

# GOOSE CREEK



## ASSOCIATION

### ANNUAL REPORT 2013

**MISSION STATEMENT:** *The Goose Creek Association protects and preserves the natural resources, open spaces, historic heritage, and rural quality of life within the Goose Creek watershed.*

**Overview:** Goose Creek Association continues to pursue ways to guarantee lasting environmental quality for our beautiful, historic region. GCA's important program, the Goose Creek Challenge (GCC) recently engaged student volunteers who planted 430 trees, shrubs and grasses on a local farm's stream banks. About one hundred students from our area learned how planting trees helps to sustain water quality and keep stream banks from being eroded while they learned the importance of conservation service.

Our water quality program volunteers have been monitoring Goose Creek and its tributaries for over a decade and our data has been useful in detecting conditions that impact and determine our watershed health. Our development and protection of the Historic Districts Beaverdam Creek, Cromwell's Run and The Little River are key to keeping our valuable heritage alive.

And our Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience (MWEE) program committee is actively working with teachers to integrate an educational activity in schools in the Goose Creek watershed.

We gratefully acknowledge that all of these endeavors are supported by our membership and grants that enable us to remain ever vigilant about preserving and treasuring our continually threatened countryside.

Details will be forwarded about our second annual environmental movie screening of the documentary "Switch," an unbiased film that explores the future of energy.

### *Accomplishments in 2012-2013*

**We successfully accomplished the majority of our goals in 2012-2013:**

- MWEE committee members, Chair, Meredith Whiting, Dr. Emily Southgate, Barbara Scott and Justin Pistore, are working with local teachers to create and realize a meaningful watershed experience for students.
- Launch of the GCC initiative headed up by committee Chair, Marcia Woolman, planting trees and beneficial vegetation at a local farm with the John Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District, students and other volunteers.
- Partnered with the PEC, Mosby Heritage Association, Aldie Heritage Association and Land Trust of Virginia to bring awareness to local citizens about the Outer Beltway proposal.
- The Downstream Project (TDP), professionally revamped and updated our wonderful new website. TDP also brilliantly produced the GCC tree planting video (please see it on our website at [goosecreek.org](http://goosecreek.org)) showing the hardworking students and volunteers planting trees on a local farm's creek banks.
- Screened "Greenfire: the Life of Aldo Leopold" at the Hill School with fellow conservation organizations.
- Bonnie Mattingly, GCA's Co-Chair, Loudoun, took a leadership role along with the local community to preserve the Luten designed bridges over Pantherskin Creek and another creek nearby, which were scheduled for possible replacement. The Luten Bridges (circa 1919), are lovely single lane arch bridges. Both had been scheduled to be replaced by VDOT, but because of this successful effort to save them, they will now be maintained by VDOT and not destroyed. The bridges are within the Beaverdam Creek Historic Roadways District and the Unison Battlefield Historic District in Southwestern Loudoun County – within the GC watershed.
- Continued to monitor the State's position on Alternative Onsite Septic Systems.
- Displayed at Family Stream Day and Earth Day in Loudoun County.
- Attended the Virginia Water Quality Summit meeting in Richmond.
- Received vital grants from Lazar Foundation (GCA fund), Dolphin Quest and Chesapeake Bay License Plate Fund for our Water Quality program and MWEE program, and The Clean Power Foundation for our GCC program.
- Participated as a member in the Committee for the Loudoun County Preservation and Conservation Coalition and worked with the Clean Streams Coalition in Loudoun County. Our goal is to educate supervisors and the public on the importance of the Chesapeake Bay Ordinance that emphasizes riparian buffers among other clean water initiatives.
- Commented on and monitored cell tower placement in historic viewsheds in Fauquier and Loudoun counties.
- Little River Historic District survey and nomination were submitted in May. Dual designation on the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register for historic places will give this unique area the recognition it deserves.
- Continued our water quality stream monitoring and chemical programs, training/certifying and recertifying monitors.
- Held our Annual Meeting in June and our Annual Party in April at beautiful Waveland, an historic estate on the National Register.
- Held our annual Stream Monitors holiday party.



