunteers have kept the native nursery humming. From tending finicky sprouts in the spring, fighting weeds in our wildflower specimen garden in the summer, and collecting and processing native seeds and assembling seed packets in the fall and winter, we are eternally grateful for their time and efforts.

They also helped maintain Green Infrastructure projects that West Creek installed with funding from the NEORSD. Their hands established dozens of new plants from our nursery that gave a biological uplift to the Caribe Bakery bioretention basins, and pulled invasives and trimmed back the natives in the Bridge CLE bioretention basin. These basins capture and treat over 400,000 gallons of stormwater annually keeping it out of the combined sewer system to reduce flooding in the Clark Fulton neighborhood!

Our volunteers were also instrumental in literally lending a hand tending to newly planted native trees. With funding from the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission, West Creek was able to establish 200 new native trees at Walters Grove Park and 200 native trees at Petruska Park in the City of Parma. Each of the 400 trees needed truck guards carefully installed and flagging tenderly removed.

A special shout out to our corporate volunteer groups, COX Communications, Ernst & Young, Heroux Devtech, Stantec, and the Ohio Contractors Association's Young Professionals Network, who helped increase biodiversity in our natural areas.

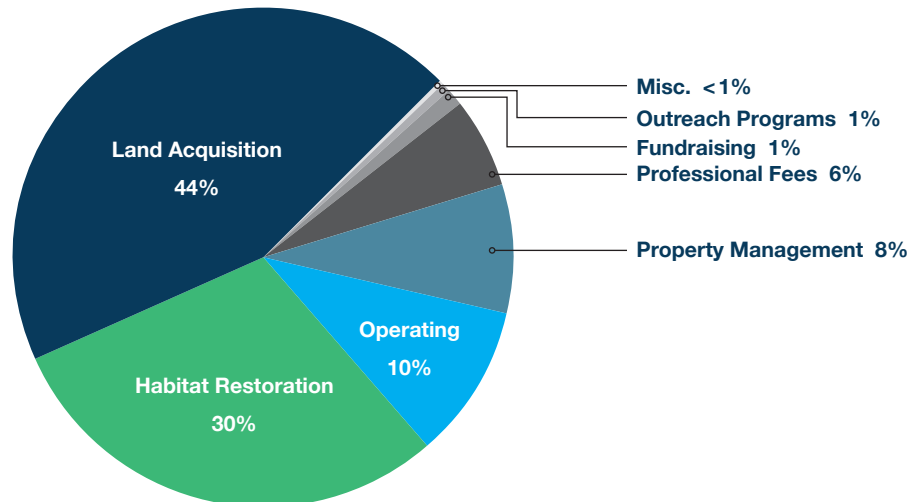
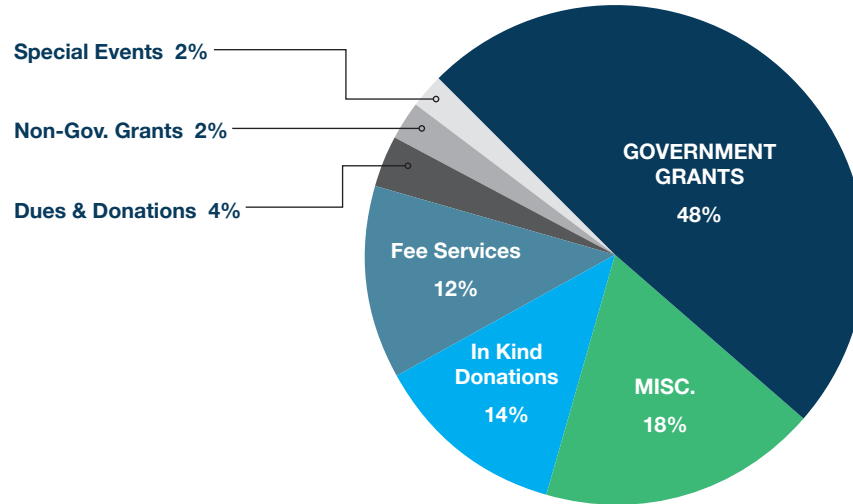
We greatly appreciate all of our volunteers and their dedication to the community and our mission!



REVENUE & EXPENSES

Financial year ending December 31, 2024. Accrual basis, unaudited.

2024 REVENUES	AMT
Government Grants	\$6,167,926
Misc.	\$2,258,414
In Kind Donations	\$1,787,809
Fee Services	\$1,581,778
Dues & Donations	\$434,308
Non-Gov. Grants	\$301,000
Special Events	\$261,384
Total Revenues	\$12,792,618



2024 EXPENSES	AMT
Land Acquisition	\$5,095,175
Habitat Restoration	\$3,402,918
Operating	\$1,151,217
Property Management	\$983,688
Professional Fees	\$661,035
Fundraising	\$131,372
Outreach Programs	\$57,679
Misc.	\$13,835
Total Expenses	\$11,496,919
Change in Net Assets	\$1,295,699

DONORS & SUPPORTERS

You make it possible! In 2024 your donation allowed West Creek Conservancy to protect dozens of new properties throughout Northeast Ohio. We are grateful to all the individuals, corporations, foundations and organizations who have supported our vital work. Contributions received from January 1 - December 31, 2024 are listed here.

\$10,000 & OVER

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Kelvin & Eleanor Smith Foundation
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City of Brooklyn
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City of Independence
City of Parma
City of Seven Hills
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Michael Mohlenkamp
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Village of Valley View

\$1,000 - \$2,499

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