

Watershed Farm & Forest

2006 Annual Report Edition

A Message from the Watershed Agricultural Council



**Fred Huneke,
Chair**

Thirteen years ago, the Watershed Agricultural Council filed its Certificate of Incorporation with the New York Department of State. Since that day, September 23, 1993, the WAC programs have evolved. From the Phase I Pilot Program for dairy farms to the current offerings in Small Farms, Forestry, Easements, and Economic Initiatives, each of these programs, albeit on a different scale, has been implemented in the Croton watershed system. Our success comes from the collaboration of many players, from the Council and its participating landowners to the City and our many partnering agencies and organizations. Special recognition has to go to those original 10 Pilot

Farms who were willing to take the risk of environmental scrutiny and allow Whole Farm Plans to be written on their farms based on an environmental review of their operations. This was truly unknown territory. The most frequently asked question we hear from our public audiences is “How did you get the farmers to sign up?” I believe that the answer, in simple relative terms, is that though the threat of regulation loomed, farmers in the watershed saw an opportunity to improve the environmental impact of their farms as it related to the overall environment and receive financial assistance to accomplish it. Today, we stand at 90% participation of what we define as large farms participating in the program. This is not only a testimony to that belief but also important for the continued investment by the City and partners. Couple this with the fact that as a result of this public-private partnership, New York City’s water supply is in the category of the purest in the nation. To perpetuate this success, we need to continually monitor and evaluate our programs in order to meet the changes and challenges of the future.

*Fred Huneke
Chair*



**Tom O'Brien,
Executive Director**

Indeed, 2006 proved to a very interesting year. On the organizational front, our Board and the Staff continued to develop their respective governance and operational practices. These measures moved the Watershed Agricultural Council to new heights of strategic thinking and action. While continuing to develop and integrate its programs to better serve both our landowner constituents and our funders, the WAC improved its relationships with its principal partners, the NYC DEP and the USDA Forest Service. While our “routine” work proceeded, some highlights of which I describe below, one major event stands out that merits special mention.

On June 27th, catastrophic flood conditions occurred which damaged many farms, businesses and homesteads, particularly those in Delaware County’s lower West Branch of the Delaware River, as well as in the Susquehanna watershed. The damage to infrastructure, fields, crops, topsoil, streambanks and channel stability remains a major economic and environmental challenge to WAC, its partners and the farm community. What stands out most in my mind is the resilience of those directly affected and the extraordinary response of the Watershed Agricultural Program partners and the New York City Department of Environmental Protection. Having been involved in several emergency response operations in other parts of the country, I have never seen such inter-agency cooperation and commitment to the job of helping those in need and getting the necessary repairs done, a job which remains ongoing. It was a privilege to support the work of the many professionals who performed this important work.

The Agricultural, Forestry and Easement Programs have come of age, illustrated best by American Farmland Trust’s recognition of River Haven Farm’s owner Tom Hutson as its national 2006 Steward of the Land. Tom was honored at a fitting ceremony last spring along the banks of the West Branch of the Delaware River.

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Fifteen years ago, Tom was one of our very first farm participants – a Pilot Farm. He also manages River Haven's woods with a WAC Forest Management Plan. He partnered with WAC yet again as one of the first WAC Easement farms, putting him among a small but growing number of WAC participants who demonstrate a well rounded commitment to sound conservation practices on the working landscape.

Perhaps our greatest strategic challenge, from 2006 forward, is our work with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, the water quality oversight agencies, and fellow stakeholders, in providing input to the next Filtration Avoidance Determination (FAD) and our future scope of work. Fulfilling our current commitments, while preparing our management and programmatic systems for anticipated developments, has been a monumental task requiring the dedication and vision of the WAC Board, the staff, our partners and our participants. While it is a period of some uncertainty for everyone, I remain confident that our work has great merit, has and will continue to provide the desired water quality services, and is recognized by our funders as a cost-effective solution to filtration avoidance.

