



**2020-2022**

# Annual Report

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# A LETTER FROM OUR Executive Director



This special retrospective highlights activities from the last two years. In both years, we evolved and expanded, putting us on a firm pathway to realize our vision of creating a sustainable Arlington community.

Adjustments to our programs were required as the COVID-19 pandemic continued to linger, but we remained undaunted. This report's Impact section highlights the ways we maintained community and volunteer engagement while continuing to nurture the environment.

Our environmental education series, first offered in 2019-2020, continued with each series serving as a precursor to our yearly fundraising celebration—the EcoExtravaganza. The series featured insights from experts, focusing on the integration of biophilia in our lives and the role of pollinators and plants in maintaining a healthy environment.

We established a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee in February 2021, chartered with ensuring internal policies and external initiatives conformed with the spirit and letter of our Justice and Inclusion Policy. The committee's work has expanded engagement among more Arlington communities, generated new energy for our mission, and established a more representative coalition of environmental advocates and allies.

As a small nonprofit, we have successfully partnered with other environmental organizations. This report highlights a unique partnership with DataKind, a data science nonprofit. Discerning insights from 10 years of data on the Tree Canopy Fund provided a roadmap for more strategic program management and revealed insights to improve sustainability and environmental equity. Our feature story, "A New Partnership Expands the Tree Canopy Fund Program," highlights the long-ranging benefits of this unique partnership.

As we look back on our recent progress, we see the possibility of promise for our natural environment. New programs and an expanded staff, including three full-time employees—the largest full-time staff in our history—point to greater impact through our endeavors at EcoAction Arlington. The recently approved 2022-2025 Strategic Plan developed by the EcoAction Arlington Board of Directors will refine our programs to address our most urgent environmental concerns. The continued support of members, donors, supporters, and additional resources will facilitate community engagement and establish a pathway to renew and save our planet for years to come.



## MISSION MOMENT

# Strengthening Our Work Through Environmental Justice

As a purpose-driven organization, EcoAction Arlington has always been committed to connecting all residents to practical solutions that achieve a sustainable lifestyle. In 2020, after news reports of far too many racially tinged incidents against people of color, we considered the need to better align the execution of our programs with our commitments by establishing a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee with specific benchmarks and guidelines to address accountability.

Our DEI Committee charter elevates our commitment to achieving environmental sustainability in Arlington and recognizes the importance of acknowledging inequitable systems associated with our work and adopting strategies for more balanced representation. One of the first and most important steps toward achieving that goal was to provide diversity and inclusion training for the staff and board who represent our organization and values. We also focused on external engagement, developing guidelines that offer direction and insight for recruiting future staff and volunteers from all of Arlington's diverse community.

Since we adopted the DEI Committee Charter and goals, we have established new relationships with impactful leadership organizations in Arlington's underrepresented communities. Our members and the public have benefited from perspectives and information shared in programs and seminars by a broader range of accomplished environmental experts and leaders in our community. Today, our actions and programs better reflect Arlington's diversity. It's an exciting time for EcoAction Arlington as we fully embrace our commitment to inclusion and our responsibility to acknowledge the importance of environmental justice for all.

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## Energy Masters Program

Every year, a new group of Energy Masters volunteers eagerly prepares to assist and educate families on how to reduce energy and water consumption. During COVID-19-restricted periods of 2020 through 2022, our volunteers supplemented their in-person workdays with education sessions, training individuals and families to improve their home's energy efficiency and helping them to conserve the use of water. In 2020-2021, we held 26 Energy Masters education sessions and provided instruction to 313 people. Participation increased in 2021-2022, with 491 people attending 20 sessions to learn how to reduce energy and water consumption.

### 2020–2021

We supported seven Arlington and Alexandria families by installing 16 LED light bulbs and 6 low-flow aerator faucets and showerheads, and insulating 196 outlets and light switches.

### 2021–2022

We supported 10 Arlington and Alexandria families by installing 14 LED light bulbs, 18 low-flow aerator faucets and showerheads, and insulating 233 outlets and light switches.

## Park and Stream Cleanups

Removing litter and debris from our open spaces and waterways is foundational to our organization. It's where we first began educating people all over Arlington about the detrimental impact of litter on our natural resources and wildlife. Today, we're tackling more issues, but we will continue to lead and organize cleanups if trash, especially plastics, continues to endanger our natural resources. Over the last two years, we collected and properly disposed of 906 bags of trash. In the future, we'll collect data to investigate whether Arlington County's new plastic bag tax has resulted in fewer plastic bags gathered in our cleanups, decreasing the debris and harm to our world.





