



ShoreRivers protects and restores Eastern Shore waterways through

# SCIENCE-BASED ADVOCACY, RESTORATION, AND EDUCATION.

We believe access to waterways fuels environmental stewardship; inclusion of all communities is essential to long term success; and diverse representation in our membership, staff, and board makes us stronger.

# **MESSAGE** FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



ShoreRivers' work for healthy waterways exists in an ecosystem of advocacy, education, and restoration—as well as collaboration, perseverance, and accountability.

Throughout 2022, the exceptional team of ShoreRivers staff and volunteers achieved increased visibility and supported the organization's mission by delivering measurable outcomes, which you can see on pages 4 and 5. This impact is what you, our stakeholders, have come to expect and it's our privilege to deliver. Ingrained in this progress is a dedication to our communities that may, at times, be more difficult to quantify but is equally important to our success.

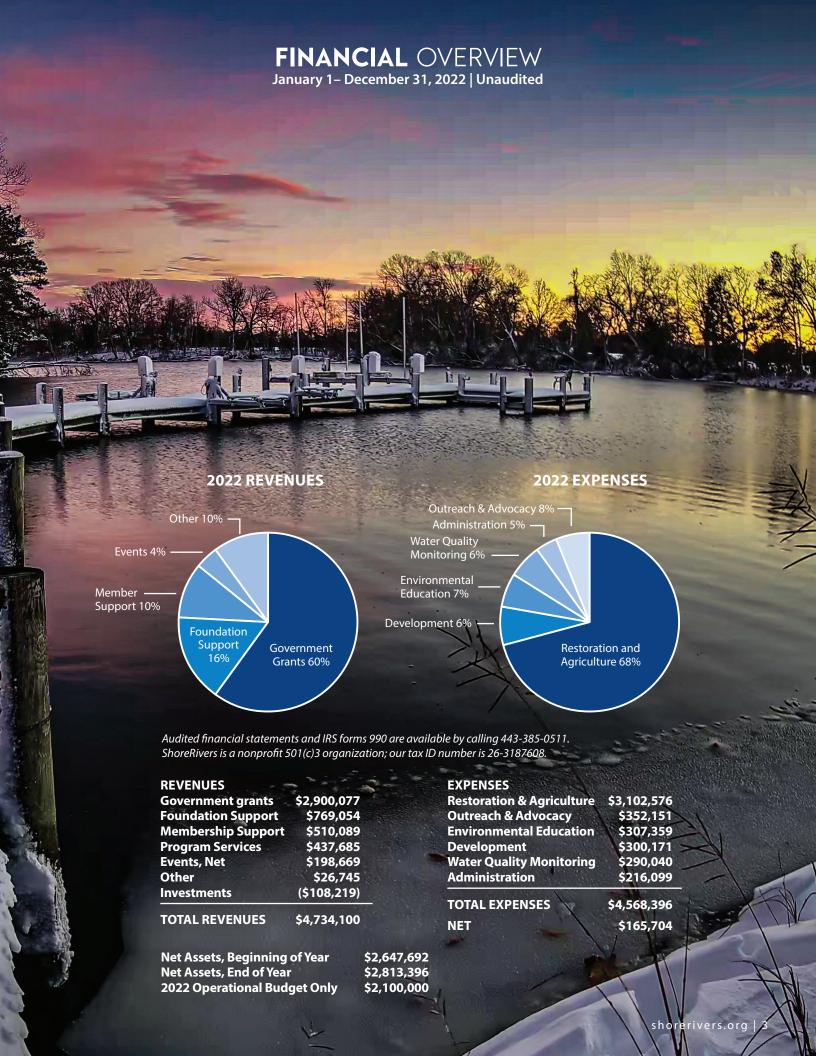
I am particularly proud of the collaborations we had this past year with Chesapeake Legal Alliance, Eastern Shore Land Conservancy, Washington College, Oyster Recovery Partnership, Waterkeepers Chesapeake, and Minary's Dream Alliance. I hope you've enjoyed reading about these cooperative efforts in our semi-annual *Advocate* newsletter, on our website, and in the press. Rest assured, with your support and strengthened partnerships across the region, there is more to come.