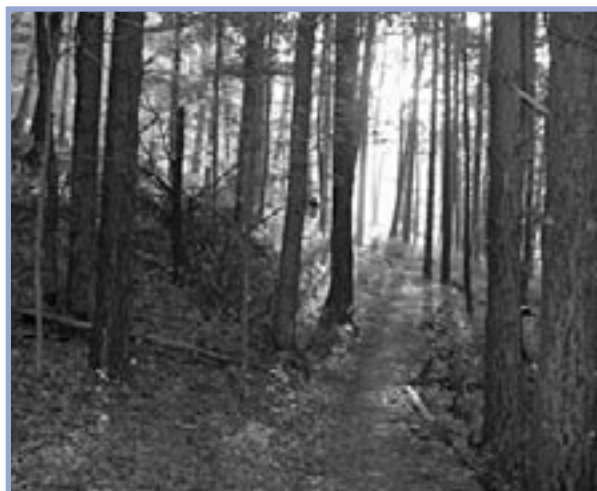
In 2006, WAC also completed the last full year of its Food Systems work as funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. The Kellogg Foundation has committed itself to the goal of increasing the amount and quality of local, fresh, safe, healthy food that is grown and consumed within a defined region. Locally, these food production processes employ sound conservation practices; the sale of such products provides a fair monetary return to the producer. The WAC has been privileged to be a grantee and participant in this national Food & Society Program. I personally look forward to continuing our work in this area and to helping make an economically and environmentally sustainable regional food system a reality.

In terms of new directions, the WAC is embarking upon a mission to develop and raise funds for a permanent endowment to provide perpetual easement stewardship services. Through its agricultural easement acquisitions, the WAC has entered into a permanent partnership with landowners that require us to jointly steward and uphold the conservation purposes of each easement. Working with landowners in perpetuity assures that sound conservation practices are employed and farmland viability

remains. The ultimate goal is to support farming; protecting farmland is the foundation of this pursuit. Establishing an endowment for permanent funding of these stewardship responsibilities is paramount to the legacy that we are establishing for current and future farming generations in the watershed region. It is my sincerest hope that our many landowner participants and the watershed stakeholders near and far will join the WAC in this effort.

In closing my 2006 report to you, I want to again thank the WAC Board, the dedicated staff, our many agency and organizational partners, watershed stakeholders, funders, and not in the least, our region's forest and farm landowners and practitioners who make what we do so worthwhile. It is truly a privilege to share this partnership with all of you – a partnership that continues to provide clean water to millions of citizens while supporting a viable, conservation-based economy.

Tom O'Brien
Executive Director



Water Quality Stewardship Programs for Farm & Forest Landowners

Whole Farm Planning

This year's devastating June flood demonstrated how strong the partnerships forged in the Watershed Agricultural Program really are. The program's experience implementing whole farm plans has helped to build exemplary capacity to handle crisis situations. Flood response teams representing federal, state, county, town, NYC and program staff were able to reach farmers quickly to assess and begin planning the repair to damaged conservation practices. These time-tested practices were pushed to new limits by punishing record-setting rainfall – over a foot fell in less than a week. Road access and crop and soil loss were the biggest issues and repair work severely impacted the WAP teams' abilities to reach original 2006 implementation goals. The common theme of the flood recovery was our respect for the patience and fortitude displayed by farmers during these extreme circumstances.

The exploration of a covered “bedded pack” system for animal waste management continued in 2006 with the installation of an on-farm project to study its potential to meet water quality protection goals. The bedded pack utilizes a dry bedding material such as

straw, hay or wood shavings in a covered area used for the feeding, watering and storage of livestock and their waste materials. This area is then cleaned and put to rest during the grazing season when animals live in rotated pasture. Evaluation of the system will continue, together with tours to show other farmers its promise.

In its tenth consecutive year, Clean Sweep Chemical Disposal Day met record numbers. In just two days, the Delaware County Department of Public Works orchestrated the safe disposal of pesticides and hazardous waste from 16 farms and over 250 total participants. This year, the Watershed Agricultural Council staff handled the comprehensive registration effort, fielding over 400 telephone calls from residents, farmers and businesses. WAC volunteers also assisted with event day logistics and manpower.



At Jake Fairbairn's grazing dairy in Arkville, cows live the winter months on a “bedded pack” which prevents runoff in winter months. The cows will hit the pasture when grass covers the land again in spring.