## Tree Canopy Fund Program

In the last two years, we planted 824 trees through the Tree Canopy Fund and have facilitated the planting of more than 3,400 trees since the program's inception to expand tree cover in Arlington. Once planted and thriving, every tree enhances our lives through its visible beauty and serenity, and they deliver environmental benefits that contribute to our health and wellness, improving our mental, emotional, and physical well-being. You might say each new tree acts as nature's organic remedy as it provides cleaner air, filters the water, shelters small animals, and improves the quality of life for individuals and communities with an abundance of trees.



## Volunteer Engagement

As the climate crisis increases, more individuals seek solutions to help reduce their impact on global warming by contributing time and resources to slow the effects on our planet. As a volunteer-based organization, increased participation from community members empowers and energizes our programs with resources that assist us in making Arlington more sustainable. Between 2020 and 2022, 1,629 individuals devoted 5,071 hours toward supporting programs to educate our youth, help neighbors in need reduce energy and water use, partner with businesses to reduce plastic use, increase tree canopy, support advocacy efforts for a carbon-neutral county, and institute a plastic bag tax.





## School Programs

Engaging with Arlington County students through our hands-on environmental education program represents a unique opportunity to instill a sense of personal responsibility for protecting our planet among youth. Every classroom engagement helps cultivate interest among students concerning our duty to care for the Earth and adopt behaviors that slow climate change.

Although COVID-19 presented some challenges in the last two years, we shared hands-on exercises with 2,459 students. Teachers said that student engagement remained high, even for lessons conducted virtually. Susan Spranger, a science teacher at Barcroft and Fleet Elementary schools in Arlington, says EcoAction Arlington's hands-on demonstrations help students gain an understanding and appreciation for environmental issues. From the youngest students in the first and second grades to the fourth and fifth graders, she says, they all learn about the environment in a practical way. "You've got the youngest kids seeing that, if I recycle this plastic item, I'm being good to the environment because plastic is bad for the environment and doesn't break down. And, the fourth and fifth graders learn about all the materials that can be recycled." Susan says the students gain a better insight. "It's just a bonus because they can see it in action.

They learn that there are organizations whose sole purpose is educating others and that there are careers you can have [in] protecting the environment."

When asked what the most significant benefit of EcoAction Arlington's school program is to students, Christine Williams, a science and resource teacher at Glebe Elementary School, said, "The students gain an understanding of our impact on the environment. In fact, the fourth graders, who were third graders the previous year, are still talking about our carbon footprint. It's the lasting understanding of their role in protecting the environment, being able to see themselves in the role of protector, and a general understanding and appreciation for the environment. If we start early—my hope is that they will continue to have the same feeling about the environment."

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## Advocacy

Nearly four years ago, EcoAction Arlington realized the need to become more active in supporting policies, programs, and laws to create a safe and healthy planet for all and move Arlington toward a more sustainable community. As a small nonprofit, the most effective means of advocating for the adoption or institution of county-wide policies and laws was by leading advocacy campaigns and joining with individuals and environmental organizations to drive change. In a two-year period, we launched several targeted advocacy campaigns uniting voices and perspectives to help secure a plastic bag tax, support the County's Community Energy Plan, work

with restaurants and businesses to reduce single-use plastics, and launch a campaign to address tree canopy inequity in Arlington. These efforts were well-aligned with our vision to engage everyone in Arlington in creating a sustainable community by magnifying concerns, perspectives, and desires for the government, the business community, and individuals to act more urgently on the accelerating issue of climate change.



## Partnerships

When organizations with a common interest support each other, we can increase our impact. Last year, more than sixty organizations either contributed funds and non-financial assets or joined forces with us to advance our mission. Each partnership, in some way, exemplified a generosity of spirit, time, and resources and demonstrated a commitment to improving the state of our natural world. Financial contributions helped fund many of our programs, and knowledge and insights helped refine our strategy. Subject-matter expertise contributed to educating our members and supporters who joined forces to advocate on environmental issues, demonstrating what is possible when we combine efforts to affect change. Our partnerships are diverse and often help us achieve success in ways that expand our results. Two years ago, we embarked on a new partnership with Datakind, a data analytics nonprofit that helped uncover inequities in our tree cover. One year later, we launched a campaign to address environmental justice issues in Arlington County by establishing the Tree Canopy Equity Program. You can read more about how our partnership with Datakind helped us refine and identify an opportunity to make a good program even better in our feature story, "Taking the Tree Canopy Program to New Heights."





## **Taking the Tree Canopy Program to New Heights**

In the summer of 2020, EcoAction Arlington entered a new partnership with DataKind, an international data science nonprofit with local chapters whose mission is to harness the power of data in support of humanity. Working with DataKind's Washington, DC chapter, EcoAction Arlington's team, comprised of board members and staff, shared eleven years of insights from managing Arlington County's Tree Canopy Fund program. The information included where trees have been planted based on applications submitted by civic associations and private residents, as well as data on the percentage of tree cover in Arlington. The DataKind team combined the information supplied by EcoAction Arlington with Census block groups and geographic information system layers, more

commonly known as GIS layers, that allowed them to differentiate between roads and hard surfaces and land where trees could be planted.

