Mission: to preserve the natural beauty and wildness of the Wissahickon Valley and stimulate public interest therein.
The words on the cover of this year’s annual report may look random, but they are actually taken from comments park users made about the Friends of the Wissahickon in the Park User Survey we conducted in 2012.

This “word cloud” creatively illustrates how important FOW is to those who frequent the park. It also illustrates our dynamic partnership with the community. FOW not only educates park users and preserves Wissahickon Valley Park; we actively solicit community feedback and provide a means for park users to care for the park we all value so highly.

Public outreach efforts have traditionally played a large role in FOW’s program planning. In 2012, FOW completed a year-long park user survey, My Park Counts, that proved to be the most comprehensive park survey of the Wissahickon Valley ever undertaken and included, for the first time, state-of-the-art mechanical counters of park users as well as observational information and personal interviews. In addition to the survey, FOW held stakeholder meetings, led a public meeting on our project work in the Wissahickon, and co-hosted with WVWA A Creek in Crisis? A Town Meeting on the Health of the Wissahickon Creek, at which we discussed significant environmental challenges to the Wissahickon with the community.

FOW provides the means for our volunteers to invest in their park. This year, 817 FOW volunteers worked 10,817 hours in the park. What did they do for the Wissahickon? Restored trails, removed invasive plants and litter, staffed outreach events, planted native shrubs, cleared debris, restored the park after Hurricane Sandy, rebuilt the Warming Shed at Valley Green, patrolled the park as Trail Ambassadors, repaired fences, led hikes, and so much more. Currently, FOW has ten volunteers who underwent training to become Crew Leaders, demonstrating a willingness to literally “take the lead” in the preservation of the Wissahickon.

A strong partnership with the community is essential to preserving the Wissahickon. We learned from the Park User Survey that Wissahickon Valley Park hosts 1.1 million visits every year, and the trails are the medium through which park visitors experience the Wissahickon. The usage patterns have changed in the last 20 years and usage is much more heavily weighted toward active outdoor recreational use than in the past. This high demand by the community for “open space” for active recreation puts more pressure on the park than ever before, making FOW’s efforts to prevent and resolve park user conflicts even more important.

As the following report illustrates, FOW and our volunteers continued throughout 2012 to improve the habitat in the Wissahickon, reduce erosion and stormwater runoff into the creek, and restore trails. This is the work of our Sustainable Trails Initiative (STI), a multi-year project that will make the 50 miles of National Recreation Trails in Wissahickon Valley Park a physically and socially sustainable system that works for all park users. By working with the community, the Friends are building a legacy of stewardship that will protect the Wissahickon well into the future.

John Rollins
President

Maura McCarthy
Executive Director
HABITAT

A healthy, native plant understory reduces erosion, which undermines forest habitat and threatens the survival of native plants, trees, and animals. FOW works with the community to improve the Wissahickon’s habitat by:

1. Planting Native Trees and Shrubs
2. Controlling Invasive Plants
3. Strengthening Ties with Volunteers
4. Removing Litter and Debris

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**Planting Native Trees and Shrubs**

*What is important to park users?*

84% said restoring trees and shrubs.
*Park User Survey*

**Bell’s Mill Trail Head**

Tropical Storm Lee destroyed extensive work completed here by FOW in 2011. Volunteers restored the handicap accessible trail, newly planted native trees and shrubs, and gently sloping fishing perches. Volunteer Crew Leaders led the effort. Wendy Willard selected flood tolerant plants for the site, while Kevin Kramer, Drew Miller, and John Cassidy worked with volunteers.

“I highly value all of the work FOW does for our park, education, and the community, as well as for volunteer opportunities so community members can give back to the park.”
*Park User Survey Response*

**Cresheim Creek Planting**

FOW and REI Conshohocken teamed up to help restore a section of streambank near the Telner/St. Martins Bridge. This restoration project was part of a larger joint effort of the Philadelphia Water Department and Philadelphia Parks & Recreation to make improvements along this Creek. PPR supplied trees and willow stakes that were propagated locally at Greenland Nursery.

