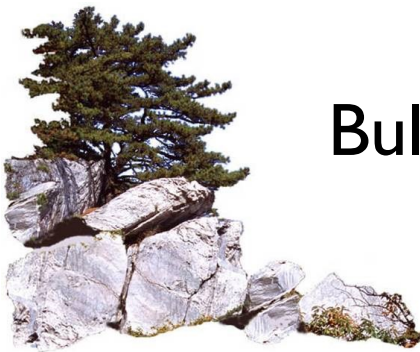




# Annual Report

## FY 2019



**Bull Run Mountains Conservancy**

Education • Research • Stewardship

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## **From the President**

Is Nature Optional?

I think not. Most of us agree.

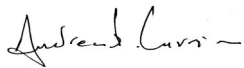
BRMC is an organization that provides environmental education-which is to say, information about Nature's physical phenomenon. We do this for small children, children, teenagers, and adults. We do this within public and private schools, home school structures, summer and winter camps, and public programs.

BRMC underwrites scientific studies of the natural world, such as - insects, bats, plants, aquatic and terrestrial. These base-line studies in flora and fauna in the Bull Run Mountains Natural Area Preserve and in the surrounding vicinity matter as indicators of the overall health of natural resource systems. These studies serve to monitor the intricate living organisms that humans depend on and, co-exist with.

BRMC hopes to cultivate an ethos of preservation for the natural world. BRMC has practiced stewardship of the Bull Run Mountains Region for over 25 years, with collegiate exchanges with other local conservation groups, such as Clifton Institute and Virginia Outdoors Foundation. In collaboration with local land owners, BRMC has encouraged stewardship in uncovering and protecting rare natural resources and, in consultation, guiding sensitive decisions of natural resource consequences.

Please join BRMC in its third decade of work celebrating and protecting living organisms. Is nature optional? I think not. Most of us agree.

Best wishes,



Andrea B. Currier



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## From the Executive Director

Bull Run Mountains Conservancy's (BRMC) education and research endeavors work hand in hand to promote the preservation, enhancement and sustainability of a valuable resource---the Bull Run Mountains, while also benefiting the general public. Thank you for supporting our mission.

Our goals include: creating outdoor enthusiasts for life, encouraging preservation of land around the Bull Run Mountains to increase outdoor recreation opportunities, supporting and utilizing ongoing scientific research on the mountains to involve citizen-science volunteers and jump-start future conservation professionals.

Our Youth Outdoors Program is the backbone of our education program. We engage kids of all ages to show them that the outdoors is fun and exciting and to teach them that we all have a responsibility to protect and enhance our landscape. In 2018, we served over 2,000 children with over 8,323 impact hours, through weeklong naturalist camps, seasonal nature days, monthly home-school hikes, scout programs, and on-campus nature classes for local public and private schools. The mother of one scholarship recipient wrote:

*"I can honestly say that it was probably one of the best adventures and learning experiences my 8 year old son...has ever had. He came home every day happy in his wet shoes and clothing and constantly talked non-stop about everything he saw, learned, touched, and experienced with an enthusiasm and sparkle I had not seen before in his eyes....As a parent all these things make me happy and grateful my son had this opportunity."*

Your donation facilitates a vibrant volunteer corps that yearly logs in more than 2,000 hours assisting our education programs, research, and stewardship. BRMC contributors have leveraged over \$70,000 in matching funds from private foundations over the past several years. In addition, our donors have inspired in-kind support from local businesses and clubs allowing us to build a reputation as the guardian of the Bull Run Mountains.

Your contribution continues to be vital and provides the means to diversify our programs and continue research studies. Thank you.

Warmest regards,



Michael J. Kieffer





***Mission*** To preserve the Bull Run Mountains through education, research, and stewardship for the benefit of the general public.



***Our Vision*** is for an active and healthy community, where preservation is an engaged and committed endeavor by people who love and care for our landscape



# David Roos Legacy

## *Support Our Core Programs*



Mike Becking



Mike Becking



Kenneth Gorman

### Halloween Safari

BRMC creates three magical nights of hikes, stories, and music around a bonfire with popcorn roasted over the fire, along with marshmallows and sinfully delicious hot chocolate.

**Conservation Patron, \$5,000**

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### Youth Outdoors Program

BRMC's Youth Outdoors Program engages children to show them the outdoors is fun and exciting and teach them that we all have a responsibility to protect and enhance our landscape. Equal opportunity scholarships provided.