Once DataKind DC Chapter lead Richard Carder greenlit our project, he formed a team to gain insights from data mining efforts over the next seven months. The team analyzed information about the impact of the Tree Canopy Fund program. Richard assigned Allen Baron to act as data ambassador and project lead. Allen organized all stages of the project, managing meetings and communication with six EcoAction Arlington board and staff members and handling a portion of the coding. Another integral member recruited for the team was Charlotte Ellison, a data scientist responsible for acquiring the



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data, analyzing it, and showing maps and examples to the EcoAction Arlington team that helped facilitate the project.

Allen, Charlotte, and Richard are only three of the many data scientists who volunteer with DataKind, using their expertise to help small nonprofits that don't have data science or data analysis capabilities. The organization has been matching volunteers with data science expertise with smaller nonprofits since the organization's inception just over ten years ago.

Having planted more than 3,400 new trees through the Tree Canopy Fund, EcoAction Arlington's primary goal was to use the insights from DataKind's analysis to identify opportunities to increase tree planting in areas of Arlington with a low tree canopy. The information gained would provide direction about where marketing and outreach efforts were needed to expand tree planting and maintenance.

After months of research and data mining, DataKind submitted the project deliverables to EcoAction Arlington in May 2021, consisting of two spreadsheets detailing tree canopy percentages and demographics by civic association and Census block. The team's findings took us beyond the raw

numbers, uncovering insights about years of tree-planting efforts and trends not readily apparent. The minimum benchmark for the optimum percentage of tree cover in Arlington is forty percent. The results helped prioritize the areas with the greatest need for tree planting, and it also revealed a common thread for many of the neighborhoods with the lowest percentage of tree cover. Communities with low tree cover were more likely to have higher percentages of minority residents and higher percentages of poverty than those with adequate tree cover.

The findings from the DataKind team have benefited our ability to improve the Tree Canopy Fund program. It enabled EcoAction Arlington to identify Arlington neighborhoods that would benefit from tree planting, leading to the launch of our Tree Canopy Equity Program at the beginning of the fiscal year 2022-2023. Through this initiative, we are addressing tree inequity, working to increase tree canopy coverage for all residents as well as maintain adequate tree cover in neighborhoods that meet the forty percent benchmark.

Our partnerships make it possible to lead initiatives and achieve goals that have the potential to accelerate progress. In our race to save our planet, the value of our partnerships—large and small—helps us solve problems and make our world better.

If you would like to learn more about DataKind, its services, and volunteer opportunities, click [here](#).







## **Annual Meetings Emphasize Nurturing, Illuminating, and Preserving Nature**

As a small organization, we can't win the battle for a more sustainable planet without our members who are on the front line, cajoling, encouraging, and leading by example to influence their friends and neighbors to heed the warnings environmental experts say are barreling toward us. EcoAction Arlington continues to raise awareness about humans' self-inflicted perils of our damaged natural environment. During our 2021 and 2022 annual membership meetings, long-standing programs and new areas of focus highlighted actions and opportunities to slow the damage to the natural world and, where possible, reverse the adverse effects.

The support and contributions of both members and volunteers drive the success and growth of programs that accelerate

energy efficiency, expand Arlington's tree canopy, reduce litter, and prepare our youth to be stewards of our environment. In recent years, we have recognized both the opportunity and the need to reach and engage more communities. As we reviewed our mission and the state of our natural world, we acknowledged that we could do more to advance our mission. We began identifying opportunities to engage directly with Arlington restaurants to encourage the adoption of eco-friendly practices, to galvanize community members, advocate for laws and prohibitions that drive sustainability and add environmental justice practices in our operation and our programs. We refused to let our size limit our goals and our determination to do more to save the planet. And though we

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took on more tasks, we realized growth in our fundraising efforts, membership, and volunteer engagement as we've expanded our programs.