*See map on p. 13 for locations of all project work in the park.*
HABITAT
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What is PSi Plus?
The Conservation Committee evaluated FOW’s current program of plant study indexes performed in conjunction with the Sustainable Trails initiative and developed PSi Plus, an expanded version of the Plant Stewardship index (PSi) and database—a record of native plants in Pennsylvania and New Jersey developed by the Bowman’s Hill Wildflower Preserve that is weighted and ranks plants based on the extent to which they are dependent on intact ecosystems to survive. PSi Plus will expand data gathering, improve timing and frequency of PSi studies, and include a canopy review and mapping project, highlighting specific areas in the park, such as the Great Beech Tree in the Andorra Natural Area.

Andorra Natural Area
FOW partnered with REI Conshohocken on National Trails Day with David Bower and Steve O’Kula from Philadelphia Parks & Recreation. Volunteers expanded a meadow area by removing invasive plants and vines. This event was a continuation of work performed by Crefeld School volunteers and will be the site of future efforts in 2013. This project is part of the Sustainable Trails Initiative (STI) Stage 4. (see p. 10)

Kitchen’s Lane, Blue Bell Hill, and Historic Rittenhouse Town
Volunteers planted close to 300 native shrubs and trees to reinforce closures of three old trail beds last year at Kitchen’s Lane, Blue Bell Hill, and Historic Rittenhouse Town. This new round of plantings should ensure that the closures fill in nicely over the next three to five years. Additionally, split rail fences were installed to dissuade park users from walking in the closures; young plants are sensitive to damage from dogs and walkers and need to be protected as they become established.

Deer Management Program
The Wissahickon Deer Management Program, operated by Philadelphia Parks & Recreation in close cooperation with FOW, mitigates the devastating impact of deer overpopulation on native plants and trees and reduces the number of deer–vehicle collisions on Philadelphia roadways. The program, which provides venison to local food banks, is conducted with safety as a paramount concern, as well as efficiency and minimal inconvenience to the public. FOW and PPR now utilize two new exclosures in the Wissahickon to monitor vegetation improvements since this program was initiated in 2002. Vegetation monitoring helps assess the effectiveness of the deer management program by correlating the resurgence of native plant species with deer management activities.

Volunteers at Kitchen’s Lane: Former FOW Volunteer Coordinator Dan Mercer, Portia Sampson-Knapp, Harold Brubaker, Martha Hill, Jesse Evans, and Jan LeSuer.

Mike and Grant Shellenbarger from Center City Philadelphia plant trees near Cresheim Creek.
Strengthening Ties with Volunteers

Volunteer Training

This year, FOW’s Conservation Committee began providing oversight in the management of FOW staff activity and resource allocation within the park. The goal: to strengthen the links among FOW Board members and staff and volunteers in order to capitalize on their knowledge and experience. This will help FOW identify, examine, and validate its goals and priorities, as well as those of park users.

FOW conducted several Crew Leader Workshops in 2012. (see p. 12) The workshop on planting was led by Susannah Beckett from the Wissahickon Restoration Volunteers and Sarah Low of Strategic Nature, LLC. Horticulturist Wendy Willard, also an FOW Trail Ambassador, designed the planting plan for the site. The class, held at the Bell’s Mill trail head damaged during storms in 2011, taught volunteers to lead planting work days. New FOW planting crew leaders are: John Cassidy, Kevin Kramer, Drew Miller, and Wendy Willard.

Habitat Restoration by the Numbers

- 11.13 acres of habitat restored
- 410 volunteer hours of planting and invasive removal
- 488 bags of trash removed
- 1,766 native shrubs planted

Invasive Plant Control Study

FOW entered the second year of its informal Invasive Plant Control Study, comparing the use of herbicides, humans, and a small herd of Angora goats in removing invasive plants in the Wissahickon. This year, botanists from Bowman’s Hill Wildflower Preserve found that humans were more effective at removing bamboo than goats and herbicides. The herbicide treatment was not observed to have an effect on the bamboo, and the report suggests that with the increased sunlight, lesser celandine, also an invasive plant, may increase in the areas where bamboo was removed.

FOW has increased its number of volunteers by 30%
Removing Litter and Debris

What is important to park users?

77% said removing litter.

*Park User Survey*

FOW has increased the number of bags of litter removed from the park by encouraging park users to help in the effort.

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95% of litter at Devil’s Pool is now left in bags.

