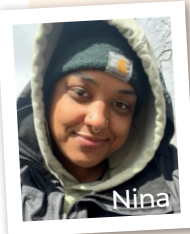


NEW POSITIONS

The Leadership in Conversation Fellowship

is a brand-new position initiated by the board of commissioners' Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) initiative to increase access to groups underrepresented in the conservation and recreation fields.

This 18-24-month fellowship prepares chosen candidates for a management level position in the parks & recreation and conservation fields by providing hands-on, cross-departmental experience in addition to a plethora of professional development opportunities.



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The fellow collaborates closely with the district's leadership team in functional areas such as administration, planning and operations to add valuable contributions to outcome objectives of the Champaign County Forest Preserve District's 5-year strategic plan.

Robert F. Smith Internship Program

This program provides exposure and learning experiences for the next generation of professionals who will preserve and care for the artifacts and archive material documenting African American history and culture. The program is administered and funded by the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture.

The District was awarded a Smith Internship in 2021 via the Museum of the Grand Prairie. Our intern was DeBorah Ault. She worked at the

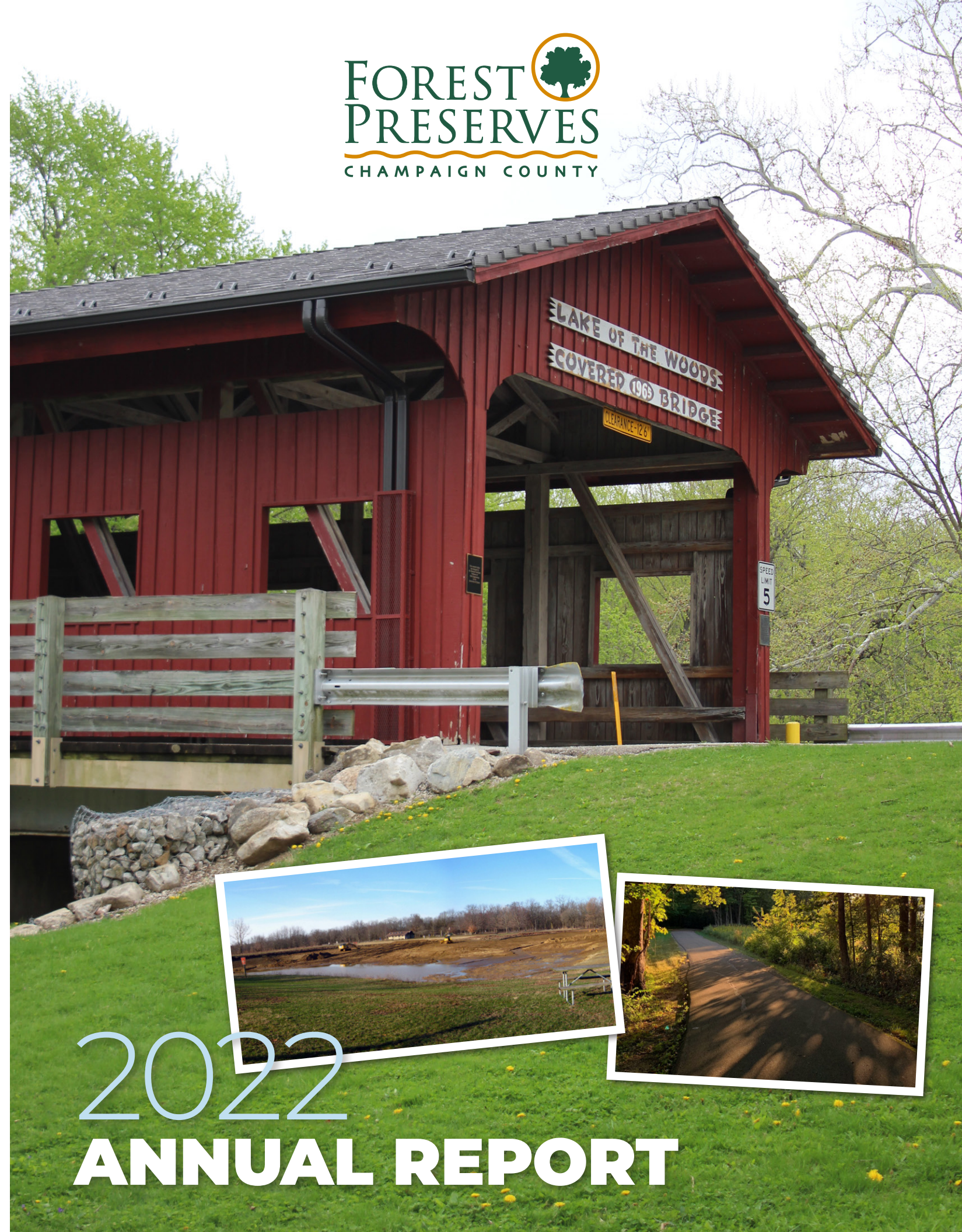


DeBorah

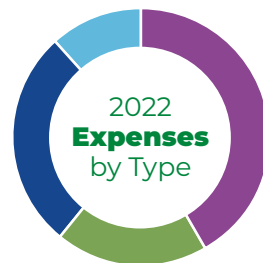
document the African American experience in Champaign County. DeBorah listened to 20 interviews and created content logs for each. She then cataloged and processed the original audiocassette tapes and digital surrogates for each interview in the museum's collection management system. DeBorah also interacted with members of Champaign County's Black community to share her work and provide insight and background for the interviews. DeBorah showcased her project with a public program. She worked with Pat Cain, Public Programs Manager, to develop a presentation and roundtable discussion in conjunction with the Champaign County African American Heritage Trail. Her objective was to begin sharing what she learned with the community and build awareness of the Hoskins archive as a resource for the community.

