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Message from the PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2017: SOME CHALLENGES, BUT MOSTLY CELEBRATIONS!

For starters, we celebrated Monmouth Conservation Foundation's 40th at Wild Life Saloon and raised a glass at the Foundation's Hoedown in honor of founders Michael Huber and Judith Stanley Coleman. Frankly, the '70s and '80s were becoming the Wild West of McMansions, strip malls and parking lots. Mike, Judy and a handful of visionaries found a way to protect land and open space from urban sprawl.

The Founders would be quite pleased with where MCF stands today. MCF has helped preserve over 22,500 acres of open space, farmlands, woodlands wetlands and parks for the benefit of it's 626,300 residents. Every acre preserved demonstrates how it takes patience, partnerships, and significant financing to get the job done. Whether it is the purchase of an easement or a land acquisition project, it is an arduous undertaking. Determining fair market values, negotiations, environmental remediation and funding from state and county agencies as well as private funding must all play-out and align so we can achieve the spectacular results driven by you and your support of Monmouth Conservation Foundation's mission.

Swimming River Park is the perfect case in point. Before opening to the public, the 11 acres of waterfront, comprised of Chris' Deli and Chris' River Marina in Middletown, will require about two years of environmental remediation, to clean up hotspots of toxic substances found in the soil. In total, nearly a decade from the initial acquisition negotiations to the future ribbon cutting of the park – a long wait, but well worth it!

Over the last 40 years, MCF has witnessed tremendous gains – despite the hurdles and extensive amount of time to complete some of these projects. These include the expansion of Huber Woods Park to total 375 acres of preserved open space and 8 miles of trails and the acquisition of Flemer Entities (formerly Princeton Nurseries)--the largest tract of land preserved in Monmouth County totaling 1,200. In addition, with the more recent successful completion of Springwood Avenue Park in Asbury, MCF proudly continues it's commitment to create parks in underserved communities by now working in partnership with the borough of Red Bank to develop Sunset Park. Overall, park creation in urban areas illustrates it is not always the amount of land preserved, but the number of individuals, children and families who will benefit.

At the very end of 2017, we introduced The Field to Farm project to help ensure our farmland stays farmed. While 39,000 acres of farmland remain in the county, roughly only 30% of that land is preserved. This, combined with the fact that 33% of Monmouth County farmers are 65+ years of age, and nearing retirement, puts the future of New Jersey farms at great risk. Thankfully, there is a crop of newly emerging farmers – individuals who are turning to farming as an occupation, who need land to cultivate. While the older and up-and-coming farmers each must contend with their own issues, MCF, through Field to Farm, collaborates with various partners to assist these individuals in the transfer of farmland ownership to ensure a thriving agricultural community.

Whether it is a farm, new park, program initiative or the upcoming capital campaign, our collaborative commitment remains true to the mission Mike and Judy established four decades ago. Guided by our Board of Trustees, we see a bright green future.

Please accept our countless thanks for being MCF's stalwart partners in our ongoing effort to keep Monmouth County wild, open and protected!

Cordially,

Holly Boylan Flego
President

William D. Kastning
AICP, Executive Director

PS Thanks to all the county residents who supported the land preservation community at the polls last November by voting overwhelmingly in favor of the Open Space Trust Referendum. This means much needed funding has been allocated to help create more parks, save more land, safeguard waterways and protect wildlife.



“ The endeavor of protecting land and creating parks benefits all. However, conservation involves much more. The balance of nature is a very fragile system and becoming more so with each day. The more land and waterways we can keep in their natural state the better chance there is for survival of the trees, wildlife and nature as a whole.