Because you make it possible, I hope you too are proud of the work we've done together and will persevere with us. Every dollar of private support is leveraged into more than three times its value in government and grant funds. Over the past five years as ShoreRivers, we have added 12 positions and grown our annual revenue by nearly \$1 million.

We hold ourselves accountable to our communities and our supporters by holding those who devalue our rivers accountable for their actions. Using the precedents and pathways set by 40 years of the Chesapeake Bay Program and 50 years of the Clean Water Act, ShoreRivers is positioned to make sustainable, positive changes for healthier waterways.

Our ecosystem thrives because of you—thank you.

Isabel Hardesty, Executive Director



# **ADVOCACY**



Held pro-river stance on

**CRITICAL WATER QUALITY BILLS** in the General Assembly.



Inspired members to generate **426 LETTERS OF OPPOSITION** to the AquaCon salmon factory to

protect endangered sturgeon.

Forced irresponsible

### TRAPPE EAST

development to reduce its size and allowable discharge.



Prevented the state of Maryland and Exelon from shirking their responsibility for pollution behind the

### CONOWINGO DAM



### **Exposed VALLEY PROTEINS**

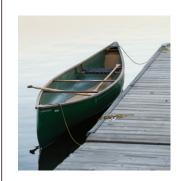
violations and won litigation to hold them accountable for their pollution.

# **EDUCATION**



Investigated local environmental issues with

elementary and high school students that culminated in stewardship actions in their schools and communities.



Connected students with their local waterways through 40 LAND-**AND WATER-BASED FIELD EXPERIENCES** 

taking many students canoeing for the first time!

Co-hosted the **FIRST UPPER** SHORE YOUTH **ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION SUMMIT** 

to elevate youth voice and empower action in 100 participants.

Facilitated collaborative curriculum writing and professional development with 30 teachers in three counties.

**AWARDED \$25,000** in Community

Investment Tax Credits to donors who supported the Upper Shore Youth Environmental Action Summit.

# RESTORATION





Photo by Alan Mickelson

# ADDED 45 **NEW PROJECTS**

on farms, and at schools, churches, parks, and community organizations (bringing our total to 260 since 2015); projects range

from bioreactors to tree plantings, pollinator meadows to fully-landscaped native plantings.



Increased nitrogen reductions to **159,841 LBS. ANNUALLY** from all projects to date.



Increased phosphorus reductions to **16,821 LBS. ANNUALLY** from all projects to date.



Raised 80% of Build-a-Reef funds needed by summer 2023 to complete

## **100 MILLION OYSTER GOAL**

for restoration in Eastern Bay.

Increased sediment reductions to

annually from all

projects to date.

# COMMUNITY



**Led two Social & Environmental Justice Community Convenings with 11 local partner** organizations working on a variety of issues at the intersection of social and environmental justice.



Advanced Swimmable ShoreRivers program in two ways: with SwimTester volunteers,

### **TESTED 45 SITES**

for bacteria weekly during summer and reported data publicly; and focused on Harmful Algal Bloom monitoring equipment and resources.

Monitored and recorded 882 DATA POINTS related to standard, scientific water quality parameters at **63 SITES** throughout the region.



Welcomed 200 NEW **VOLUNTEERS** to take our total to more than 1,000 hand-raisers ready to help with anything from trees to trash.

**Celebrated** years as ShoreRivers, built upon 37 years of grassroots work.

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"Our love affair with the Chester River started when our sons went to Echo Hill Camp. After visiting Chestertown for parents' weekends, we bought our home on the Chester River next to Truslow farm. It was a wonderful place for our sons to fish, crab, sail and kayak. Now our grandchildren are doing the same. When Joe's career took us to Massachusetts, our love for the Chester led us to commute from Massachusetts several times a year.

We, our children, and our grandchildren are reaping the benefits of the Chester River Association and now ShoreRivers. The river is much cleaner for water sports than it was forty years ago. We have caught rock fish and flounder from our dock. For the first time, we have observed river grasses growing along our waterfront.

We support the great work that ShoreRivers has done with its agriculture programs, wetland restoration, storm runoff controls, monitoring the river for bacteria and testing the streams that flow into the Chester. We are so pleased that the Chester River Association united with the other rivers on the upper Bay, thereby having a greater voice in Maryland government and more opportunities for grants to support its mission."

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