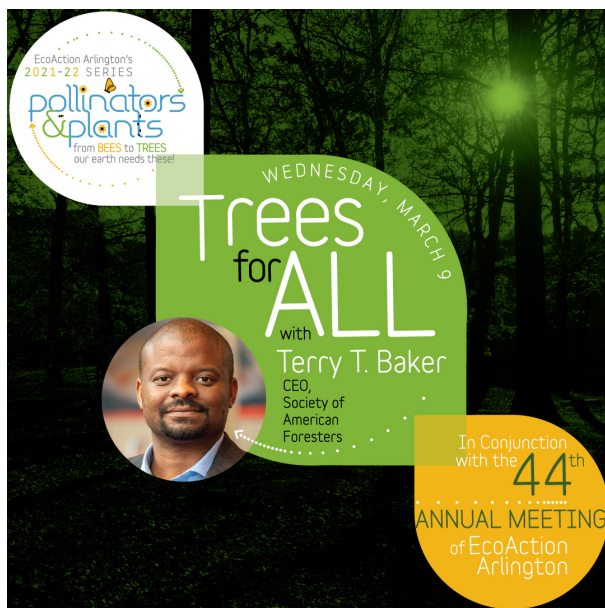
No one emphasized the impact of a healthy ecosystem more than our featured speaker in 2021, Alonso Abugattas, Arlington County's Natural Resource Manager. In many ways, Alonso opened our eyes to the wonders of nature, hiding in places we often frequent. Some of Arlington's most favored parks and open spaces, including Barcroft Park, are part of the seven natural resource conservation areas considered by experts to be the best of the best. These areas have special protections that maintain the biodiversity of plants, rare trees, and animals. In addition to the work Arlington's natural resources unit conducts to protect and restore our ecosystem and its invasive program management engagement, they also engage citizen scientists in assisting in protecting Arlington's natural resources. Programs like these help residents gain a deeper understanding of what is required to maintain a healthy environment.

The efforts of our organization and members have an impact and drive results, as noted by Arlington County Board members Matthew de Ferranti and Katie Cristol, who joined us in 2021 and 2022, respectively. They shared information about how EcoAction Arlington's work helps improve the health of Arlington's natural environment and updates on important County policy initiatives, including the Community Energy Plan, the launch of the plastic bag tax, and updating the Forestry and Natural Resources Plan.

At the close of our 2021 annual meeting, the statement by Eliza Gromada, an EcoAction Arlington student board member completing a three-year term, spoke to how our work is helping to build a community where sustainable practices are valued across generations. Eliza's story of her connection and interest in the environment from elementary school when she planted her first tree to her service on the board highlighted her evolution and understanding of what's required to protect the planet.

In 2022, the Society of American Foresters CEO, Terry T. Baker, spoke to the theme of *Trees for All*. Terry discussed the importance of sustainably managing forested lands and green spaces through on-the-ground efforts and policy initiatives and the growing importance of engaging broader communities in this vital work. At the conclusion of our featured presentation, EcoAction Arlington Board Member DeShay Williams announced the creation of our Tree Canopy Equity Program, designed to plant trees in Arlington communities with lower-than-average tree canopy coverage and higher-than-average populations of people living in poverty and minority residents.

As we continue engaging Arlington residents across generations working to repair decades of harm to our planet, we may have a real chance to restore the environment to the healthy and whole state it once embodied.





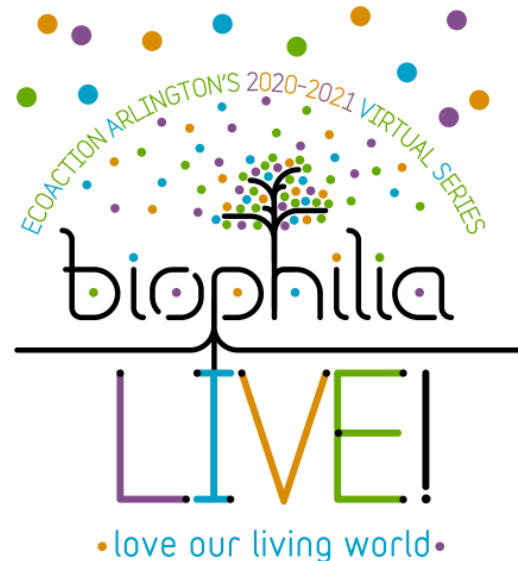
## **Biophilia: Our Mind-Body Connection to Nature**

Spending time in our parks and enjoying the natural environment is something many take for granted. When nature's bounty of trees, flowers, and birds is all around us, we may become oblivious to its benefits—until or when they are no longer available. In 2020-2021, we celebrated nature and the practice of biophilia during our five-part series, Love Our Living World.

Consistent with the attributes of the natural world, our series offered a diverse approach to adopting a biophilic lifestyle: instructive and joyful, interactive, and beneficial. The kickoff event, Biophilia Live, moderated by Lynn Borton, who hosts the Choose to Be Curious podcast, featured three speakers who shared their perspectives on a biophilic lifestyle. Dr. Laura Anderko, with the Mid-Atlantic Children's Health and the Environment, highlighted the importance of connecting to nature for our health and personal well-being, especially for children. Visual artist, Elsabe Dixon, demonstrated ways to bring biophilia into our lives through art. Nick Schauman, the founder of The Local Oyster restaurant, shared his approach to operating his restaurant sustainably by keeping waterways like the Chesapeake Bay healthy and maintaining the viability of oyster production.

Over the holiday season, we offered Biophilia at Your Table, which focused on the intersection of nature and the holidays and encouraged participants to submit recipes and pictures on ways to bring nature to the table.