- Lynne Mangini

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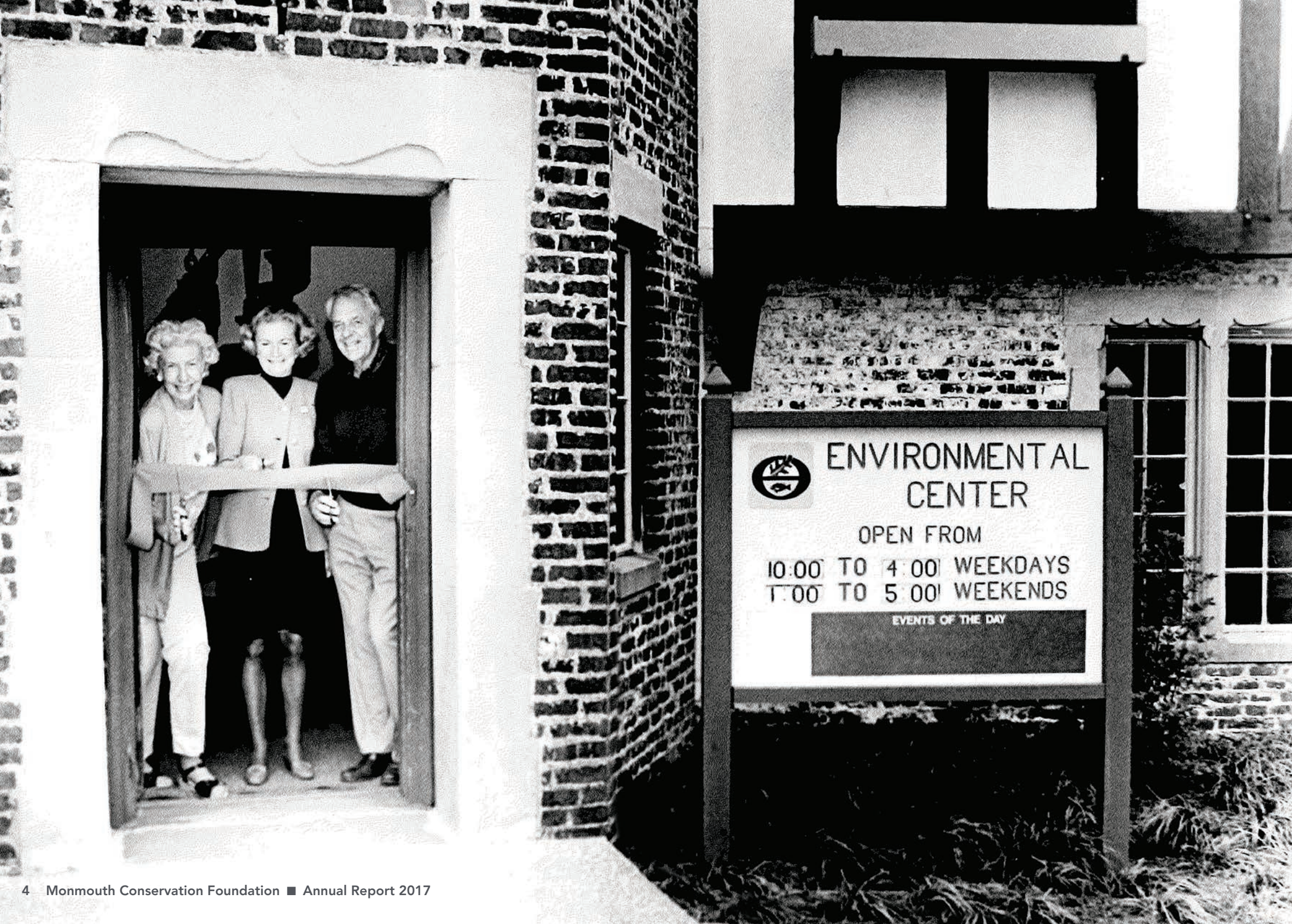
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Change-Makers 1977: A LEGACY BEGINS

Monmouth Conservation Foundation's (MCF) story began 40 years ago. In the years since, there have been legions of supporters, shared ideas, great debates and tens of thousands of acres saved and preserved. When it all started back in 1977, there were just two visionaries—neighbors Michael Huber and Judith Stanley Coleman.

At a time when the national conversation about the environment was just beginning, Michael and Judy were already talking. They understood what was at stake and, along with Jim Truncer who was Director of the Monmouth County Park System and attorney Chet Apy, set out on a mission to save and preserve land across the county.

Those who joined-up in the early days believed Michael and Judy made the perfect partnership; complementing each other in countless ways while offering different perspectives. Judy was the gardener while Michael was the great outdoorsman.

Sam Huber, the youngest of Michael and Caroline Huber's four sons and daughter, recalls, "At times, they disagreed significantly about particular projects, but they both remained true to the goals of the Foundation, to preserve natural places throughout the county."

Like so many change-makers, Judy was a compelling force always standing up to the rising influence of developers. As Foundation trustee Mark Gilbertson remembers, "She was a strong force. Judy got the job done. She had an eye out for what was going on, like nobody else."