The Smith Internship program allows host organizations to renew for an additional two years. The museum will be hosting another Smith intern during the summer of 2023 who will continue working with the Hoskins Archive.

museum for about 12 weeks during the summer of 2022. Her project focused of the "purple label" oral history component of the Doris K. Wylie Hoskins Archive. This archive and the oral histories



Forest Preserve Financials



- Wages & Salary: \$2,906,036
- Other Operating: \$1,345,232
- Projects & Equipment: \$1,923,817
- Benefits: \$796,123



- Capital Projects: 32.7%
- Preserves: 17.2%
- Golf: 14.6%
- Cultural Education: 9.2%
- Natural Resources: 6.7%
- Rentals: 6.1%
- Environmental Education: 5.7%
- Camping: 3.3%
- Botanical Garden: 1.9%



- Taxes: \$5,573,451
- User Fees: \$1,185,836
- Grants & Donations: \$627,907
- Merchandise: \$400,381
- Other: \$93,396



- Preserves/Natural Resources: 7.7%
- Capital Projects: 36.5%
- Golf: 119.4%
- Education: 5.4%
- Rentals: 31.2%
- Camping: 48.3%



2022 ANNUAL REPORT



Letter from the Executive Director

We are delighted to present the Champaign County Forest Preserves' 2022 Annual Report. This report provides a snapshot of what we achieved last year as we work to fulfill our mission to protect Champaign County's natural and cultural resources and inspire people to care for, enjoy, and explore their natural world.

The focus on completing improvements and maintaining the preserves continued as we finished 12 capital projects, conducted prescribed burns on more than 500 acres (equaling one-quarter of total preserve land area), and planted approximately 350 trees in 2022.

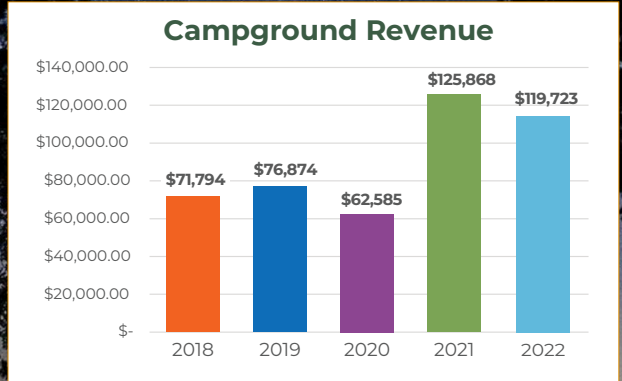
The Forest Preserves' finances remain strong, having been awarded over \$1 million in total grants, receiving over \$175,000 in private donations and close to \$120,000 in camping revenues, and with Lake of the Woods Golf Course bringing in a record-breaking \$1.2 million in revenues throughout the year.