Conservation Easement Stewardship

With over 50 farm families in the WAC Easement Program, the Council has formed its first volunteer Committee for Fund Development in order to meet the goal of raising an endowment for the long-term stewardship of lands on which it holds easements. National and regional publicity for the program was garnered in 2006 when Tom Hutson of River Haven Farm in DeLancey was named Steward of the Land by American Farmland Trust for his leadership in farmland conservation efforts. WAC's Forestry Program complemented the Easement Program's efforts to raise awareness and funding for the endowment again this year by holding a Silent Auction and raising over \$5,000 at the Annual Forestry Dinner.



Tom Hutson of DeLancey's River Haven Farm was honored on the steps of City Hall in Manhattan and at a local ceremony.

Recognized by American Farmland Trust as their 2006 Steward of the Land, Hutson graciously received the national award bestowed yearly in memory of Peggy Rockefeller, an avid proponent of the importance of farmland conservation. His finest moments, however, remain atop his tractor with faithful friend, Maggie.

Photos Heather Hudson



Water Quality Stewardship Programs *continued...*

Watershed Forestry Program

The 2006 highlight of WAC's Forestry Program was the pilot project called Management Assistance Program (MAP). This new program offers incentives to forest landowners with an approved forest management plan to undertake the execution of timber stand improvement, wildlife improvements, and tree plantings in riparian and other areas. This popular initiative reinforces the good stewardship necessary to keep forests, and the watersheds they serve, healthy. In a special partnership with Vermont's *Northern Woodlands* Magazine, a special edition of the magazine titled *The Place You Call Home* was mailed to all landowners owning five-plus acres in the Catskill region.

Major progress was made toward the development of a third Model Forest for education, outreach and watershed research. The Siuslaw Model Forest, hosted by Cornell Cooperative Extension at the Agroforestry Resource Center on Route 23 in Greene County, will serve as a gateway location for the Forestry



Students of Cornell Cooperative Extension's Friday Forestry school take a moment during class to peruse articles in *The Place You Call Home*. This special edition of *Northern Woodlands* magazine highlighted responsible forest stewardship and was mailed to 14,000 Catskill landowners.

Program's many target audiences. A ribbon cutting is planned for May 19, 2007.

Logger Training incentives were reviewed and improved to provide more targeted service to this important audience, as well as for landowners who need a high level of understanding of what works for loggers in the field. The bridge loan program continues to be a cornerstone of WAC's work with loggers. In the Croton Watershed region, a goal was established to build understanding of forestry issues among forest landowners and their elected officials on town boards and planning boards. Regionally, the Forestry Program became a partner in an important team effort to grapple with early detection and eradication of invasive plant species.



Dr. René Germain of SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry is honored with the Karl Connell Award for Watershed Forestry for his contribution in the founding and development of a network of Model Forest sites for science and outreach. Present at the ceremony (l-r): WAC Forestry Program Manager Tom Pavlesich, WAC Forestry Committee member Dr. Germain, WAC Executive Director Tom O'Brien and Dan Palm, Chair of the Forestry Committee and member of the WAC Board of Directors.

East of Hudson Program

The East of Hudson Program marked the year with a number of "firsts" in each program area. The Forestry Program executed the first Management Approval Plan awards to East of Hudson landowners, and plans were approved for the first East of Hudson timber harvest. The Forestry Program also partnered with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Westchester County to offer a "Field Day for Arborists" at Lasdon Park and Arboretum.

An East of Hudson program participant, Hemlock Hill Farm, was the first Westchester County farm to be awarded a grant under the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets for the purposes of securing a conservation easement. The successful application, submitted by the Westchester County Farmland Protection Board, was a cooperative collaboration of the Westchester Land Trust and the WAC East of Hudson Program. The WAC will be responsible for stewarding the easement.

The Agriculture program also initiated several "firsts" this year. The East of Hudson Program hosted a Fall



A Texas contingent of water quality professionals and policy makers visited East of Hudson farms to learn more about WAC's program and the implementation of non-point source water protection practices.