FOW saw a decrease in the amount of litter left at Devil’s Pool during the summer of 2012. The Friends have been working with the Student Conservation Association (SCA) since 2009 in a continuing effort to keep the area clean and educate park visitors on safe and appropriate use of the park. This summer, the SCA crew found approximately 95% of litter at the area left in bags, which is an improvement over previous years. Many factors contributed to this improvement:

- **FOW** has been improving environmental conditions and increasing public safety at Devil’s Pool since 2006 with a public education program, $500,000 worth of trail and habitat restoration work, public outreach initiatives, and volunteer workdays.

- The Student Conservation Association (SCA) has been working with FOW since 2009 by cleaning the site regularly and educating visitors on park stewardship. Last year, the SCA crew designed and mounted a trash bag dispenser at Devil’s Pool.

- In 2012, police officers from the 5th and 14th Districts, led by Sgt. Mike Vassallo, patrolled the Wissahickon in an effort to educate park users on Fairmount Park rules and enforce them.

- Park Rangers from Philadelphia Parks & Recreation increased their presence in the Wissahickon in 2012 in order to help reduce problems such as illegal parking, swimming, diving, and littering, and violations of open container laws and the City-wide leash law, which requires all dogs in the park to be on a six-foot leash.
The CHHS/FOW Joint Easement Program has secured 36 land conservation easements that protect 74.3 acres.

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**What do park users think?**

78% support FOW’s work.

*Park User Survey*

The Joint Easement Program of FOW and the Chestnut Hill Historical Society (CHHS) encourages property owners within the Wissahickon watershed to donate potential development rights to CHHS, a land trust accredited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, assuring that the properties will never be inappropriately developed. CHHS monitors easements through inspections and follow-up reports, and issues plaques that identify CHHS as the easement holder on eased properties. Eight plaques have been installed to date through this program, funded by the PA Land Trust Association. FOW manages the conservation portion of the program, which focuses on the health of the Wissahickon watershed. Many of the conservation easement properties border on or are adjacent to Wissahickon Valley Park, and/or possess natural features that would help to manage stormwater runoff. The easements on these properties also provide scenic views, sustain natural habitats, and prevent inappropriate development.

Above: Photo by Melissa Navitsky. Next page: Patricia Fries, Environmental Education Program Specialist at the Wissahickon Environmental Center, leads a water quality lesson with students from the Belmont Charter School in West Philadelphia. They are looking for the presence or absence of certain organisms that help determine the health of a stream.
Wissahickon Environmental Center

FOW has long partnered with and supported the Wissahickon Environmental Center (WEC) in its efforts to offer accessible environmental programming to Philadelphia school children and families. The WEC, also known as the Tree House, offers innovative and informative environmental education programs. In addition to jointly hosting events and providing publicity support for Tree House programs, FOW is restoring the facility and leading volunteers in trail work in the Andorra Natural Area, part of the Sustainable Trails Initiative. (see p. 10) WEC programming on watershed issues is part of FOW’s Protect Our Watershed program, and the Tree House also works in partnership with the Philadelphia Water Department to provide programs on Philadelphia watersheds and stormwater management.

Community Forums

In 2012, FOW hosted two Community Forums at Valley Green Inn on watershed issues. Dennis Pennington of the Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association (WVWA) presented *Trends in Water Quality of the Wissahickon Creek*. He discussed the WVWA water quality monitoring program and major trends of potential pollutants, as well as how WVWA intends to use the data to plan restoration and identify areas of environmental concern. During *Sustainability in the Wissahickon Watershed*, Dr. Priscilla Sands, President of Springside Chestnut Hill Academy, discussed sustainability efforts within the Wissahickon watershed by the school, located in Chestnut Hill adjacent to Wissahickon Valley Park.

A Creek in Crisis?

In 2012, over 300 people from Philadelphia and Montgomery Counties attended a public meeting on threats to the health of Wissahickon Creek. *A Creek in Crisis? A Town Meeting on the Health of the Wissahickon Creek* was sponsored by the Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association and Springside Chestnut Hill Academy, with support from FOW. This meeting educated the community about significant environmental challenges to the Wissahickon. A panel discussion examined numerous threats to the creek, including diminishing water quantity, stormwater runoff, impaired water quality, and flooding that severely impacts the health of the creek and its tributaries. Moderated by Patrick Starr, Executive Vice-President of the Pennsylvania Environmental Council, the panel included: Carol R. Collier, Executive Director, Delaware River Basin Commission; John K. Jackson, Ph.D., Senior Research Scientist, Stroud Water Research Center; and Chris Crockett, Deputy Commissioner, Philadelphia Water Department.