Luten designed bridge over Pantherskin Creek

## Goals for 2013-2014

- Maintain and reinforce the water quality chemical monitoring and stream monitoring programs with new volunteers and transparent data reporting.
- Build and sustain the Goose Creek Challenge program to repair riparian buffers along the GC watershed.
- Build and sustain the Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience (MWEE) for school children in Fauquier and Loudoun counties based on GCA monitoring programs.
- Finalize Little River Historic District designation
- Maintain historic districts and rural historic roadways by monitoring and responding to legislative and other civic developments.
- Promote environmental education and volunteerism with children and adults in the GC watershed.
- Continue to watch and comment on environmental issues affecting our watershed.

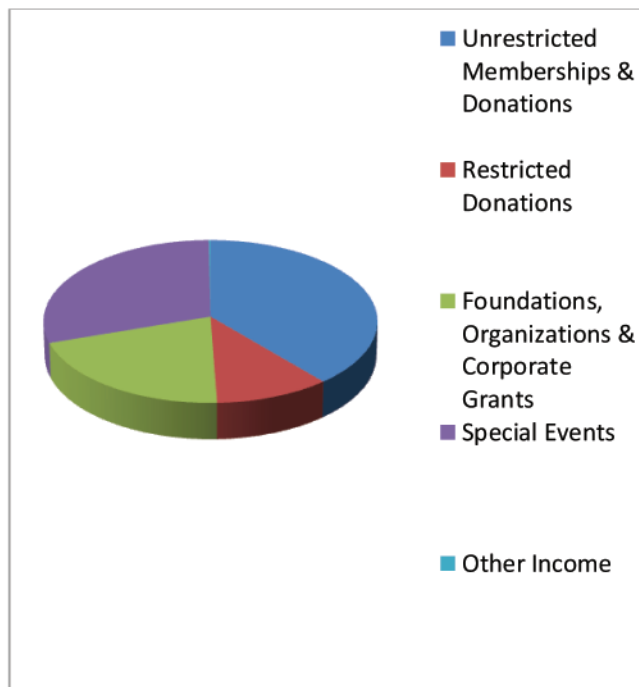


Dolphin Quest team monitors

## 2012 Financial Statement

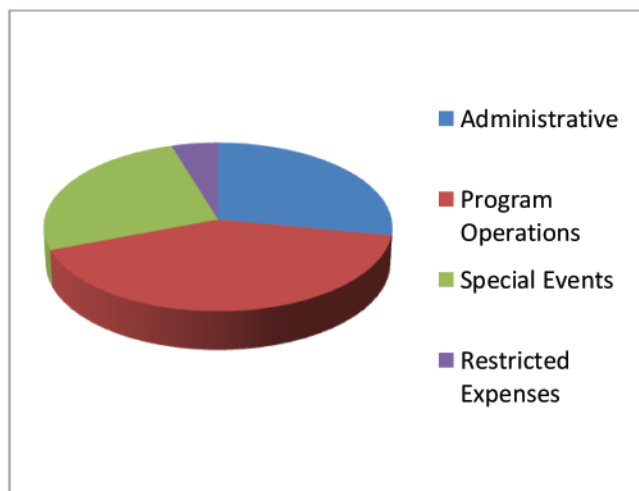
### Annual Support and Revenue

#### Revenues



Unrestricted Memberships & Donations	\$19,974
Restricted Donations	\$5,400
Foundations, Organizations & Corporate Grants	\$10,500
Special Events	\$15,420
Other Income	\$93
<b>Total Annual Support &amp; Revenue</b>	<b>\$51,387</b>

#### Expenses



Administrative	\$11,652
Program Operations	\$17,111
Special Events	\$10,841
Restricted Expenses	\$1,957
<b>Total Annual Expenses</b>	<b>\$41,561</b>

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GCA Volunteers at Earth Day Loudoun



Monitoring Crooked Run



Site of our Annual Party held at historic Waveland



GC watershed tree planting on a local farm