As Sam recalls, "My father loved wild places and all the many pleasures they afforded. As a staunch advocate for both the Great Swamp and the Pinelands, he had first-hand knowledge of the pressures that would lead to the development of the prime farmland and natural areas that gave the Garden State its name. It was his vision to preserve some part of this natural beauty."

Together Judy and Michael recognized what MCF could mean to the county and accomplish as a private entity unbound by government restrictions. Without the burden of bureaucracy, MCF could move more quickly than government to acquire land and spare its fate from aggressive development. Once the land was saved, MCF often assigned it to the county.

To date, MCF has helped to save over 22,500 acres of farmland and open space. Caroline Huber, Michael's widow, is especially proud of how the Foundation has recently broadened its scope, preserving land and developing parks in underserved urban neighborhoods. As an ever-evolving organization, MCF has, indeed, become a powerful voice for the environment and the ever-lasting legacy of Michael and Judy—two people who envisioned a greener future for us, for our children and the generations of children to come.

— Leslie Brill and Joe Sapia

"My father and Judy would be quite proud of what has been accomplished and of the goals of the Foundation going forward."

— Sam Huber

PICTURED: Abby Lubkert, Judy Stanley, Mike Huber



PHOTO BY AMANDA BROCKWELL

YOUR “YES!” VOTE for Open Space Led to Ballot Victory in 2017 – Thank You!

Thanks to nature lovers like you, the Monmouth County Park System secured additional annual open space trust funds to preserve the last remaining lands in strategic locations around the county. This means parks will be expanded, water quality protected, and climate resiliency increased.

In order to get voters to the polls on this critical ballot question, there were two major campaigns to educate and encourage residents to vote in favor of the Monmouth County Open Space Trust Referendum. A Political Action Committee, led by Trustees Benson Chiles, Holly Boylan Flego and Monmouth Conservation staff, was formed to support the launch of a successful campaign resulting in a victory that will yield environmental benefits for years to come. Thanks to the New Jersey League of Conservation Voters and generous support from the Trust for Public Land and the Land Trust Alliance, an education campaign was also launched, enabling voters to make a wise and informed choice.

Natural lands continue to be lost to unrelenting development. The annual collection rate increase will allow the Monmouth County Park System, and partners like Monmouth Conservation Foundation, to preserve the last remaining parcels. Parkland that will be enjoyed by generations to come.

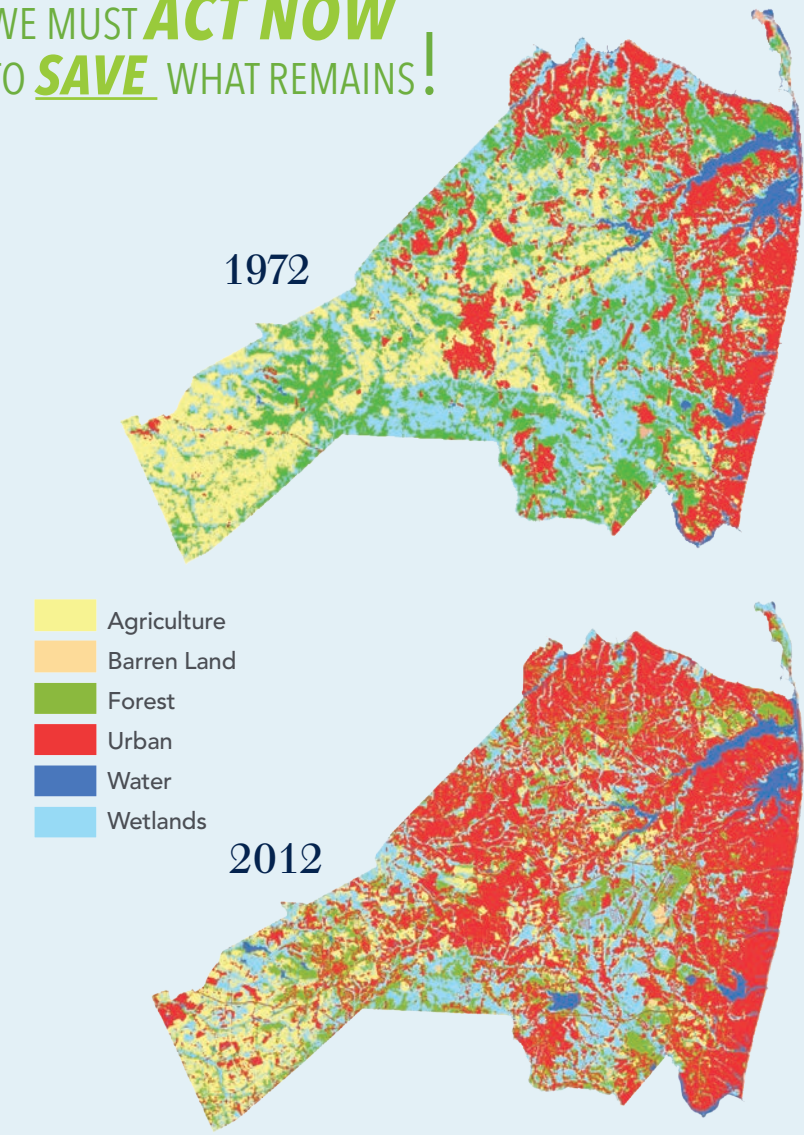
Benson Chiles, Chairman of the Save Open Space in Monmouth Committee, explained, “One of the biggest contributors to the high property taxes we pay as residents of New Jersey is residential overdevelopment. Residential development increases public infrastructure costs such as schools and roads. The taxpayer shoulders the burden of these costs. Preserving open space helps balance land preservation and development.”