Tree House Impact*

- **55** public programs
- **140** group programs**
- **1,575** adult patrons
- **5,832** children served

More people are learning the importance of watershed health.

*figures from July 1, 2011—June 30, 2012
**Non-profit educational organizations, private and public schools, and home-school groups
Hurricane Sandy Clean Up

By the Numbers

68 volunteers

300+ volunteer hours

85 felled trees removed

Creek Clean Up

Every year FOW partners with the Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association (WVWA) for an Annual Creek Clean Up, in addition to its work on WVWA’s Water Resources Committee. Volunteers collect trash and debris within and along the banks of the Wissahickon Creek.

Hurricane Sandy Clean Up

- Students and teachers from The Crefeld School, led by Volunteer Coordinator Dan Mercer, removed fallen trees and leaves along the edges of Carpenter’s Woods.
- Kevin Kramer, FOW Volunteer of the Year, and Ben Dunphey cleared the Lavender Trail system.
- Crew Leaders Nick Uniatowski, Dmitri Zorine, and Chuck Uniatowski cleared fallen trees on the Yellow Trail.
- Storm clean-up in November was completed by 33 volunteers, with four crews working at various locations in the park.

Bell’s Mill Trail Repair

Damaged during Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee in 2011, the Bell’s Mill Trail needed stone and trail work in addition to habitat restoration. (see p. 2) Volunteers used soil from a collapsed section of trail to cover about 150 feet of exposed stone pitching, removed stone and silt, re-pitched a muddy section of trail, and cleaned out culverts. This project was led by Crew Leaders John Cassidy, David Dannenberg, Kenn Rymdeko, and Wendy Willard.

Rain Garden at Lingelbach School

FOW staff and volunteers partnered with the Anna Lane Lingelbach Elementary School staff and students, FedEx, the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary, and the Schuylkill Action Network to build a rain garden on the school grounds that will retain water that drains from the adjacent parking lot. The students did most of the planting while 36 FedEx volunteers removed invasive plants, cleared brush, and improved the network of trails in the wooded area of the school grounds. The work was funded through a grant program sponsored by FedEx and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

See map on p. 13 for locations of all project work in the park.

Rain Garden is 221 sq. ft. (17’ x 13’)

PLANT CHOICE
A-Magnolia virginiana (Sweetbay Magnolia)
B-Aster novae-angliae (New England Aster)
C-Vaccinum angustifolium (Blueberry)
D-Kalmia latifolia (Mountain laurel)
E-Iris versicolor (Blueflag Iris)
F-Solidago ‘Golden Fleece’

SOIL AMENDMENTS: 1.5 cubic yards mulch, 2 cubic yards top soil/compost/sand mix
Protecting Philadelphia’s Waterways

FOW, like many local environmental organizations, took action in 2012 in support of City Council Bill 120654, which protects Philadelphia’s rivers and streams with a buffer zone of 50 feet. Executive Director Maura McCarthy spoke before City Council on behalf of both FOW and the Tookany/Tacony Frankford Watershed Partnership, and she and FOW President John Rollins published an essay in numerous local publications. Preventing development close to Philadelphia’s waterways will protect water quality, help manage rising stormwater, and provide for recreational uses along our rivers.

Support for Drilling Moratorium

As part of its ongoing efforts to keep informed on fracking issues, FOW’s Advocacy Committee invited Adam Garber of PennEnvironment to share significant developments related to shale gas drilling. The Committee has continued to be supportive of publicizing updates about drilling to our members and expressed concerns about the environmental impact of drilling, particularly its threats to the water supplies and communities. It has also endorsed Penn Environment’s recommendation for a drilling moratorium until more careful studies and information is collected.

