

ROCK CREEK CONSERVANCY



2023 IMPACT REPORT

YOUR IMPACT AT A GLANCE

Whether you volunteered or made a gift (or both!), you made an impact on Rock Creek and its parklands in 2023, including:



902

Trees freed from English ivy



24,838

Pounds of litter removed



300,328

Square feet of forest restored



8

Race, History, and Rock Creek stories told



4,559

Community members volunteered



9,890

Hours of volunteer service (valued at \$450K)



\$560,000

Direct contributions to the National Park Service



98

Volunteer leaders trained



1,409

Individual contributors to Rock Creek Conservancy



\$2,187,198

in revenue in support of Rock Creek and its parklands

FOREST RESILIENCE

- Engaged **4500+** volunteers in people-powered restoration across our **five mini-oases** restoration demonstration sites, resulting in less than 5% invasive plant cover across 20 of the 33 acres.
- Concluded a year-long planning effort convening subject matter experts to help **create a park-wide forest resilience framework** alongside the National Park Service to protect forests for future generations. The full framework will be released in early 2024.
- Hosted **33 invasive removal events** as part of the second annual Rock Creek Weed Wrangle; 450 volunteers removed 257 bags of invasive plants and freed 39 trees from invasive vines.
- With **our advocacy**, Montgomery Parks increased its budget for invasive plant management, including important Rock Creek stream valley activities.

PARK PARTNERSHIP

- Received the prestigious **Hartzog Award** for outstanding innovation in engaging volunteers by the National Capital Region (NPS).
- Made strides toward **revitalizing the Carter Barron Amphitheater** by providing \$560,000 to the National Park Service for construction drawings, following the release of the schematic designs in early 2024.
- Honored Julia Washburn, retired Rock Creek Park Superintendent, at a spectacular Rock Creek Gala with **nearly 400 attendees**.
- Installed **two new tribute benches** in Rock Creek Park.



Rock Creek Conservancy is an award-winning 501(c)3 nonprofit, an official philanthropic partner to Rock Creek Park (National Park Service), and the only organization dedicated to the entirety of Rock Creek and its parklands.

CONNECTING COMMUNITIES

- Grew the **Carter Barron Alliance to 656 members** in the first year! The Alliance is a network of arts, parks, historic preservation, philanthropic, and community groups working to help revitalize the iconic Carter Barron Amphitheater.
- Fostered inclusivity and connectedness through 8 free, virtual **Race, History, and Rock Creek** programs in partnership with the National Park Service, including discussions on women in Rock Creek leadership, the history of Reno City, and a Pride celebration.
- Strengthened community and park connections with **800+ residents through Summer In the Parks** fun at Carter Barron and Fort Slocum.
- Provided **summer work experience to 20 students** from schools in both DC and Montgomery County as part of the **Rock Creek Conservation Corps (RC3)** - DC crew members pictured below.



WATERSHED HEALTH

- As part of the annual Rock Creek Extreme Cleanup, convened **54 cleanup events** where nearly **850 volunteers removed 8,500 pounds of litter**.
- Coordinated **61 community science volunteers** who served **400 volunteer hours** throughout the Rock Creek watershed, collecting **226 samples for bacteria monitoring**.
- Completed **7 years of the Downspout Disconnection** program ensuring reduced runoff into Rock Creek by:
 - educating 12,553 households
 - removing 3.7 acres of impervious rooftop from the combined sewer system
 - installing 281 rain barrels

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