PICTURED: Green in '17 panel discussion - Leading Experts Define Environmental Imperatives.



57% of County Voters
Said Yes to Open Space on November 7th

WE MUST **ACT NOW**
TO **SAVE** WHAT REMAINS!



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PHOTO BY BENSON CHILES

40 Years of...

CREATING PARKS

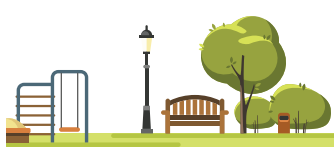
175 ACRES OF RECREATION LANDS



31 MILES OF TRAILS



5 URBAN PARKS SERVING ALMOST 50,000 WITHIN 1 - MILE



SAVING OPEN SPACE

1,648 ACRES OF FOREST



1,780 ACRES OF CENTURY FOREST



2,631 ACRES ADDED TO THE MONMOUTH COUNTY PARK SYSTEM

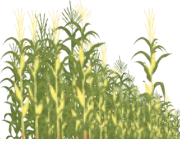


2,228 ACRES OF WETLANDS



PRESERVING FARMLAND

6,509 ACRES OF FERTILE SOILS



4,630 ACRES OF FARMLAND

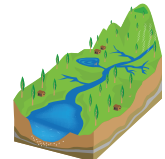


70 PRESERVED FARMS CONSISTING OF 1,780 ACRES



SAFEGUARDING WATERWAYS

6,292 ACRES OF WATERSHEDS



641 ACRES OF VERNAL POOL HABITAT



132 ACRES OF LAKES



PROTECTING WILDLIFE HABITAT

8,377 ACRES FOR SONGBIRDS



4,201 ACRES FOR BIRDS OF PREY



128 ACRES FOR BOBCATS



1,307 ACRES FOR HERONS



Near You ~ Because of You!

A Dose of the Great Outdoors *for Health, Happiness and Wellbeing*

“Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts. ... There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature – the assurance that dawn comes after night, and spring after winter.”

– Rachel Carson, *Silent Spring*

There is something inherently healing about spending time surrounded by nature. Many of us have long known this, instinctively heading for a walk on a favorite trail after a long day or during a particularly challenging time in life. The formal name for this practice that is gaining in popularity in the United States is Forest Bathing or “Shinrin-Yoku.” This Japanese phenomenon refers to reveling in nature as a way of enhancing health, happiness, and wellness.

Monmouth Conservation Foundation began offering Forest Therapy Walks in 2017. A trained guide leads an experience in nature that encourages mindfulness and a state of deep relaxation, enabling one to disconnect from the stresses of daily life and simply enjoy the natural surroundings.

So, remember to Shinrin-Yoku! Be sure to take advantage of the opportunities all of Monmouth Conservation’s wonderful parks have to offer allowing you to surround yourself with nature. And, keep in mind, building a relationship with nature starts with preservation; you just need to take the first step.

According to the Association of Nature & Forest Therapy Guides and Programs studies have demonstrated that spending time in nature has a wide array of health benefits. In addition to improving mood and cognition, nature has a positive impact on the cardiovascular and immune systems. Physical activity in the form of a 40-minute walk in the woods, compared with an urban walk, shows a 12.4% decrease in cortisol, a 7% decrease in sympathetic nerve activity, a 1.4% decrease in blood pressure, and a 5.8% decrease in heart rate.