Hartwell Lane Retaining Walls

At the request of the Philadelphia Water Department, FOW volunteers repaired several retaining walls installed on both sides of the tributary near Hartwell Lane that feeds Wissahickon Creek. The walls were installed to support the access road and protect the sewer interceptor line. Parts of the wall had been undercut during the severe storms last year and stones were placed in these sections to support the wall. This section of stream has a series of stepped pools and volunteers also removed some of the rocks that were carried from upstream in order to restore proper flow of water.
Sustainable trails reduce erosion, park user conflicts, and maintenance costs for the benefit of all park users and the health of the Wissahickon Valley. FOW works with the community to:

1. Improve and Maintain Trails
2. Design New Trail Signage
3. Train New Volunteers

THE SUSTAINABLE TRAILS INITIATIVE (STI) is a multi-year project to make the 50 miles of National Recreation Trails in Wissahickon Valley Park a physically and socially sustainable system that works for all park users. This project is being executed in partnership with Philadelphia Parks and Recreation (PPR).

85% said better upper trails.
Park User Survey

See map on p. 13 for locations of all project work in the park.

Andorra Natural Area

In 2012, FOW completed three trail projects at this site, home of the Wissahickon Environmental Center (WEC): the Switchback Trail Re-route; Upper Parking Lot to Meadow Loop Trail; and Meadow Loop Re-route. Stormwater runoff has severely degraded the trails, the habitat is marred by invasive plants, and educational wayfinding signage is dilapidated. FOW is rehabilitating and redesigning 18,000 linear feet of trail to mitigate stormwater runoff and reduce sedimentation into Wissahickon Creek, installing new signage, restoring the WEC building, and providing a public, ADA accessible composting restroom. This project is part of the Sustainable Trails Initiative Stage 4 and is being funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Marshall–Reynolds Foundation, PECO Green Region Program, the McLean Contributionship, and REI, Inc.

"FOW’s goals are on target for making a more sustainable and safer Wissahickon."

PARK USER SURVEY RESPONSE
Blue Bell Hill

FOW constructed a connector trail from the Blue Bell parking lot to the Orange Trail which will replace an important connection for visitors who need access to the park interior quickly from the parking lot. The original trail was closed as part of last year’s gully restoration work. A trail re-route that extends from the back of the Blue Bell field to the Orange Trail was also completed. The new route will require less maintenance, be more environmentally friendly, and provide an enhanced user experience. Both projects were part of STI Stage 3.

Cresheim Creek Trail

At the request of the Philadelphia Water Department, approximately 50 feet of trail was re-routed at Cresheim Creek to assist with their attempts to control stormwater in the area. Volunteers constructed a new 60 foot trail to replace the closed trail, built a 12 foot retaining wall to protect a tree adjacent to the new trail, collected several bags of trash, and cut English ivy from nearby trees.

Sustainable Trails by the Numbers

4.9 acres of trail closed and restored

4,140 hours of volunteer work

7.9 miles of new and restored trail

Note: 2012 figures

Cresheim Trail at Allens Lane

Volunteers built over 500 feet of new trail, cleared over 400 feet of buried sidewalk, and loaded three pickup trucks to the brim with trash at the Cresheim Trail at Lincoln Drive and Allens Lane. This project was a joint effort of FOW and the Friends of the Cresheim Trail that will improve access to the trails along the Cresheim Creek for residents of Mt. Airy. In addition, a 0.75 mile loop was built on park land on the west side of Cresheim Road.

2 Trail Signage

FOW’s signage plan, part of STI, is the first comprehensive plan for a new park-wide signage system that will orient park users during their visits to the Wissahickon and help them deal with potential safety and health emergencies on the trails. Volunteers, particularly Greg Lech, compiled a sign inventory by recording every sign in the park with GPS and photo-documentation. Public input and feedback on the plan was solicited with stakeholder meetings, focus groups, and public meetings.

Pennsylvania Equine Council Rallies Support for Signage

The Pennsylvania Equine Council (PEC), Philadelphia Chapter, organized equestrians to raise funds for new signage as part of FOW’s Sustainable Trails Initiative. Ride for the Signs in November raised over $2,400.
Volunteer Training

Crew Leaders

FOW held six Crew Leader Workshops in 2012 covering Machine Training, Managing Volunteers, Chain Saw Training, First Aid, and Planting. (see p.4) Workshops were led by trail building expert Valerie Naylor, Ben Parson of FISTA, Joe Russell of the CPAT Network, Susannah Beckett from Wissahickon Restoration Volunteers, Sarah Low of Strategic Nature, LLC, and Rich Edwards from the International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) Trail Solutions team. Funding for this program was provided in part by the William Penn Foundation.

