



ACE PROTECTS
Open Spaces



ACE PRESERVES
Water Quality



ACE PROMOTES
Energy Efficiency



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"ACE is an Arlington treasure. The partnership between ACE and the county is strong and effective. If you care about our environment, water quality, climate change or energy efficiency, if you want to promote sustainable lifestyles or educate our kids about these issues—join ACE and make a difference!"

Jay Fisette
 Arlington County Board Member

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Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment (ACE) has been contributing to a sustainable community for more than 35 years. We appreciate the tremendous support of our generous donors and volunteers who make our work possible.

We treasure ongoing partnerships in the community that enable us to educate residents about sustainable lifestyle choices and engage stewards in protecting our water, air and open spaces.

This annual report highlights our major accomplishments in 2013-2014.

The mission of Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment (ACE) is to promote stewardship of our natural resources and practical solutions to a sustainable lifestyle in order to protect water, air, and open spaces in the Arlington community.

ACE by the Numbers

2,000

Students **engaged** in hands-on activities connected to stewardship of our planet through ACE environmental programs in Arlington schools.

6

Local parks where ACE **improved** the habitat for native species by removing truckloads of invasive plants.

38

ACE volunteers **trained** as Energy Masters to assist families in implementing energy efficiency, water conservation & weatherization techniques.

296

Trees **planted** through the Arlington County Tree Canopy Fund.

205

Bags of trash **collected** from streets, parks, & streams throughout Arlington by ACE volunteers.

147

Arlington families' homes in affordable housing developments **improved** through energy efficiency and water conservation tools.

ACE PROTECTS Open Spaces By By Planting Trees:

Arlington Tree Canopy Fund



Profile: The Arlington County Tree Canopy Fund program increases tree canopy in Arlington through the planting of trees in yards, condo associations, apartments, churches, synagogues & private clubs.



Residents of Columbia Grove Apartments, a property managed by the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing, are proud stewards of a new sapling Carolina silverbell tree provided by the Arlington County Tree Canopy Fund. Photo by: Franny Mack, Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing

“The Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH) appreciates taking part in the Tree Canopy Fund program, which provides us with the ability to beautify our properties with new trees. Planting these trees is something that normally would not fall within our means to do.”

ACE PRESERVES Water Quality Through Environmental Education



ACE engages Arlington students in hands-on programs on environmental topics including watersheds, energy, habitats, climate change and recycling.

The Extended Day students at Hoffman Boston Elementary School participate in monthly environmental education activities led by ACE where they learn about the planet and ways they can make a difference.

The students explore environmental topics such as migratory wildlife, energy conservation, and recycling through activities, outdoor exploration, and games. During a recent activity focused on protecting Virginia's water resources from runoff, students imagined what it would be like to be a fish or crab swimming in the Potomac River or Chesapeake Bay, amidst all the litter, fertilizer, and oil running off from the watershed. After learning about the impact of pollution using a model of the watershed, the students talked about ways to reduce runoff including using less fertilizer on the lawn and picking up after pets. ■



ACE Executive Director Elenor Hodges engages Hoffman Boston Elementary students in a discussion about sources of water pollution in Virginia using an Enviroscape model.



Volunteer Jonathan Ludwig enjoyed the real-world experience of the Arlington Energy Masters program.

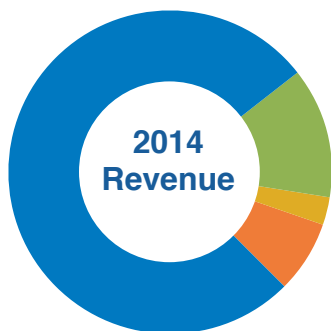
ACE PROMOTES Energy Efficiency Through Arlington Energy Masters Program



Jonathan Ludwig, who completed the Arlington Energy Masters program in June 2014, says, “*Arlington Energy Masters is special because it combines three different things—classroom instruction, applying new knowledge and skills, and serving the community—all in one package. It’s unusual to be able to accomplish all three of these components at once. The best part, for me, is getting out of the classroom, out of the office or the house, and doing some real work that helps somebody.*”

Prior to starting the program, Jonathan had been spending hundreds of painstaking hours writing a masters thesis on the LEED green building rating system, but hadn’t acquired any real-world knowledge or technical skills in that process. “*Getting some actual hands-on experience seemed like a critical component to my education.*”

ACE 2014 Financial Report



FY14 Revenue

- Arlington County 77%
- Individuals 13%
- Program & Services 3%
- Commonwealth of VA 7%

Total \$308,858



2014 Expenses

FY14 Expenses

Environmental Education 62%

- School Projects
- Public Projects
- Outreach

Community Engagement 20%

- Action Campaigns
- Service Projects
- Green Living Expo
- Tree Canopy Fund
- Energy Efficiency Programs

Support 18%

- Management & Governance
- Fundraising

Total \$297,909

Financial Report Notes: These numbers are being published before the completed audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. Completed audited figures are available upon request.

Help ACE Sustain Our Work

ACE appreciates your support of our local conservation programs. We are the only conservation organization working exclusively in Arlington.

Please...

- **SUBSCRIBE** to our e-newsletter and blog
- **GET INVOLVED** ... volunteer!
- **INCREASE** your annual giving
- **BECOME** a monthly donor
- **GIVE A GIFT** of an ACE membership
- **ENGAGE** with us on social media:



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3. ACE By the Numbers Illustrations

