

Black Rock Forest Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2017 (October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017)

While our calendar tells the story of the Forest in images, our annual report tells the story of Black Rock Forest as a nonprofit organization through the impact of our programs. The mission of Black Rock Forest is to increase scientific understanding of the natural world. More information on our programs and current events for the public can be found on blackrockforest.org.

CONSERVATION

43 acres of ecologically sensitive land added to the Forest preserve

100 acres acquired or eased in a critical wildlife movement corridor between Black Rock Forest and Schunnemunk Mountain State Park

25 volunteers participated in annual deer survey; finding of 14.1 deer per acre is low enough to allow tree regeneration

RESEARCH

15 scientists presented on regional research in progress at Black Rock Forest's biennial Research Symposium

11 graduate, undergraduate, and high school students presented on their independent research at the symposium

4 research papers published in peer reviewed journals on understory response to forest disturbance; thermal limits of leaf metabolism in a warming climate; water availability as a driver of gas exchange in trees; and eddy flux measurements to improve models of biosphere-to-atmosphere energy exchange

EDUCATION

15,002 visitor days by K-16 students and scientists supported this year, an increase of 10% over the year prior

90 middle school students served through Black Rock Forest's Summer Science Camp program; 30 need-based scholarships provided thanks to grants and gifts from private funders

26 third-grade through sixth-grade students participated in Newburgh's Summer STEM Program at Black Rock Forest, funded through the Newburgh Enlarged City School District

OUTREACH

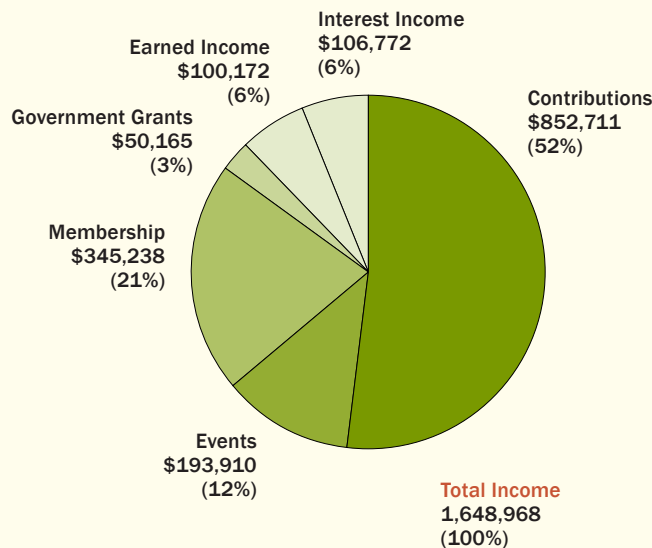
60,000 hikers and recreational visitors served, an increase of 20% over the past decade

110 participants in new public hikes programs

4 volunteer invasive pulls, tree seedling plantings, and deer surveys

AUDITED FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

INCOME



EXPENSES