Nature has a place inside our homes as well as in our gardens. Experts in design and sound shared ideas on integrating nature in our home to improve our well-being in



part three of our series, Biophilia in Your Home. Interior designer Amy Thomas emphasized the importance of designing with wellness in mind, noting that we spend ninety percent of our time indoors. Thomas discussed the benefits of bringing nature inside the home to create a biophilic environment and restore the human connection to the natural world.

Amy Thomas shared a quote by Dr. Claudia Miller of the University of Texas with participants that emphasized the impact of a home designed with wellness in mind: "Architects and designers have a greater ability to improve public health than medical professionals." Creating space for nature within our homes enhances our overall well-being, and that also includes sound, which Washington Post pop music critic Chris Richards highlighted in his discussion on the power of sound and music to connect us with nature. Chris singled out the ability

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of music to make us more attentive to the natural environment and act as a conduit to memorialize music. The session with Amy and Chris taught us about the benefits of a home designed with wellness in mind, from music and sound to plants, calming colors, mirrors that reflect natural light, and the natural shapes and textures that bring nature inside.

Part four of the series, Sip and Paint, offered a virtual art experience and virtual art session on painting elements of nature while sipping a beverage of choice. Our event partners were artist Kellie Sansone and Scout and Cellar who donated wine.

The fifth segment of our series was about experiencing the outdoor environment, establishing the touch, feel, and fulfillment of nature, growing food, planning a garden, and enhancing our landscapes in Biophilia in Your Community: Growing for the Greater Good. Horticulturist, designer, and educator Jeanette Ankoma-Sey and Carolyn Quinn, the owner and operator of Dug In Farms, an eight-acre farm located between White Stone and Kilmarnock, Virginia, each educated us on a variety of ways we can align with nature and land. Jeanette encouraged participants to seek out and enjoy the nature around us in Arlington's well-designed parks and outdoor spaces and to be attentive to how our five senses are engaged while there. She also demonstrated how she puts her beliefs into practice creating her "own personal oasis" at home where her family can play, rest, and enjoy their own food habitat.

Jeanette introduced us to community gardens in Arlandria and the GW Grow Garden as examples of how everyone can be a part of a learning, living, and functioning food lab, even without a yard. At Carolyn Quinn's, Dug In Farms, we vicariously experienced her transition from a city dweller to a small-town farmer who started small and is now supplying organic foods to restaurants and stores in Northern Virginia.

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have a greater ability to  
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The Biophilia – Love Our Living World series helped us recognize strategies for achieving a healthier and more well-rounded view of life, where we actively participate in enhancing and embracing our environment and are fortified by organic gifts we receive in return.



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# Two Years of EcoExtravaganza Celebrations Emphasize Preserving Nature

After a year when we emphasized the role that Biophilia and the Love of Our Living World play in creating a healthy ecosystem, our third annual EcoExtravaganza in June 2021 was a moment to celebrate each discipline's contribution to healing our world.

The gathering united a community of committed supporters and advocates to celebrate nature's beauty and highlight the critical work of individuals and organizations like EcoAction Arlington. Supporters, elected officials, and our featured speaker, Jason Samenow, editor and writer on weather and climate at the *Washington Post*, all gathered virtually,

emphasizing the need to act continuously to slow global warming.

Jason Samenow's presentation on *Extreme Weather in Washington, D.C.: How has it changed and what does the future hold*, zeroed in on the local environmental impact of climate change and future concerns. Arlington County Board Chair Matt de Ferranti emphasized the importance of environmental action, and Congressman Don Beyer spoke briefly about Arlington County's progress toward carbon neutrality. Patrick Bonisteel, the Vision Preserver of Training and Development at Busboys and Poets, a Green Dining partner, shared information about the restaurant's

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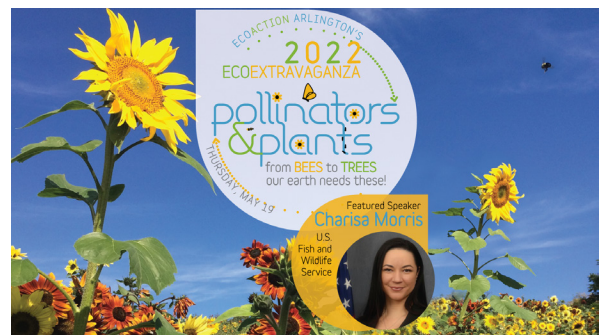
sustainability practices. Busboys and Poets also delivered vegetarian meals to EcoExtravaganza guests who ordered them as part of the event. All who attended gained insight into the environmental impacts of a warming planet and the actions required to avert potential threats.

By the following year, we could resume our in-person celebrations at the Arlington Arts Center, now the Museum of Contemporary Art. We explored the role of nature at the May 2022 EcoExtravaganza Celebration with a focus on protecting pollinators and tree canopy in the culmination of our 2021-2022 event series, “Pollinators and Plants – From Bees to Trees, Our Earth Needs These.” While our featured speaker, Charisa Morris of the US Fish and Wildlife Service, could not attend because of COVID-19 complications, a video of her talk was made available for viewing after the event.