Water Quality Stewardship Programs

East of Hudson Program... *continued*

Pasture Walk at Hilltop Hanover Farm conducted by WAC Small Farms Coordinator, Dan Flaherty. At the invitation of the New York Soil and Water Conservation Committee, EoH also hosted an Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) Training Workshop for horse farm owners in the Lower Hudson Valley. The WAC-sponsored conservation work on Akindale Farm was recognized with articles in the winter edition of *Clearwater* magazine published by the New York Water Environment Association, and in *Stormwater*, a nationally circulated magazine for water quality and environmental professionals.

Watershed Branding on the Web and in the Community

Funding from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation made possible the launch of *Pure Catskills* web-based guide to farm products at www.purecatskills.com. Consumers can search the site by product or region, while farmers can create listings of their retail or wholesale products. Product marketing materials with the slogan "Good Food, Clean Water" will become part of a membership package to those joining this regional "Buy Local" campaign. This year, seventeen organizations of every shape and size qualified for WAC mini-grants to promote agriculture at community events during the upcoming year.

Catskill WoodNet, a branding and information network for wood-based businesses, is nearing completion of its web-site, www.catskillwoodnet.org. Similar to its sister initiative *Pure Catskills*, Catskill WoodNet will serve sawmills, woodworkers, galleries and other local outlets. Promoting locally crafted forest products from New York's Catskill Mountains, the project is scheduled to launch in early 2007. In addition to the branding campaign, funding assistance to wood businesses was available again this year.



In August, EoH staff hosted a tour of Hemlock Hill Farm for Jon Scholl, Agriculture Advisor to the Administrator of the EPA, and other members of the regional EPA staff.



Participating WAC farmers joined staff and partners to celebrate their accomplishments at the First Annual "Down Off the Farm Day." Festivities featured music, games and a barbecue with local salad greens at the Delaware County Fairgrounds. WAP staff pictured from l-r: Assistant Ag Program Manager Elaine Poulin, Small Farms Coordinator Dan Flaherty, Executive Assistant Becky O'Dell, and Engineering Specialist Paula Christman.



Pure Catskills farms and businesses, like Pika's Quiche, shared their bounty with holiday shoppers at the first-ever farm Holiday Market held at Belleayre Ski Mountain last December.



Implementation Report

West of Hudson Large Farms

<i>Best Management Practice</i>	<i>Number of BMPs</i>
Waste Management System	16
Waste Storage Facility	4
Brush Management	3
Stream Intervention (Channelization)	7
Conservation Crop Rotation	1
Cover Crop	2
Diversion	1
Pond	1
Fencing	18
Riparian Forest Buffer CREP	26
Filter Strip	3
Grasses & Legumes in Rotation	1
Obstruction Removal	1
Pasture & Hayland Planting	6
Pipeline and Trough	4
Prescribed Grazing	6
Roof Runoff Management System	2
Access Road	7
Heavy Use Area Protection	5
Spring Development CREP	2
Animal Trails & Walkway	12
Stripcropping	2
Structure for Water Control	1
Nutrient Management Plan	53
Pesticide Management - NPURG	11

West of Hudson Large Farms (cont.)

<i>Best Management Practice</i>	<i>Number of BMPs</i>
Subsurface Drain	1
Tree & Shrub Planting - CREP	10
Tree & Shrub Planting - Natural Regeneration CREP	11
Tree & Shrub Planting - Mowing	1
Watering Facility	6
Waste Transfer System	3
Barnyard Water Management System	11
Waste Utilization	50
Record Keeping	47
Manure Pile	20
Roofed Barnyard	3
Calf Greenhouse	1
Calf Kennel	2
Enhanced Nutrient Management Credit	5
Water Mngt. System - Storage Facility Cover	1
Waste Transfer System - Milkhouse	1
Loader	1
Dump Trailer	1
Rubber Tire Scraper	1
Locked Storage Site	1
Bridge Replacement	1
<i>Total West of Hudson BMPs Implemented in 2006</i>	<i>373</i>
<i>Total DEP Cost (Includes Enhanced NMCP)</i>	<i>\$1,620,699</i>
<i>Total Other Funds</i>	<i>\$157,517</i>