### New FOW Crew Leaders

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New Volunteer Partnership Program

Weavers Way Co-op and FOW launched a volunteer partnership program in 2012 for Weavers Way Members. Weavers Way households are allowed to earn Co-op work credit for volunteering with FOW on trail maintenance and projects at various outdoor locations within Wissahickon Valley Park.

Above: Volunteer Nikyia Rogers at work on a trail in the Andorra Natural Area. Below: FOW volunteers at a Crew Leader Workshop on machine use. Pictured here are: Kevin Kramer, workshop leader Valerie Naylor, and Nick Uniatowski.

TRAIL RESTORATION PARTNERS

**PHILADELPHIA PARKS & RECREATION**

Friends of Carpenter’s Woods
Historic RittenhouseTown
IMBA Trail Solutions
Pennsylvania Equine Council
Philadelphia Park & Recreation District 4
REI Conshohocken
Terra Firma Trails
Valerie Naylor Trail Construction
Wissahickon Environmental Center
Where are FOW volunteers devoting their time?

10,817 volunteer hours saved FOW $239,488.38*

Wissahickon Valley Park has over 1.1 million visitors per year. FOW’s outreach programs create opportunities for people to experience the Wissahickon, learn more about the park, and communicate with FOW directly, building relationships and understanding. Most outreach programs are led by volunteers and include:

1. **The Trail Ambassador Program**
   - **What is important to park users?**
   - 74% said improving safety.

   **Trail Ambassador Program**
   - The Trail Ambassador (TA) program, launched in 2008 with 12 volunteers, has grown to include 59 TAs that patrol the park, lead hikes, present lectures, write articles for FOW’s newsletter, and staff information tables at FOW volunteer days and outreach events. During patrol shifts, TAs answer questions and assist park users with safety and first aid needs. They coordinate with the Philadelphia Parks & Recreation Ranger Corps and file reports with the PPR Ranger Supervisor.
   - Information collected by the TAs on their patrols is useful in tracking trends in park usage and regulation compliance in the Wissahickon.

2. **Outreach and Educational Programs**
3. **Safety Initiatives and Advocacy Efforts**
4. **Structures Restoration and Stewardship**

"FOW’s newsletter and website are fantastic. [The Friends] offer a wide range of opportunities for volunteering, hiking, and other activities. They are working hard to protect the quality of the park and are committed to maintaining an outdoor space in the city that is safe, clean, and well cared for."

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*PARK USER SURVEY RESPONSE*
Lectures and Events

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### Outreach and Educational Programs

**New Website in 2012**

FOW’s new website allows the organization to share information and solicit feedback. It is easier to navigate, provides more information about the Wissahickon, offers the ability to share pages via social networks, and allows visitors to report problems in the park more easily. The new design was made possible with grants from the William Penn Foundation and the 25th Century Foundation.

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Safety Initiatives and Advocacy Efforts

During the summer of 2012, FOW attempted to discourage unsafe behaviors and negative impacts on Devil’s Pool and its surroundings with a pilot program that employed seasonal Park Rangers. Rangers enforced park rules regarding swimming and/or jumping into the water, building illegal fires, dumping refuse, and harming vegetation and growth around the pool.

Police officers from the 5th and 14th Districts, led by Sgt. Mike Vassallo, conducted weekend sweeps in and around the Valley Green Inn area. Officers turned swimmers away and impounded and towed away vehicles with invalid registrations. The police action had a profound effect and the number of visitors coming to swim at Devil’s Pool decreased dramatically after the police sweeps.

In August, the seasonal Park Rangers noted a decrease in parking issues along Forbidden Drive from Wise’s Mill Road to Valley Green Inn, which coincided with an increase in parking tickets issued by police. The Rangers also noted that traffic and trash at Devil’s Pool and on the upper trails leading to the pool decreased as well.

FOW’s Advocacy Committee believes headway is being made, although more slowly than preferred, and plans to continue to pilot various approaches to the problems at Devil’s Pool and related issues.

