Our mission is to build a community of stakeholders dedicated to the protection of Shenandoah National Park today and for future generations.
Just over a year ago, we were in the midst of the longest government shutdown in recent history. The 35-day shutdown spanned December 2018-January 2019. During that time, people still came to the park. But there were no park staff to handle the everyday jobs of managing visitors. Trash piled up, toilets got nasty.

The Shenandoah National Park Trust had to make a hard decision: provide emergency funding to prevent harm to human health and wildlife—or let the strain of the situation take its course. Based on our charge to help protect our park’s wildlife and wild lands, we opted to take action.

Thanks to your generosity, we raised emergency funds to hire a vendor who kept the porta-johns at the Old Rag and Whiteoak Canyon trailheads clean for the duration of the government shutdown. It wasn’t glamorous work. But it spoke to our ability to be nimble—and your willingness to step up in challenging times. You did this in addition to supporting core programs like Youth Education and Habitat Restoration.

We step up because you step up. We are committed to directing your philanthropy to address Shenandoah National Park’s most urgent needs, and we are grateful for your partnership.

Greg Yates
Chairman,
The Shenandoah National Park Trust

Susan Sherman
Executive Director,
The Shenandoah National Park Trust

Jennifer Flynn
Superintendent,
Shenandoah National Park
Sue Nelson and Warren Byrd live in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains and enjoy views of Shenandoah National Park from their home.

Sue and Warren volunteer regularly in the park under the supervision of Bridget Harrison, Shenandoah’s Habitat Defenders Volunteer Coordinator, a position funded by the Shenandoah National Park Trust. Sue and Warren relish the opportunity to be part of the full cycle of native habitat restoration—from clearing garlic mustard and other invasive species, to collecting seeds from native trees and grasses in the park, to planting those seeds in the park’s nursery and then patting those nascent seedlings into the dirt on the forest floor.

“Every day, I get a macro-view of the park from my kitchen window,” Sue says. “But the opportunity to work on this microscale in the park is intimate and profound. I try to imagine this tiny sapling I’ve just planted growing into a mature tree in 50 years, and a volunteer crawling around under its canopy, like I do today, collecting its seeds to plant.”
One thousand volunteers in Shenandoah National Park donated over 45,000 hours of their time in 2019.
Millions of Virginians get their drinking water from streams and rivers that originate in Shenandoah National Park.
John and Mary Scott Birdsall are ardent conservationists. Their 1,700-acre farm in Albemarle County, Virginia, is under conservation easement. They’ve worked tirelessly on the eastern side of the national park to bring about natural resource protection to thousands more acres.

When a Virginia resident left in her will a wooded, six-acre piece of land adjacent to the national park, the beneficiaries wondered whether the Shenandoah National Park Trust might like to acquire it to become part of the park. The parcel has a creek running through it that, when permanently protected within the national park boundary, can enhance water quality downstream.

A gift from the Birdsalls enabled us to purchase the Cedar Mountain property in 2019, which we then donated to Shenandoah National Park, growing the park by six acres and ensuring permanent protection for this beautiful and environmentally valuable parcel.
We are committed to helping ensure Shenandoah National Park’s employees remain top in their fields of expertise. Each year, your support of the Robert Jacobsen Employee Development Fund sends park staff to career-advancing trainings.

In 2019, you enabled Jonathan Mikolin to complete a course in ArcGIS, a software platform that analyzes data and creates maps and graphics illustrating forest cover, stream locations and myriad other features important for protecting the park.

Jonathan is applying this training to his work with the park’s Invasive Plant Management Team, which controls non-native species. The sophisticated software allows him to display data from the field in a compelling, graphic format. Jonathan now uses ArcGIS to help his team visualize the current status of their work, determine progress towards their goals, and compare results from previous years. Jonathan noted, “I’m using this training every day at my job in Shenandoah National Park.”
Shenandoah National Park has its own law enforcement division and fire department?
The Shenandoah National Park Trust funds 100% of the park’s youth education programs?
Shrinking federal budgets for national parks means that your philanthropy is more critical than ever. Donors to the Shenandoah National Park Trust provided educational programming for more than 11,000 children in 2019.

Youth programs start with elementary school-aged children and continue through high school and beyond. Shenandoah National Park Internships support college-aged students, helping propel them into careers in conservation. By the end of their terms, interns have undertaken assignments equivalent to entry-level Interpretive Park Rangers.

Meet Tabitha Cool. Donors to the Trust funded Tabitha’s internship in Shenandoah National Park. A geology major at James Madison University, Tabitha led visitors on hikes to an ancient volcano and conducted programs on wildlife protection. Based on her exemplary work as an intern, Shenandoah National Park hired Tabitha as a seasonal Park Ranger. She has since gained a permanent position with the National Park Service. Your investment in young people like Tabitha inspires us.

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EDUCATES AND INSPIRES THE NEXT GENERATION OF NATIONAL PARK STEWARDS.
WILL YOU HELP?

Will you help us keep Shenandoah’s black bears safe?

Vehicle collisions with bears are on the rise in Shenandoah National Park, as are the number of bears getting habituated to humans’ food. If you’ve ever seen a “bear jam” on Skyline Drive (when cars stop on the road to view bears), you’ve witnessed another situation that can be dangerous for these magnificent animals.

In 2020, we’re raising funds to support two field employees responsible for our bears’ health and safety. These positions will spend a lot of time in picnic- and campgrounds, educating park visitors on proper food storage and disposal, safe wildlife viewing distances, and best practices in the event of a bear encounter.

Want to help protect your park’s wildlife and wild lands? We welcome your support at www.snprtust.org.
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- Contributions, Grants & Events: $1,147,302
- Investment Income: $82,111
- Workshop Registration & Misc. Revenue: $31,473

Total Revenue: $1,260,886

PROGRAM

- Program: $1,163,969

MANAGEMENT

- Management: $90,348

FUNDRAISING

- Fundraising: $65,417

Total Expenses: $1,319,734

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You supported six interns in 2019, including Aubry Andreas, whose work with Shenandoah’s communications team resulted in a whimsical-yet-effective video on keeping safe from ticks in the park, which enjoyed wide circulation on social media.
When a series of ice and windstorms devastated the South District of the park with over a thousand downed trees, your support brought in tree crews to ensure Loft Mountain Campground could open on time.
Your philanthropy supported our Trails and Backcountry Volunteer Coordinator, who leveraged 4,200 volunteer hours in 2019 across 116 projects. Volunteers helped maintain and improve hiking and horse trails, removed invasive plants to improve wildlife habitat and restored backcountry campsites.
You supported five Artists in Residence in 2019, including Lisa Lebofsky. A self-described nomadic plein air painter, Lisa travels extensively to understand environmental and cultural changes happening across the globe. Artists in Residence create new avenues for the public to connect with the park.
The Shenandoah National Park Trust funds 100% of the park’s Youth Education Program. In 2019, you gave 11,000 children opportunities to experience Shenandoah National Park.
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Your philanthropy helps protect Shenandoah’s remaining hemlock trees from the deadly hemlock woolly adelgid. This program balances the use of targeted insecticides with a “biological control:” a beetle that preys exclusively on the adelgid.

Gifts included in this list were received on or before December 31, 2019. If your name has been omitted in error from any of these lists, please accept our apologies and let us know by calling 434-293-2728.

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