Implementation Report

Small Farms

Best Management Practice	No. of Best Management Practices
Critical Area Planting	1
Fencing	9
Pasture & Hayland Planting	1
Pipeline & Trough	7
Access Road	3
Heavy Use Area Protection	4
Spring Development	6
Animal Trails & Walkway	7
Structure of Water Control	1
Tree & Shrub Planting	1
Tree & Shrub Planting - Shelters CREP	1
Underground Outlet	1
Barnyard Water Management System	2
Roofed Barnyard	2
Calf Housing Structure	1
Manure Storage Renovation	1
Waste Utilization	1
Conservation Crop Rotation	1
Cover Crop	1
Riparian Forest Buffer CREP	8
Nutrient Management Plan	10
Tree & Shrub Planting - Natural Regeneration CREP	2
Waste Utilization	9
Record Keeping	10
Manure Pile	4
<i>Total Small Farm BMPs Implemented in 2006</i>	84
<i>Total DEP Cost</i>	\$221,407
<i>Total Other Funds</i>	\$60,267

Forest and Timber Harvest Roads Accomplishments Summary 2006

Road Type	Forest Roads	Timber Harvest Roads
# Roads	2	17
Total Paid	\$2,522.00	\$47,152.76
Road Layout (ft)	10,150	123,022
Water Bars (ea)	60	1,010
Broad Based Dips (ea)	1	15
GeoTextile (lf)		50
Stone (yds)		257
Hay Bales (ea)		35
Corduroy (lf)		238
Stabilized (acre)	1	17.5
Culverts (lf)		100

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East of Hudson Farms

Best Management Practice	No. of Best Management Practices
Waste Management System	4
Brush Management	1
Contour Buffer Strips	1
Fencing	5
Filter Strip	2
Use Exclusion - Repair	1
Pipeline	7
Roof Runoff Management System	5
Access Road	1
Heavy Use Area Protection	8
Structure for Water Control	1
Subsurface Drain	4
Watering Facility	7
Underground Outlet	2
Nutrient Management Plan	5
Record Keeping	1
<i>Total East of Hudson BMPs Implemented in 2006</i>	55
<i>Total DEP Cost</i>	\$231,040
<i>Total Other Funds</i>	\$40,510

Conservation Easement Program 2006

	# of Farms	# of Acres	Total Cost
2006	13	3,809	\$5,276,767
To Date	68	13,407	\$13,901,066

Forest Management Plan Accomplishments 2006

	# of Plans	# of Acres	Total Cost
2006	77	13,077	\$78,062
To Date	607	107,497	\$609,657



Finance Report

Watershed Agricultural Council of the New York City Watershed, Inc.

Schedule of Activities - By Program - Unrestricted for the years ended June 30, 2006, 2005 & 2004

DEP Revenue:

Program Services:

	2006	2005	2004
Whole Farm Planning	\$520,597	\$499,115	\$732,155
Agricultural BMP Implementation and Construction	3,289,563	4,407,216	4,020,213
Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program	64,075	39,162	64,653
Croton System	554,296	482,372	474,833
Small Farms Program	135,406	186,447	65,702
Sustainable Agricultural Education	273,208	196,026	199,812
Program Administration	860,494	1,097,587	1,406,652
Forestry	412,009	418,116	368,284
Easements	3,716,539	5,057,810	1,568,924
Research	55,215	90,852	88,325

Total Program Revenue

9,881,402	12,474,703	8,989,553
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Other Revenue:

Federal Awards	763,075	1,135,975	763,655
Foundation Grants	42,819	31,318	74,188
Interest	7,673	735	1,850
Economic Development and Other Grants	78,431	21,675	105,297
Other	10,305	10,905	8,190
Donated Services	1,174,100	1,779,594	1,114,427

Total Other Revenue

2,076,403	2,980,202	2,067,607
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Total Program & Other Revenue Carried Forward

\$11,957,805	\$15,454,905	\$11,057,160
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Expenditures:

Whole Farm Planning	520,597	499,115	732,155
Agricultural BMP Implementation and Construction	3,289,983	4,407,366	4,085,193
Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program	64,075	39,161	64,655
Croton System	633,780	482,372	548,869
Small Farms Program	135,406	144,360	65,702
Farmer Education	0	0	123,712
Program Administration	850,589	1,109,470	1,388,121
Forestry	925,138	1,229,870	884,992
Natural Resource Viability	317,977	232,361	80,522
Education and Outreach	0	123,207	61,839
Easements	3,711,571	5,063,347	1,501,189
Research	253,123	272,757	257,491
Depreciation	101,817	105,577	83,093
Donated Services	1,174,100	1,779,594	1,114,427

