



ANNUAL REPORT 2018

Lacawac Sanctuary Foundation

SHAPING THE NEXT GENERATION

Since 1966, Lacawac Sanctuary Environmental Education Programs have served Wayne County by providing students with immersive, hands-on learning experiences in environmental education. Our goal is to inspire children to connect with the rich ecology of our Northeastern Pennsylvania community to become caring stewards and engaged citizens. Our programs are aimed to develop science literacy based on Pennsylvania's Educational Standards. We educate young people to understand the interrelationships between nature, wildlife and the environment. Lacawac is also a site for bringing people working in the fields of environmental education together, and for doing and sharing research on issues of public value.

Craig M. Lukatch

President

Lacawac Sanctuary Field Station and Environmental Education Center



YOUTH PROGRAMS

Educational programming is the heart and soul of Lacawac Sanctuary. Each year thousands of students spend a day with our educators learning about our region's natural heritage.

2018

School Participants	2782 student participants
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Schools Served	17 schools
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School Districts	8 districts
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In May 2018, Lacawac Sanctuary purchased the home of its founder Arthur Watres with the intention to convert the space into a new environmental STEM education learning center for PreK to 12 grade students as well as the general public. The acquisition of the property and the home was made possible through a \$111,400 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.



The future of the building will see the renovation of the existing space into a conference room, education classroom and restrooms and the construction of a new wing large enough to host field trips, conferences and workshops.



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

RESEARCH AT LACAWAC

Supporting scientific research is one of Lacawac's primary missions. As a field station, Lacawac provides scientists with protected aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems in which to conduct research, an environmental laboratory with quantitative and analytical capabilities, venues research-based workshops, and full-time research support staff. Lacawac is particularly dedicated to facilitating research by primarily undergraduate institutions.