The opportunity to acknowledge the significance of nature to our well-being at our in-person gathering strengthened our commitment to promoting biodiversity and slowing global warming. Senator Barbara Favola shared welcoming remarks, adding her voice to our efforts for climate action and environmental protection. The announcement of our new Tree Canopy

Equity Program by Board Member DeShay Williams highlighted our plans to focus on tree planting in Arlington communities where tree cover is below forty percent, demonstrating our dedication to creating a more sustainable Arlington for all residents. Fundraising and communications campaigns to support the program began in August 2022.

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Each EcoExtravaganza is an opportunity to thank donors, volunteers, and supporters. Most importantly, we showcase the success of our efforts to engage every resident in creating a healthier and safer world. The sponsors for our 2021 and 2022 EcoExtravaganza were Amazon, EagleBank, Eco Caters, Ferro+Ferro, JBG SMITH, Northwest Federal Credit Union, and OLA Consulting.

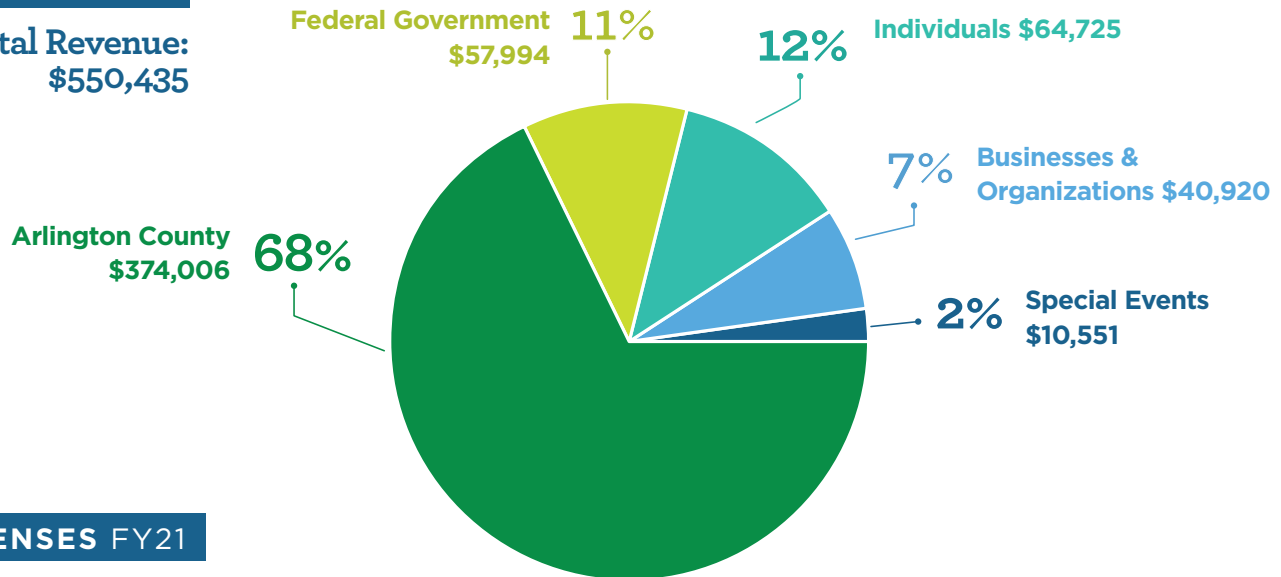


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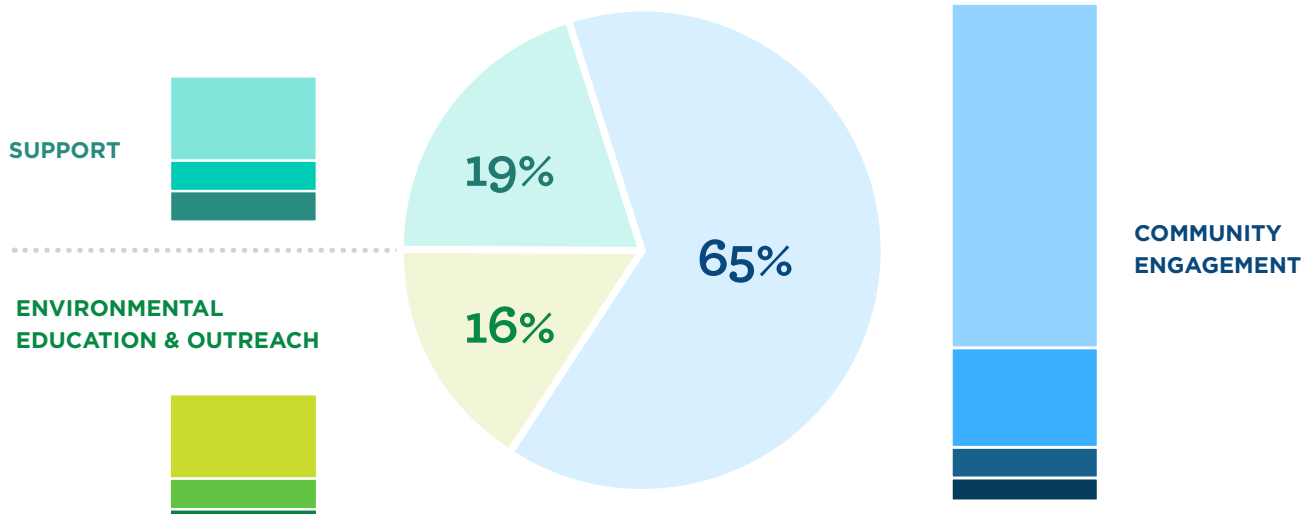
## REVENUE FY21