Acquisition of Fixed Assets

(50,171)	(31,166)	(350,531)
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Total Expenditures

11,927,985	15,457,392	10,641,429
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Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures

29,820	(2,487)	415,731
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Net Assets, Beginning

865,401	867,888	452,157
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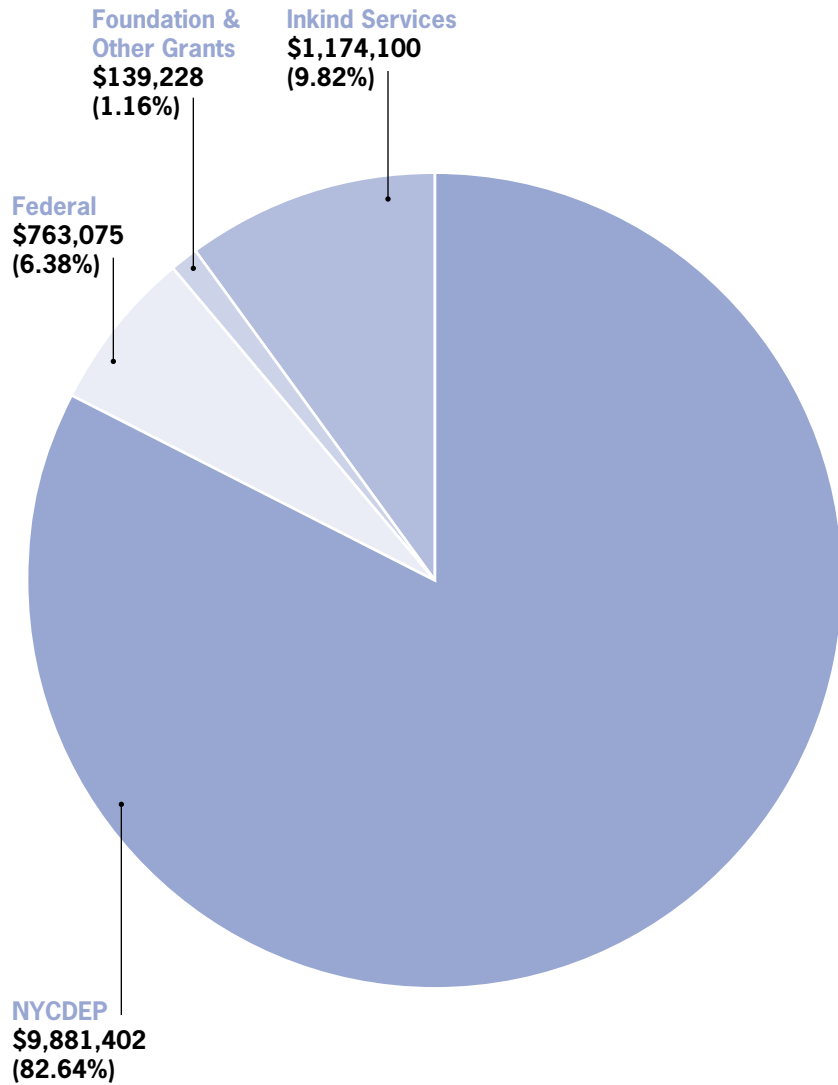
Net Assets, Ending