2018

Collegiate Institutions

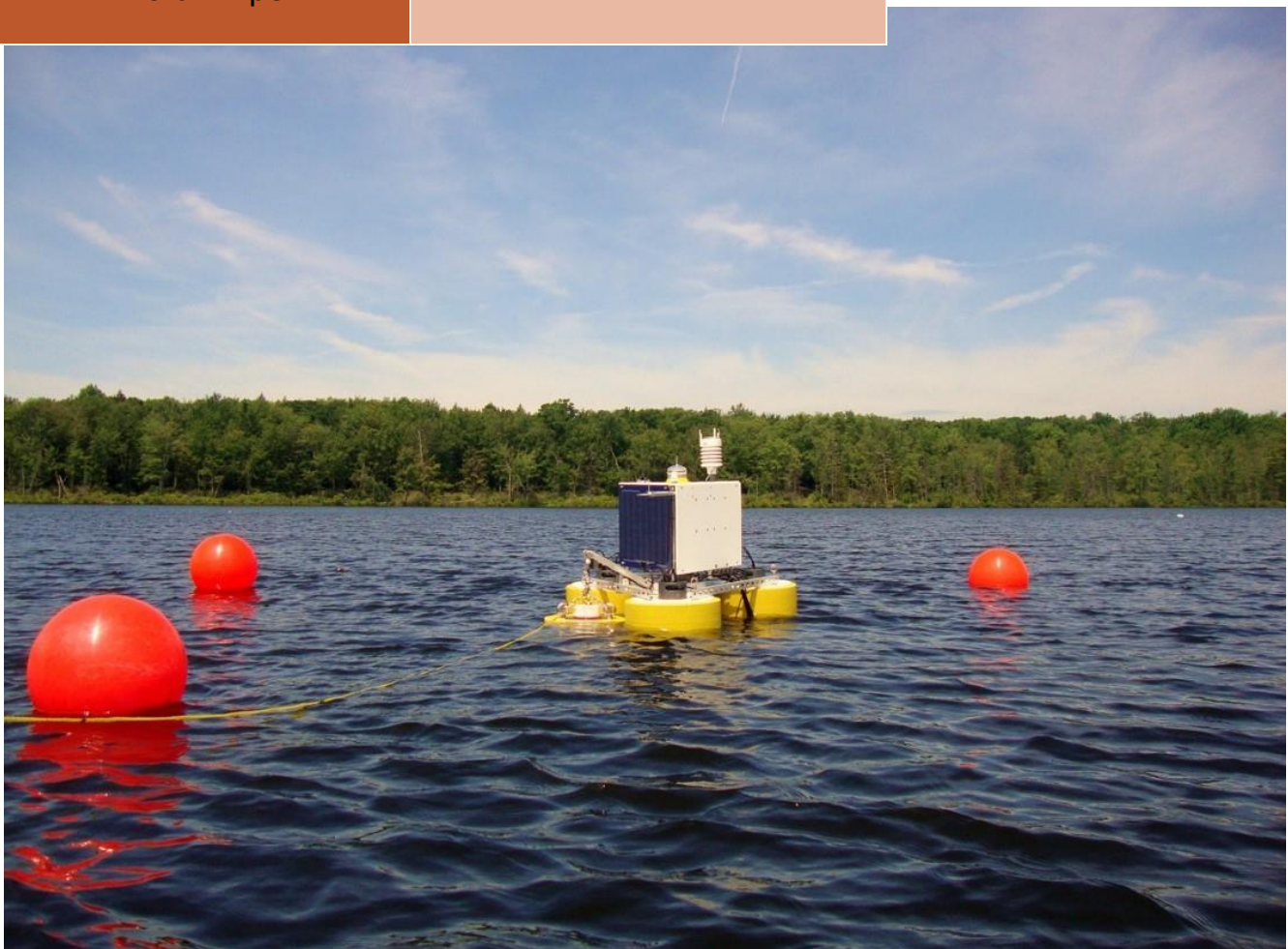
15 Institutions

Researchers

18 Researchers

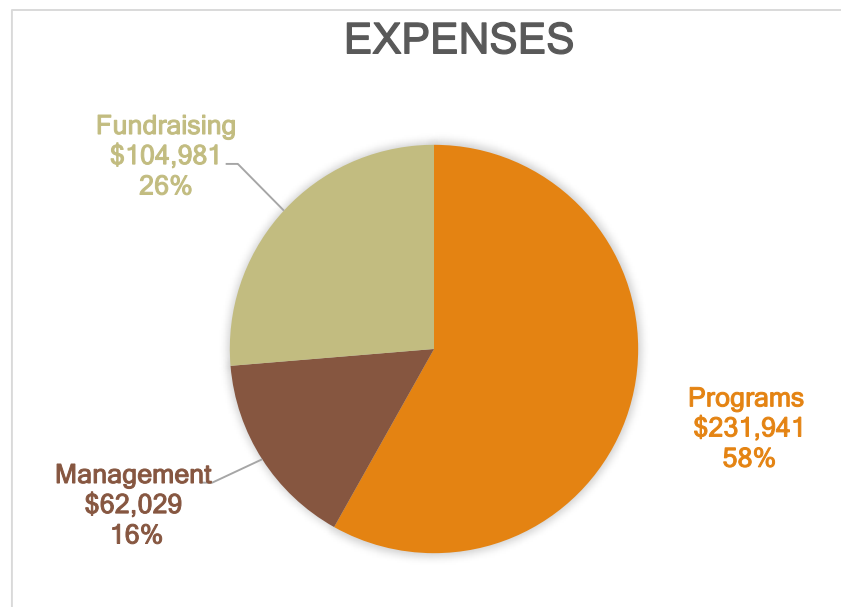
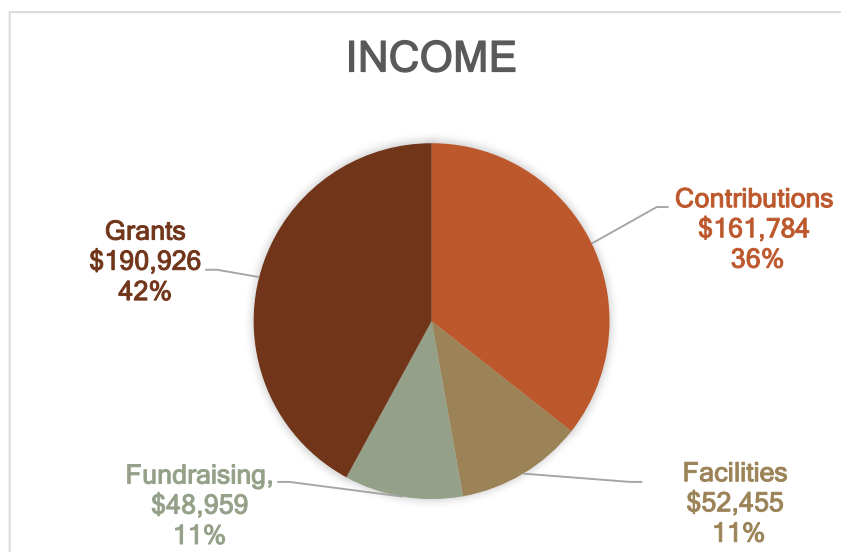
College Level Class
Field Trips

7 College Classes



COMMUNITY

We are so very grateful for all the support that Lacawac Sanctuary receives from individuals and organizations and foundations. This strong philanthropic culture dates back to our origins as the Watres Family originally gifted the property to the Lacawac Sanctuary Foundation in 1966. Our donors help us expand our reach, engage students from underserved areas and incorporate real world experiences into the educational curriculum. This year we are proud to announce the purchase of our new environmental education center. The new center will allow Lacawac to better serve students and families alike. Together we deliver programs and experiences that instill the values of education, stewardship, and sustainability to the community.



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