In a 2007 study, men taking two-hour walks in the woods over a two-day period exhibited a 50% increase in levels of natural killer cells -- the body’s disease fighting agents.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:
www.natureandforesttherapy.org/the-science

PRENEAU WOODS PHOTO BY MARIBETH GARDNER

DECADES OF GROWTH LOCALLY & GLOBALLY – The Environmental Movement

Monmouth Conservation Foundation was founded four decades ago in 1977. The years leading up to its inception were turbulent times, filled with concern and uncertainty about where the environment and its resources were headed locally and globally.

In the early 1960s, the late, great Rachel Carson spoke to us through her brilliant work, *Silent Spring*. Her cautionary words about synthetic pollutants such as DDT became a rallying point, spurring the creation of a whole new social movement. Americans in cities and small towns alike refocused their attention on the environment, often taking to the streets and raising their voices, urging elected officials to outlaw what were essentially chemical attacks on a delicate ecosystem.

While so much was happening on a national level, our neck of the woods was also experiencing drastic change and consciousness raising. Suburban sprawl was spreading into Monmouth County, destroying natural habitats and leaving wildlife without a home and nowhere to turn. Inspired by the changes occurring legislatively on the Senate floor, citizens of Monmouth County banded together to preserve what Mother Nature so generously gifted – the streams, rivers and open spaces so many generations have enjoyed.

Like other parts of the country, the altered landscape of Monmouth County occurred due to a combination of causes. Looking back at some of the events as well as the people who – locally, nationally and internationally – stood for environmental justice is one way of moving forward.

– Leslie Brill

“ Supporting your local farmer supports local land preservation.

– Bob Sickles

1950s & 1960s International Awareness, Suburban Sprawl, New Legislation

February 3, 1953: Jacques Cousteau Publishes *The Silent World*

Jacques Cousteau ushers in a new global interest in oceanic life. In 1956, Cousteau's documentary film of the same title wins the Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature.

December 17, 1963: Clean Air Act

As the first Federal legislation addressing pollution, the act passes allocating \$95 million for the study and cleanup of air and water. Today, that same study would cost over \$750 million.

1965: 85 Million Americans Own Automobiles

Evidence proves a link between smog and car emissions. California mandates crankcase blow-by devices that return unburned gases to the combustion chambers in all cars.

Much has changed since 1963 and, all for the better. Forecasters predict car ownership dropping 80% by 2030. According to people like Tony Seba, cofounder of RethinkX think tank, the number of passenger vehicles on American roads will go from 247 million in 2020 to 44 million in 2030. Using electric ride-shares will be the way to travel.

November 24, 1964: Verrazano Bridge Opens and Suburban Sprawl Spreads

Under the direction of power-broker Robert Moses, the Verrazano Bridge opens. So begins the onslaught of cars and trucks, along with their emissions, from New York City into New Jersey.

The new gateway also attracts aggressive developers who view New Jersey, its natural open spaces and now easier access to New York City, as prime real estate for overcrowded suburban housing and commercial use.



PHOTO BY JENA COSIMO

1970s & 1980s

Earth Day, NJDEP, EPA, Monmouth Conservation Foundation, Global Warming

April 22, 1970: Earth Day

The first Earth Day takes the form of a nationwide protest – an estimated 20 million people participate across the country.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Agency (NJDEP) launches on Earth Day making New Jersey the third state in the country to combine its environmental activities into a single, unified agency, with about 1,400 employees in five divisions, charged with responsibility for environmental protection and conservation efforts. The agency grows to a staff over 2,900 in 2017.

December 2, 1970: Richard Nixon Establishes the EPA

Richard Nixon issues an executive order proposing the establishment of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The House and Senate ratify the order, and the EPA opens for business.

November 1, 1977: Monmouth Conservation Foundation (MCF) is Founded

With the vision and leadership of Michael Huber and Judith Stanley, MCF embarks upon its mission to create a permanent legacy of open space and to protect the natural habitat and wildlife throughout the county.

The Early 1980s: World Population Increases

The world population hits 4.5 billion, the arctic ice cap continues to melt, and CO₂ concentration hits its highest level.

