

GOOSE CREEK



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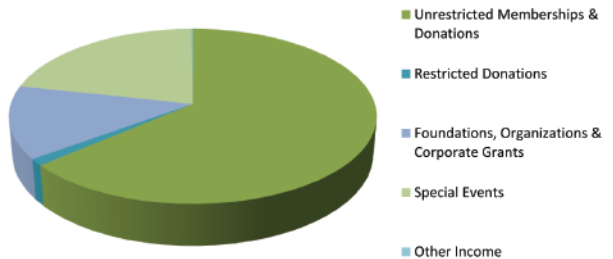
# Goals

- 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.
- Continue work to initiate other historic districts.
- 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.

## 2013 Financial Statement

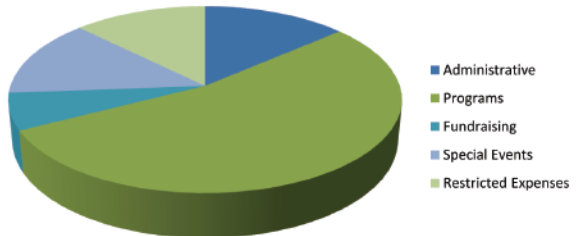
### Income

Unrestricted Memberships & Donations	31,301.55
Restricted Donations	602.00
Foundations, Organizations & Corporate Grants	6,600.00
Special Events	10,520.00
Other Income	<u>101.10</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>49,124.65</b>



### Expenses

Administrative	6,746.16
Programs	26,510.94
Fundraising	3,144.00
Special Events	6,683.81
Restricted Expenses	<u>6,228.19</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>49,313.10</b>





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## LETTER FROM THE CHAIRS

### ***Why the Goose Creek Association Matters***

Dear Friends,

Throughout the history of the Goose Creek Association (GCA), this small organization had been relevant to our area by leading and participating, along with other environmental and historic organizations, on many issues. We've helped make a difference by being specific in our love and attention to the Goose Creek watershed.

That is why we still matter. We are still at a size that is meaningful and accessible to all those in the Goose Creek watershed who want to contribute to keeping this area as beautiful and pristine as it can be.

For instance, The Little River Rural Historic District was a glimmer in many citizens' eyes for several years, but it took the GCA to organize, raise the funds and get it done. On February 14, 2014 (happy Valentines' Day!), The National Register of Historic Resources accepted the Little River Rural Historic District into its fold. Northern Fauquier is now virtually covered with historic districts, the majority of which the GCA sponsored.

GCA also sponsored the Beaverdam Creek Rural Historic Roads District in Loudoun County and will continue to sponsor historic districts throughout the watershed. Historic Districts slow down public works, roads, and development, while enabling residents to obtain tax credits to restore contributing resources such as their homes.

Further, GCA's ongoing stream and water quality monitoring program is one of the oldest such voluntary programs in the state. The counties are sporadically stream monitoring in some impaired areas, but GCA actually has trained some of those folks to do what we've been doing for over ten years. GCA did not wait for the Goose Creek to become impaired to establish benchmarks for our watershed. We are committed to educating the future generation about the importance of Goose Creek and are demonstrating this stewardship with school children as part of our educational mission.



We also involve students and volunteers in our Goose Creek Challenge tree-planting program:

- + 3 farms planted
- + 5 schools and numerous adult volunteers were involved
- + >2,000 trees, shrubs and live stakes
- + 7,250 linear feet of stream bank protected

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#### A Cleaner Watershed

GCA will continue to exist as long as we have the resources and volunteers to make a meaningful impact on the historic and pristine Goose Creek watershed. Please join us on the Board, as a contributor, and as a volunteer to continue to make GCA matter.

Sincerely yours,

Lori Keenan McGuinness  
Fauquier, Co-Chair

Bonnie Mattingly  
Loudoun, Co-Chair

## ***Accomplishments in 2013-2014***

- In spring of 2013 and 2014, the GCC program planted over 2,000 trees and shrubs on 3 local farms with the John Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District and over a hundred student and adult volunteers.
- Partnered with the PEC, Mosby Heritage Association, Aldie Heritage Association and Land Trust of Virginia in opposing the Outer Beltway proposal.
- Partnered with The Downstream Project (TDP), who have continued to help expand GCA's presence in the conservation community.
- Screened the environmental film SWITCH at the Hill School with fellow conservation organizations.
- Worked to preserve and maintain Loudoun's rural road network by participating in a subcommittee of the Loudoun County Preservation and Conservation Coalition, resulting in state legislation for improved maintenance of the unpaved roads. The group's achievements were recognized at the Loudoun Preservation Society with the "Blue Ribbon" award.
- Participated in Family Stream Day and Earth Day in Loudoun County.
- Participated on the Committee for the Loudoun County Preservation and Conservation Coalition. Continued to focus on ways to educate supervisors and the public on the importance of the Chesapeake Bay Ordinance, emphasizing riparian buffers among other clean water initiatives.
- Monitored and commented on cell tower placement in historic viewsheds in Fauquier County.
- Little River Historic District was approved by DHR and included in both the Virginia Landmarks Register in December 2013 and the National Register of Historic Places in February 2014.
- Continued our water quality stream monitoring on 14 sites and chemical monitoring on 21 sites; and trained/certified and recertified monitors.
- Held our Annual Meeting last June with speaker Tom Akre who spoke about the decline of the Wood Turtle.
- Held our annual cocktail party this spring at beautiful "Speedwell" in Loudoun County.



GCA at Family Stream Day 2013

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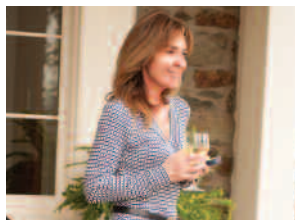
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