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### School Ground Programs

BRMC offers school site programs integrated into their curriculum & after school programs that increase schools' opportunities to provide students outdoor activities.

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### Speaker Series

BRMC's Speaker Series provides opportunities for scientific researchers, local conservation organizations, historians, and archeologists to share their work with the community.

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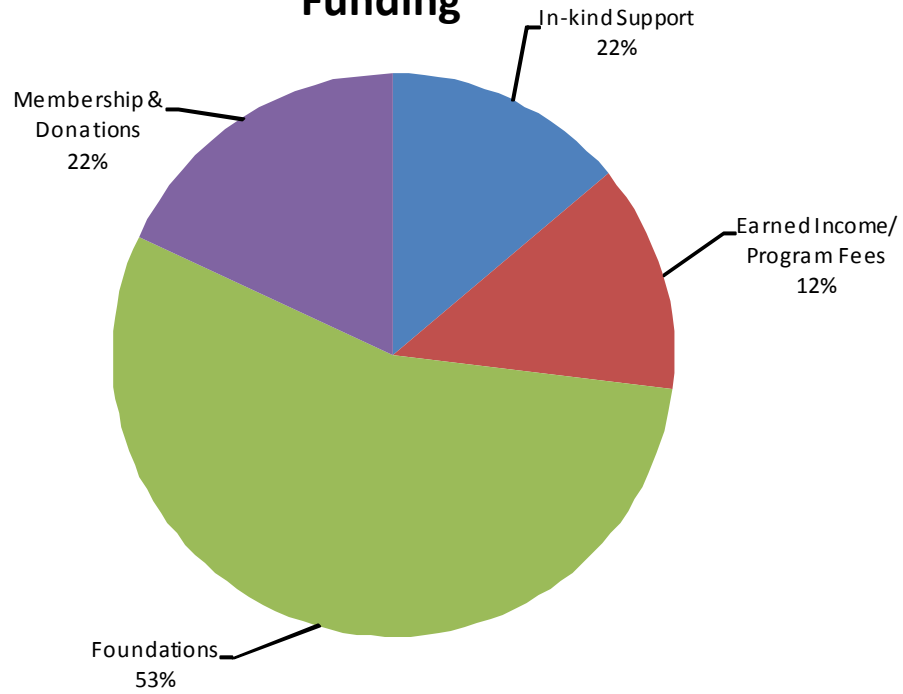
### Homeschool Programs

BRMC's Homeschool Program focuses on larger concepts, such as evolution, plate tectonics, and how the Bull Run Mountains came to be the home of the plant & animal life that the students explore.

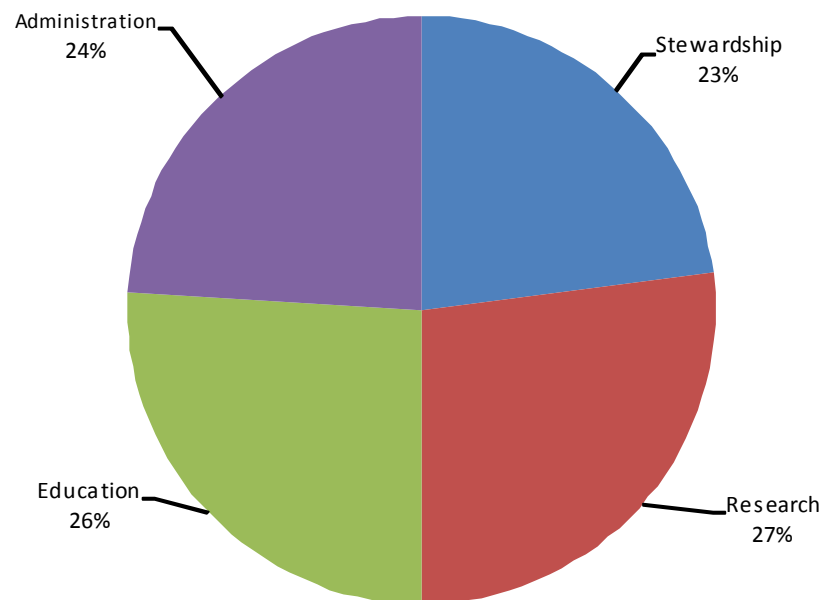
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