1980: Natco Lake – MCF Acquires 73.5 Acres

In its first endeavor, MCF acquires and then transfers 73.5 acres to the Township of Hazlet for use as a nature study area. This breeding and resting habitat for migratory and non-migratory birds also serves as a ground water recharge area for the Bayshore area.

1985: MCF Expands Huber Woods Park

In 1974, the Huber family and the J.M. Huber Corporation gift 118 acres to create the Huber Woods Park (owned by Monmouth County Park System). In 1985, MCF assists with the acquisition of additional land. Continued acquisitions and additional land donations grow the park to 375 acres (including an environmental center) of permanently preserved open space. Today, the park features over 8 miles of multi-use trails and an environmental center, in addition to acres of woods and forests.

1986: TNT Hydrolines Ferry Service from Monmouth County

Now known as SeaStreak, the ferry service allows for a quick water commute to New York City's Wall Street area and beyond. This adds to the influx of commuters and an increase in real estate development.

1987: MCF Protects Marilu-Twitchell Tract 456 Acres

MCF joined residents and other groups concerned about the protection of the County's water supply and the impact of a proposed 450-unit development, by assisting Monmouth County Park System in acquiring and protecting this farmland on the Swimming River Reservoir in Holmdel and Middletown. This property adjacent to Thompson Park, becomes an addition to the park.

June 23, 1988: Global Warming Alert

NASA scientist James Hansen warns Congress about the consequences of global warming and argues that the ozone layer is eroding much faster than was predicted.

March 24, 1989: Exxon Valdez Spill

The tanker spills 11 million gallons of oil, killing more than 250,000 birds and covering over 1,300 square miles of ocean with oil. The accident is the 2nd largest oil spill in U.S. history.

1989: MCF Preserves Tindall Farm – 122 Acres

MCF and the Monmouth County Park System permanently preserves this productive farm. The farm was placed in the Farmland Preservation Program, protecting the land for agricultural use only. A portion of the property is added to Walnford Park.

November 18, 1988: Ocean Dumping Ban Act

President Reagan signs the Ocean Dumping Ban Act of 1988, a law that prohibits all waste dumping in the ocean starting in 1992.

1990s to Present

U.N. Earth Summit, BP Oil Spill, Super Storm Sandy

April 22, 1990: Earth Day's 20th Anniversary – An International Celebration

More than 140 countries celebrate the 20th anniversary of Earth Day, calling attention to environmental issues for the 1992 UN Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

February 11, 1994: Act to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations

President Clinton issues the act to provide better, healthier and safer environments in low-income regions and minority areas.

1998: MCF Preserves Flemer Entities 1,200 Acres

MCF and its partners work with Flemer Entities, (formerly Princeton Nurseries) located in Upper Freehold Township, to preserve 1,200 acres; 422 acres were added to Crosswicks Creek Park, 506 acres created a new state wildlife management area with the balance dedicated as farmland.

May 29, 2002: The Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act

Section 408 of the act allows the EPA to set maximums on how much pesticide residue can be left on lush foods.

May 24, 2006: An Inconvenient Truth

An Inconvenient Truth debuts and Al Gore is a box-office hit, warning about the effects of climate change.

2006: MCF Preserves Timolat Farm 99 Acres

MCF assists Monmouth County Park System in acquiring this property located on the McClees Creek basin. Containing verdant woodlands, vast open fields and fine scenic ponds it is a wonderful addition to Huber Woods Park and expands the open area available for hiking, bird watching and horseback riding.

April 20, 2010: BP Oil Spill

It's the largest spill in the nation's history. It took nearly one month to stop the cause of the spill.

October 29, 2012: Super Storm Sandy

Superstorm Sandy barrels into New Jersey. With winds gusting up to 90 miles per hour, the storm surge tears through neighborhoods, destroys homes, knocks out power for millions and forever changes the Monmouth County shore line.

March 20, 2015: Fracking Legislation

President Obama issues new rules regulating fracking on public lands, designed to protect against groundwater pollution. Today, the Trump administration threatens to repeal this important environmental legislation.

April 22, 2016: The Paris Agreement

On Earth Day, the Paris Agreement is open for signatures. It is the first international accord dealing with greenhouse gas emissions mitigation, adaptation, and finance starting in the year 2020. Each country plans and reports its contribution to mitigating global warming.

In June, 2017 President Trump withdraws the United States from the landmark agreement. In July, he meets with President Macron of France and mentions the possibility of reversing this decision.

