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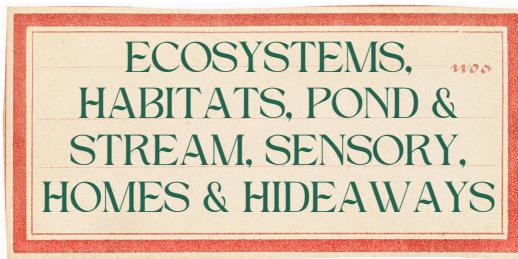
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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

PVNC was approved as a recipient of Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) funds. We received the first donation of \$15,000 from Ciocca of Williamsport, which will be used to enhance our environmental education programs in 2026.



WHO LEARNS WILL LOVE
AND NOT DESTROY THE
CREATURE'S LIFE, THE
FLOWER'S JOY.

- Henry Chapman
Mercer



"THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR EXPERTISE AND HELP PLANNING THIS FIELD TRIP. I ALWAYS GET GREAT FEEDBACK FROM THE PARENTS OF MY STUDENTS."

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

How thrilling is this? The trail improvements on Pine Path, a collaborative effort with Penn Trails and General Services, aim to create a more durable and user-friendly arterial loop. This enhancement will improve access for patrons and visiting school groups. These upgrades will extend along Pine, Pond, Wood's Edge, and Lenape Paths in 2026, allowing even more people to explore and appreciate the natural beauty of PVNC.



We are improving stormwater management at Peace Valley Nature Center with a completed rain garden installation, which includes 2,200 native plants. This project, in partnership with Schumacher Landscape Design & Build, aims to reduce runoff, enhance water quality, and support wildlife habitats. The rain garden will filter stormwater, prevent erosion, and promote sustainability. Stay tuned for project updates!



In 2025, Peace Valley Nature Center launched a public engagement initiative aimed at fostering a love for nature through curiosity and hands-on exploration. This program features interactive challenges, self-guided learning experiences, and enhanced outreach efforts, encouraging individuals of all ages to engage more deeply with the natural world.



This initiative fosters connections between people and their environment while making nature education accessible year-round.



430 HOUSEHOLDS
71 NEW MEMBERSHIPS

3,801 PARTICIPANTS
ENGAGED IN PROGRAMS



"BY EXPANDING PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT, WE ARE CREATING MORE WELCOMING PATHWAYS FOR OUR COMMUNITY TO CONNECT WITH NATURE, DEEPEN CURIOUSITY, AND TAKE PART IN STEWARDSHIP."

- KELLY JOSLIN

162 PROGRAMS

- NATURE DISCOVERY DAY
- TRAILSIDE NATURALIST
- LUMINARIA WALK
- SATURDAY MORNING BIRD WALKS
- FULL MOON WALKS

SUPPORT OF PVNC

Friends Donations and Grants to the County

The FoPVNC secured \$9,000 from the Athletic Brewing Co. Two for the Trails grant. Funds will be used for the Pine Path Universal Access trail project. Work will start in 2026.



PVNC Staff secured \$10,000 in funding from the HOW Foundation and made major strides in the project which includes:

- Lenape Meadow mowing and re-seeding
- Vernal Pool (Wood's Pond) mowing, re-seeding, plug planting, and tree/ shrub planting
- Coniferous tree planting along areas where sensitive species live to help protect and support their future habitat – Spring 2026
- Interpretive sign installation at vernal pool – Spring 2026



Over 300
volunteers



4,299 volunteer
hours



14 sponsors
donated \$54K

A team of 25 Bucks County Master Watershed Stewards, trainees, and volunteers planted 655 live stakes at Peace Valley Nature Center to restore a riparian buffer. This initiative builds on prior efforts from 2024, with some original stakes surviving despite drought. The stewards provided expertise and guidance while enthusiastic volunteers assisted in planting native species, including Sycamore, Elderberry, and various Willows. This work aims to reduce erosion, enhance water quality, and create wildlife habitats, contributing to a healthier future for Peace Valley's waterways.



2026 LOOKAHEAD

Beginning in April 2026, Peace Valley Nature Center will celebrate 50 years of connecting people and nature with a series of monthly themed community programs and activities. Each theme will highlight a unique aspect of the Nature Center’s legacy while inspiring future stewardship. Themes will include:



- Flora & Fauna – guided walks, plant ID workshops, and wildlife observation activities.
- Art in Nature – art exhibits, plein-air painting exhibits and demos, and community-created art installations.
- Explore Nature – interactive exploration including a “ Find Your Wild” scavenger hunt across iconic locations in the park.
- Education Through the Years – highlight PVNC’s role in school programs and nature education; include hands-on family activities.
- Looking to the Future – showcase sustainability initiatives, habitat restoration, and visions for the next 50 years.

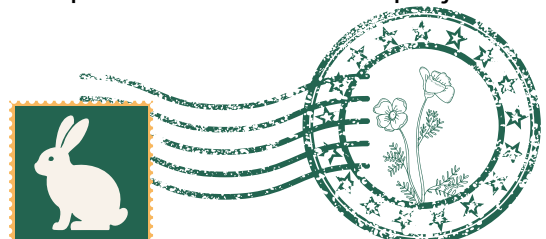
In 2026, Peace Valley Nature Center will begin to expand community engagement by piloting citizen science opportunities that include monitoring projects (nest box and salamander populations) and annual events (bird counts and bioblitzes).