Photo Contest

The winning photographers from FOW’s Biannual Photo Contest were announced at a reception at The Cedars House and exhibited at the Chestnut Hill Coffee Company in East Falls. Photographs were awarded prizes in the following categories: People; Wildlife; Landscape; Structures; Young Photographers; Best in Show; and People’s Choice. Judged by local nature photographer James Stewart, the Grand Prize went to Bruce Wagner for “Swallowtail.” To view all the winners, as well as other entries, visit http://www.fow.org/2012-Photo-Contest.
Structures Crew

Since 1996, FOW’s Structures Crew has completed countless building projects throughout Wissahickon Valley Park, with the goal of maintaining the integrity and heritage of the region. They are responsible for the restoration of the WPA shelters in the park but perform other duties as well, such as: repairing, replacing, and installing new railings; erecting fences; building bulletin boards, boardwalks, gates, doors, bridges, benches, and bleachers; and constructing picnic pavilions and trellises. In 2012, these FOW volunteers repaired the swayback bridge on the Lavender Trail, the Bell’s Mill boardwalk, and guard rails on Cresheim Valley Road and Forbidden Drive. In addition, they celebrated the completion of the Warming Shed at Valley Green, primarily constructed in 2011, and dedicated the structure to one of the leaders of the project, Mike Souders. (More information in FOW’s Fall 2012 newsletter at http://www.fow.org/news-events/newsletter/archive-new.)

FOW’s Structures Crew worked 1,342 hours building the Warming Shed at Valley Green to the exact specifications of the original. All sections were intricately joined with pegs and an 18th century-style joiner.

Stewardship of Valley Green Inn

Valley Green Inn attracts park users, diners, and wedding parties from far and wide who love the Inn’s historic charm amid the Wissahickon’s natural beauty. FOW has been the guardian of this popular landmark since 1934 and holds a lease for the Inn. Under the auspices of the Fairmount Park Historic Preservation Trust, FOW is responsible for overseeing the physical condition of the Inn’s structure and its immediate surroundings.

In 2012, FOW concentrated on making repairs following the extensive damage to the Inn caused by Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee in August 2011. All major systems were affected, and floors, walls, and furnishings were inundated with water. Insurance funds arrived in 2012, and by working to a specific order of projects, FOW and restaurant owner Bigway, Inc., have restored all major systems, replaced floors and furnishings, and repainted both dining rooms. In addition, FOW staff and volunteers have extended the berm behind the Inn to afford more protection from stormwater run-off.
TREASURER’S REPORT

This year was a solid one financially for the Friends of the Wissahickon with the organization continuing its commitment to park projects while maintaining a firm balance sheet. This strength was reflected by a 12% increase in Net Assets.

Revenue sharing provisions of FOW’s lease with the operator of Valley Green Inn took effect in 2012, supplementing unrestricted income.

Project Expenses were down from $960K to $703K, mostly due to delays in project commencement past year-end. This situation is expected to lead to a large increase in 2013 project expenditures.

Our cash position remains strong, increasing from $906K to $950K. FOW maintains over $659K in unrestricted cash reserves, an amount sufficient to fund 7.75 months of organizational operations (total program and management and development expenses).

FOW overhauled our accounting processes this year which now allows the Board and management to view profit and loss statements for individual projects. The cost of this accounting overhaul is reflected in increased management expenses for 2012.

Fundraising remains strong and we are hopeful that the improving economy will lead to an even better 2013.

As you can see from the rest of this Annual Report, FOW has ambitious plans for the Wissahickon Gorge. Due to the responsible stewardship of management and the Board, we are well positioned financially to accomplish our goals.

Jeffrey Harbison
Treasurer

Statement of Assets, Liabilities, & Fund Balances

FOW has seen a 12% increase in net assets in 2012.

ASSETS

Cash ............................................ $954,055
Contributions and grants receivable, net ........................... 811,054
Other Assets .................................. 45,345
Total Assets .................................. $1,810,454

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities

Valley Green Inn reserve ........... $25,000
Accounts Payable ...................... 36,392
Total Liabilities ....................... $61,392

Net Assets

Unrestricted ......................... $694,266
Temporarily Restricted ............... 1,054,796
Total net assets ...................... $1,749,062
Total liabilities and net assets .... $1,810,454

Note: All 2012 figures are audited.

REVENUE

Strong fundraising has led to a revenue increase of 30% in 2012.

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In May of 2007, FOW began raising funds for Phase III of the Sustainable Trails Initiative. Phase III will cost $10 million in implementation and ongoing stewardship funds. As of December 2012, FOW has commitments of over $3.6 million and would like to recognize the following individuals and organizations for their support:

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