2016: MCF Opens Springwood Avenue Park in Asbury Park

MCF partners with the County of Monmouth, the City of Asbury Park and Interfaith Neighbors to develop Springwood Avenue Park – an urban oasis for residents. With an outdoor stage, water fountain, landscaped public spaces and a playground, it represents the first City-owned and City-maintained park established on the West Side in Asbury Park's history.

August 21, 2017: The Great American Eclipse

An historic moment, we stand together and watch in awe as the moon completely blocks the sun from coast to coast. If you missed it, get your ISO certified glasses ready for the next total eclipse on April 8, 2024! This time the total solar eclipse will travel from Mexico through Texas and on to New York and Maine, finally leaving land in Newfoundland.

– Leslie Brill



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RESIDENTS OF MONMOUTH COUNTY – Fins, Beaks and Long Tails!

According to the latest count, Monmouth County is home to 625,846 residents. Of course, that's true if all you figure are the two-legged types with thumbs and actual addresses. At **Monmouth Conservation Foundation (MCF)**, we see that number far differently.

There are, in fact, thousands of wildlife that call our county home. They take up residence in the sky and trees above us, along beaches, in rivers and meandering streams. Over the years, significant development of the area has dramatically affected their way of life, driving many from their homes. A new subdivision means the end of a natural habitat. A new road is an obstacle many animals cannot overcome. As we see it, these are our neighbors in need, and this is our moment to help.

"The least I can do is speak out for those who cannot speak for themselves."
– Jane Goodall

Geologically speaking, it's no surprise the county attracts so many different types of wildlife. A complex matrix of fertile and white sandy soils, hills running northeast to southwest and three major watersheds – the Millstone River as part of the Raritan system, the Manasquan River as part of the Atlantic Coastal system, and Crosswicks

Creek as part of the Delaware River system – serve as wildlife pathways.

Gotham Whale, a marine mammal advocacy group in Staten Island, has spotted approximately 100 humpback whales in our waters in just the past six years. Sandy Hook and Sea Bright are the best places to get a peek, and you might even see some seals.

According to Scott Barnes of the New Jersey Audubon Society, over 300 species of birds grace Monmouth County skies. Bring along binoculars and spy on piping plovers, least terns, black skimmers, northern gannet and red-throated loons along the coast. Or venture inland to see grasshopper sparrows, bobolinks, American kestrels and wild turkeys. Thankfully, seven bald eagle nests now reside within our borders with another five just over the county line—a dramatic increase given the early 1980s when only one nest remained in New Jersey. To the credit of so many environmentalists, the banning of the pesticide DDT in 1972 accounts for these new signs of life.

While we make strides, much is still at stake. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) says our county has approximately 65 state-jeopardized species that are "endangered," (in immediate peril) or "threatened" (which will become endangered if conditions worsen) and

those of "special concern," which show signs of becoming "threatened." Birds such as the American kestrel, bald eagle, cliff swallow, and great blue heron, among others, make the list. Environmentalists also closely monitor bobcats, Indiana bats, bog turtles, eastern box turtles, northern pine snakes and Pine Barrens treefrogs.

Conservationists agree land preservation helps ensure the longevity of wildlife. Kathy Clark, a biologist with the DEP Endangered and Nongame Species Program, says, "I would encourage open spaces, having wildlife connectivity between one space and another is important. If wildlife becomes isolated, that's their doom."

At **MCF**, this is a critical aspect of our land mission. When considering a property for preservation, we look at its proximity to other protected properties. Our goal is to create vast open spaces, as opposed to fragmented parcels, to ensure minimal human impact and to allow migrations and wildlife corridors to continue uninterrupted.

As Jane Goodall said, "speak out for those who cannot speak for themselves." Stand against development, fight for land preservation, make yourself heard and make a difference. So many "neighbors" are relying on you.

– Joe Sapia and Leslie Brill





PHOTO BY TEJA ANDERSON

Soaring to NEW Heights with KIDS FOR CONSERVATION

Because of your support, the Foundation entered the 4th year of our educational program, Kids for Conservation - to include school lesson plans, an opportunity to win a class grant and the annual Kids for Conservation Family Day event.

Numerous studies have shown exposure to the outdoors and the wonders of local wildlife at an early age impacts the relationship children have with the natural world for the rest of their life. And we agree!