**Total Revenue:**  
\$550,435



## EXPENSES FY21

**Total Expenses:**  
\$448,262



### Environmental Education & Outreach

- Communication: 11%
- Public Projects: 4%
- School Projects: 1%

### Support

- Special Events: 4%
- Fundraising: 4%
- Management & Government: 11%

### Community Engagement

- Energy Masters: 13%
- Tree Canopy Fund: 45%
- Service Projects: 3%
- Action Campaigns: 4%

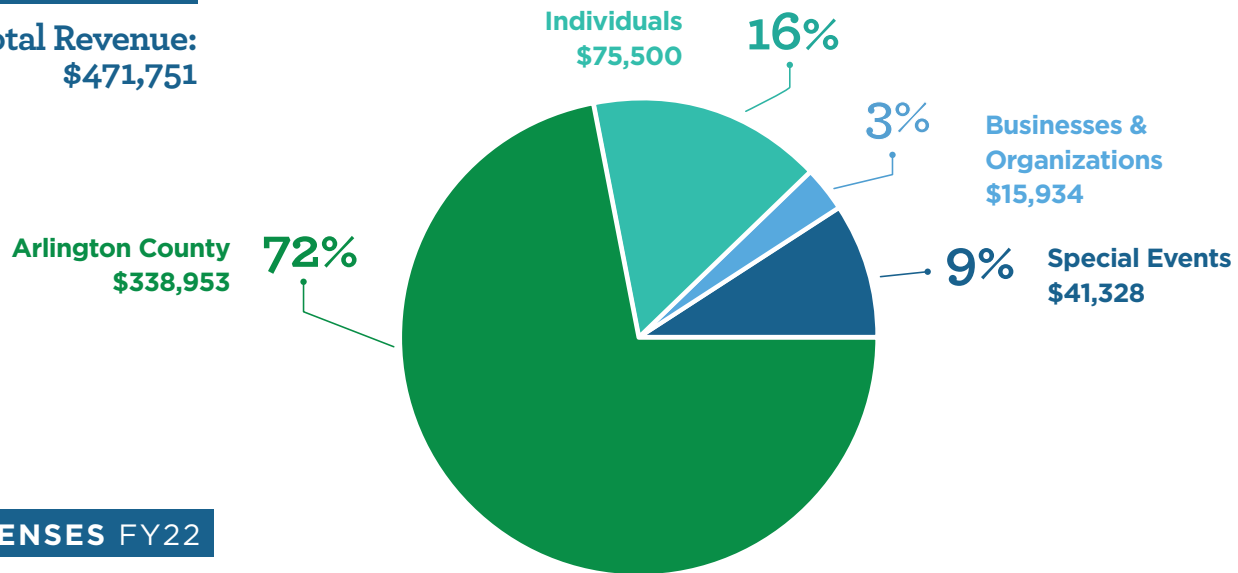


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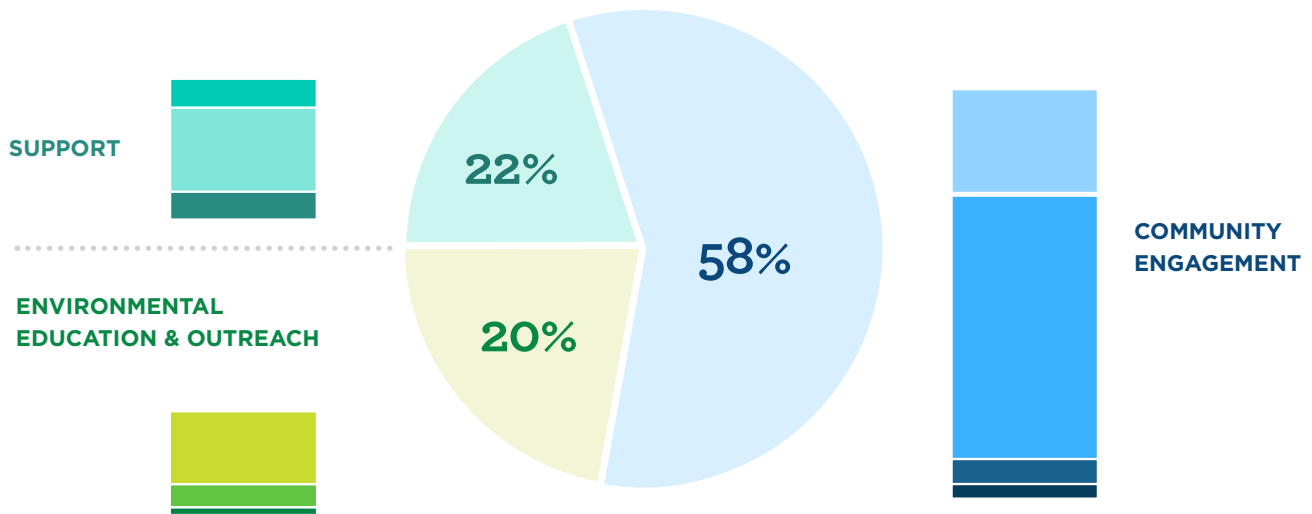
## REVENUE FY22

**Total Revenue:**  
\$471,751



## EXPENSES FY22

**Total Expenses:**  
\$477,572



### Environmental Education & Outreach

- Communication: 14%
- Public Projects: 5%
- School Projects: 1%

### Support

- Special Events: 6%
- Fundraising: 10%
- Management & Government: 6%

### Community Engagement

- Energy Masters: 12%
- Tree Canopy Fund: 41%
- Service Projects: 3%
- Action Campaigns: 2%

# 2020–2022 Donors

EcoAction Arlington appreciates the generous support of all individuals who help us fulfill our work toward a sustainable Arlington community. We apologize for any omissions or errors and welcome your corrections and suggestions.

## \$1,000 AND UP

Anonymous (4)	Joan and Tom Kelsch	Susan Peters and Richard Lee
Dean Amel and Terry Savelle	The Laurence Family	Phil and Lori Rizzi
Jill Barker	Mike and Liza Lowe	Janet Sasser
Alicia De la Cruz-Novey	Stephanie Martin	Thomas Sheldon
and Levi Novey	Joan F. McIntyre	Carrie A. Thompson
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## \$500–\$999

Anonymous (7)	Angelo Ioffreda	Cullen Ruff
John and Priscilla Becker	Brian P. Kane	Alison and Bernard Sheahan
Blain and Peg Butner	Rick Keller and Kate Donohue	Ruth and Milton Spivack
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Judy and Vic Funderburk	Heather and John Luca	Bill Walls