We owe these successes to the support of so many: residents, donors, partners, legislators, board and committee members, and hundreds of other dedicated volunteers who together logged close to 10,000 donated hours last year. Thank you, all, for your continued support.



HARRY L. SWARTZ CAMPGROUND at Middle Fork River Forest Preserve

Total Revenue for 2022 \$119,723



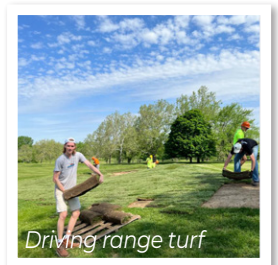
NATURAL RESOURCES

- Native plantings**
 - Seeded a total of **17.61 acres** in cleared or degraded areas
 - **6.5 acres** were tallgrass prairie restorations
 - **0.26 acres** was Willow Pond shoreline
 - **1.85 acres** were turf grass pollinator conversions
 - **9 acres** were overseeded for species enrichment
 - Trees/shrubs
 - Homer Lake Forest Preserve
 - **15** container trees and shrubs
 - **325** bare root seedling trees planted
- Invasive species control**
 - Applied **1,337 gallons** of herbicide solution over **465 acres**
 - Cleared and treated **45.13 acres** of invasive woody plants
 - Mowed **110.7 acres** for preparing sites and annual and biennial weed control
 - Hand pulled herbaceous plants throughout **316 acres**
- Prescribed fire**
 - Burned **29** ecological management units, totaling **502.7 acres**
- Seed collection**
 - Collected native seed from **95** species of plants and **105** different plant populations
- Volunteer hours**
 - Hosted **16** volunteer events with a total of **255** people who contributed **1,043 hours** of service



A Year of IMPROVEMENTS

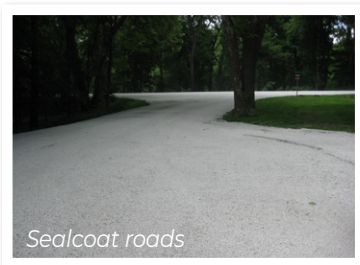
12 capital projects completed



- Driving range turf improvements
- Replace campground water fountains
- Front 9 irrigation head replacement
- Front 9 bunker renovation
- Replace the roof on the Covered Bridge
- Sealcoat roads at Lake of the Woods



- Accessible parking spaces at Elks Lake Pavilion
- Demolish east barn at Middle Fork River
- Complete Willow Pond renovation



LAKE OF THE WOODS Golf Course



Total Rounds 36,213

- 18-Hole Course **32,085**
- Par 3 Course **4,128**

FOOT GOLF 230 Rounds

Total Revenue \$1,230,176

Anniversary Pass Sales 639

Foundation



TOTAL FUNDS raised in 2022 \$175,482.35

- 355** donors
- 42%** Donor retention rate
- \$368** Average donation



TOTAL GRANTS received in 2022

\$1,069,358

3 The District was awarded three grants \$1,025,058

8 The Foundation was awarded eight grants \$44,300

VOLUNTEERS

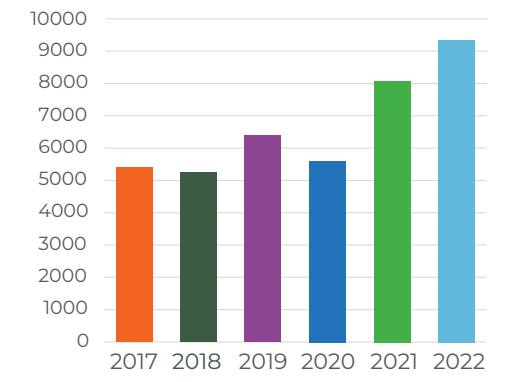
In 2022, CCFPD was the grateful beneficiary of at least:

9,930 VOLUNTEER HOURS

49 VOLUNTEER EVENTS

700 VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer Hours by Year



About 60 of those individuals were skilled presenters who freely gave their time to make events or opportunities more engaging for our community. These events generated about **2,160 volunteer hours** and often serve as education opportunities in addition to service opportunities.