The amazing story of the American Bald Eagle served as the 2017 featured lesson plan to kindergarten students. After coming back from the brink of extinction, the story of our national symbol also teaches children that by taking action they can make positive changes in our world – a sentiment for all to remember, no matter how old!

2017 KIDS FOR CONSERVATION CLASS WINNERS:

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| 1ST PRIZE | MONMOUTH BEACH SCHOOL |
| 2ND PRIZE | DEAN PORTER SCHOOL |
| 3RD PRIZE | HOLY CROSS |

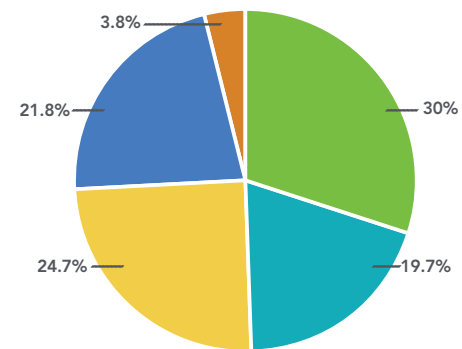


TWO GROUP SHOTS OF CLASSES HOLDING COLORING BOOKS ARE BY AMANDA BROCKWELL. PHOTOS OF PARACHUTE AND MCF VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS BY MICHELANGELO DESANTIS



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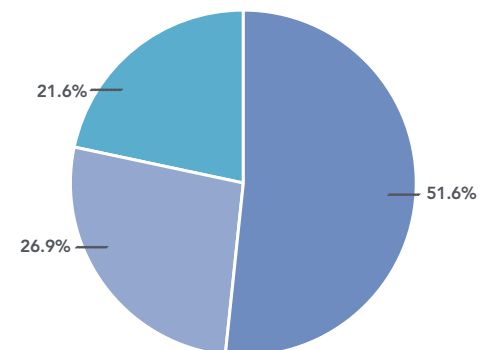
Focus on Finance



Contributions	30%
Grants	19.7%
Net from Benefits	24.7%
Investment Income	21.8%
Program Income	3.8%

Organization Support & Revenue

Contributions	\$	345,190
Grants	\$	226,107
Net from Benefits	\$	283,514
Investment Income	\$	251,131
Program Income	\$	43,937
Total Organization Support & Revenue		\$1,149,879



Program Expenses	51.6%
Management & General Expenses	26.9%
Fundraising Expenses	21.6%

Organization Expenses

Program Expenses	\$	534,804
Management & General Expenses	\$	285,561
Fundraising Expenses	\$	228,926
Total Organization Expenses		\$1,062,291
Increase in Net Assets	\$	87,588

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LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

\$30,000 or Greater

Kate and John Grossarth
Lillian and Peter Ream Kemmerer
Judith and David Rifkin

LAND AND WILDLIFE SUSTAINER

\$20,000 to \$29,999

Mary Vaden Eisenstadt and Jeffrey Eisenstadt
Anne and Sheldon Vogel

STEWARD OF THE LAND

\$10,000 to \$19,999

Anonymous
Pamela and Anthony Diaco
Michel Marks
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Gloria and Lennart Nilson
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\$5,000 to \$9,999

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27th Indian Trails Footrace
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Thursday . April 19
Annual Meeting
Salt Creek Grill

Sunday . April 22
Forest Therapy Earth Day Walk
Allaire State Park

Friday . May 11
Hops & Grapes
An Evening of Beer and Cheer
Parker Homestead

Sunday . May 20
Yoga Hike
Huber Woods Park

Wednesday . May 30
Garden Tour of Bird Haven Garden & Farm
and Peony's Envy Farm & Nursery
Pottersville

Sunday . June 3
Kids for Conservation Family Day
Bucks Mill Recreation Area, Colts Neck

Friday . July 20
Nature Walk
Huber Woods Park

Saturday . September 15
Nature Walk
Hartshorne Woods Park

Saturday . September 22
Fall For Conservation

Sunday . October 7
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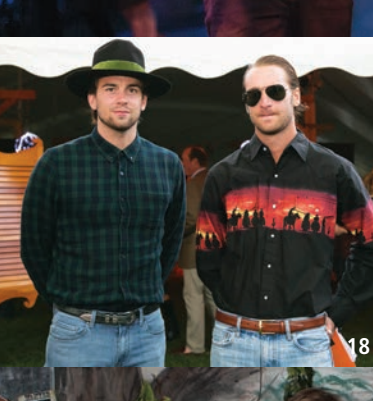
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