Catherine Gahres and	Melody Starya Mobley	Tyler Wean
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Jerry Hartz	Anne Reynolds and Dan Burd	DeShay and Earl Williams
Grace M. Holden	Elena Rodriguez	

## \$250–\$499

Anonymous (24)	William Dorch	Todd Minners
Brooke Alexander and	Jennifer and Erik Endo	Michael and Barbara Raizen
Robert Brown	Jay Fisette and Bob Rosen	Susan Rieth
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Steven Anders	Joan Kasporwicz	Julie Rosenberg and Mike Shapiro
Susan Auerhan	Marti Klein and Linc Cummings	Liz Rugaber
Bill Browning	Paul Kovenock	Mary Sanders
Audrey Rose Clement	Cheryl Lai	Lauren Seligman
Daniel and Michele Creedon	Silvia Lucero	Susan Tatum
Matthew de Ferranti	William Larme	Laura and Greg Watchman
Angela Dickey and Kit Norland	Diane and Warren Marton	
Donna Downing	Liz Mendez	

## UNDER \$250

Anonymous (320)	Jim Balick	Brad Bickford
Andrea Anderson	Christine Bamberger	Tim Biddle
Leslie Atkins	Erica Bardwell	Elizabeth Black and John Cook
Jim Avila	Lauryn Beltz	Celia Boddington



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## UNDER \$250 (CONTINUED)

Lynn Borton	Christopher Herrick	Marty Pike
Robin Broder	Debbie Hill	Adrienne Pilot
Eden Brown	Amy Hjerstedt	Brenda A. Pommerenke
L.J. Burke	Elenor and Rick Hodges	and Larry George
Marjorie A. Burnett	Sandra Hodges	Jennifer Purcell
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Matt Carlson	Joanne Hutton	Andrea Reese
Kate Ceste	James Jackson	Richard R. Rhoads
Chanda Choun	Eileen Janas	Elisabeth Rhyne
The Chrysanthou Family	Allen Joseph	Kai Robertson
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Shane Cochran	Takis Karantonis	Cheryl Roesel and Joseph Smith
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Helen K. Ely	Cecilia La Torre Ramirez	Steve Sockwell
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