We will increase educational engagement for visitors by adding a variety of interpretive opportunities, including new trailside naturalist programs, expanded frequency of trailside naturalist presence, drop-in naturalist chats at the visitor center, a new self-guided family activity, and the installation of educational signage.



The Friends of Peace Valley Nature Center are proud to announce that we have created a strategic plan and will support fundraising for several important infrastructure projects:

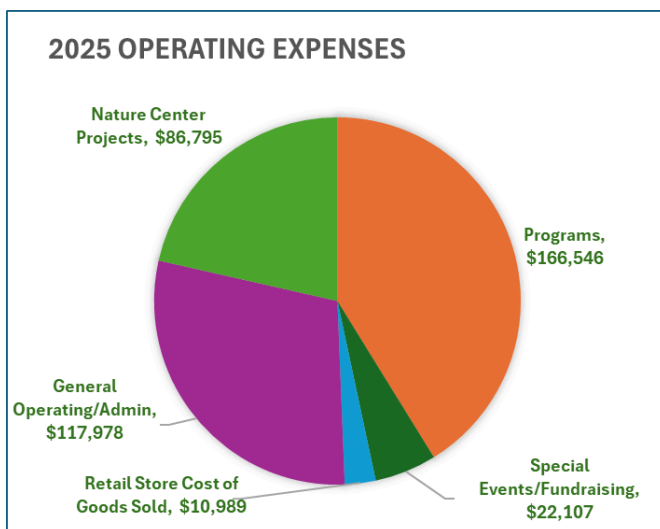
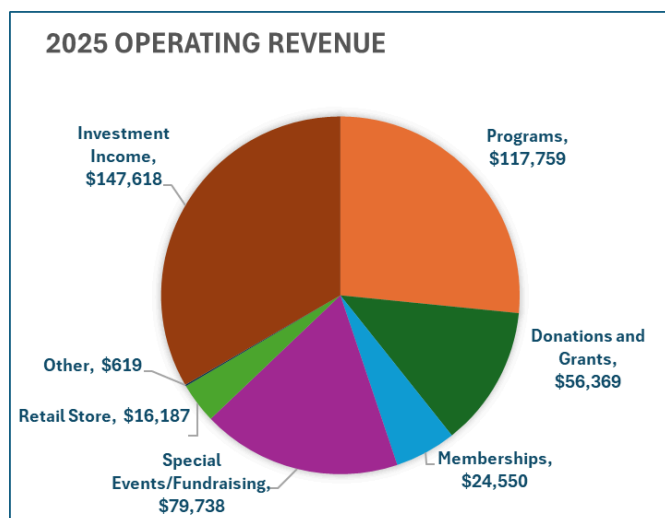
- Reflection Garden Patio and Walkway
- Construction Plans for Arterial Loop trail
- New Trail and Interpretive signage
- Nature Play Zone Refresh
- Replacement of Hardiaken Bridge



2025 FINANCIALS

Income Statement	2025
Revenue	
Programs	\$ 117,759
Donations and Grants	\$ 56,369
Memberships	\$ 24,550
Special Events/Fundraising	\$ 79,738
Retail Store	\$ 16,187
Other	\$ 619
Investment Income	\$ 147,618
Net Investment Gains	\$ 185,034
Total Revenue	\$ 627,874
Expenses	
Programs	\$ 166,546
Special Events/Fundraising	\$ 22,107
Retail Store Cost of Goods Sold	\$ 10,989
General Operating/Admin	\$ 117,978
Nature Center Projects	\$ 86,795
Total Expenses	\$ 404,415
Net Revenue	\$ 223,459

Balance Sheet	12/31/2025
Assets	
Operating Cash	\$ 71,934
Founders Fund Investments	\$ 3,070,342
Receivables and Prepaids	\$ 17,150
Fixed Assets and Inventory	\$ 25,732
Total Assets	\$ 3,185,158
Liabilities and Equity	
Payroll and Sales Tax Liabilities	\$ 5,091
Other Liabilities	\$ 5,599
Equity	\$ 3,174,468
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 3,185,158



Revenue Pie Chart excludes Unrealized Investment Gains

THE PEACE VALLEY TEAM

The mission of the Friends of Peace Valley Nature Center is to enable the growth and success of the Peace Valley Nature Center in carrying out its Mission in partnership with The Department of Bucks County Parks & Recreation. The organization achieves this by setting strategic direction, providing governance and oversight, providing human resources to meet the requirements of the operations, and providing and managing finances while upholding the organization's goals and accountability to the public and donors.



**WE CONTINUE TO VALUE THE
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EVENT CORPORATE SPONSORS.
WITHOUT THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS,
MANY OF OUR ACHIEVEMENTS
WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE.**



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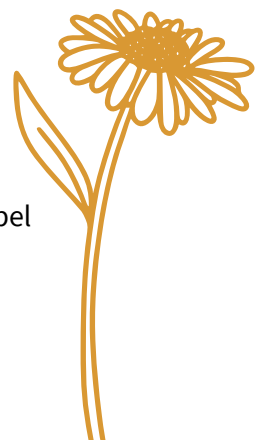
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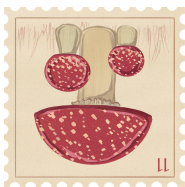
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