\$895,221	\$865,401	\$867,888
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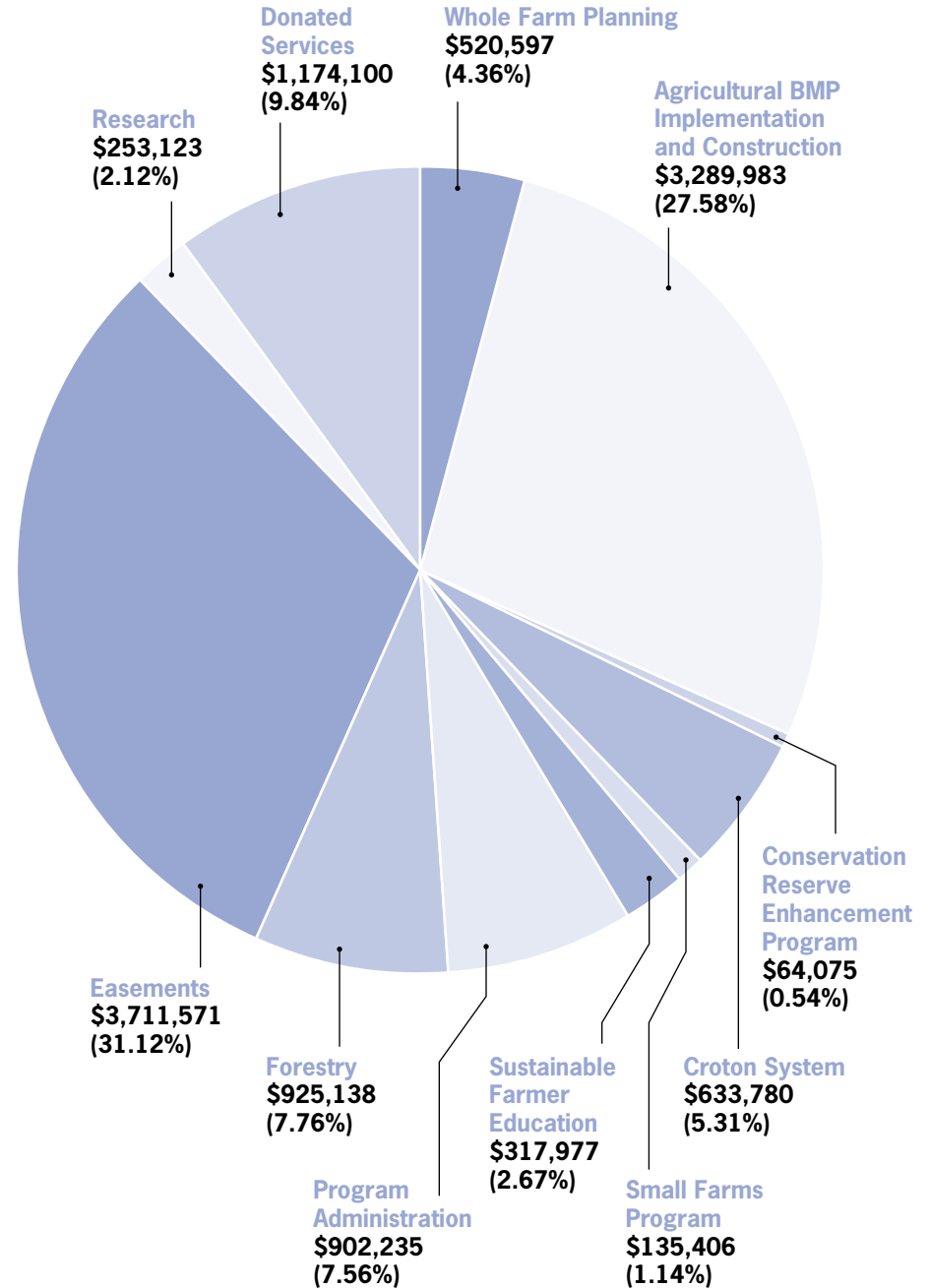
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Finance Report

Revenues



Expenditures



Behind the Mission

The Watershed Agricultural Council (WAC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization primarily funded by New York City Department of Environmental Protection with additional funding from the USDA Forest Service, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, and other federal, foundation and private sources. The WAC is an equal opportunity provider and employer. The WAC thanks the people and partners who help us meet our mission to support the economic viability of agriculture and forestry through the protection of water quality and the promotion of land conservation in the New York City Watershed region.

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Mark Your Calendar in 2007

A littany of events promoting agriculture and forestry products dots the watershed region in 2007. Along with the arrival of the updated *Pure Catskills* Buy Local Guide in July, local food afficiandos will relish the culinary delights at luncheon extravaganzas held at various Delaware County restaurants the last week of August. Harvest fresh is the name of the game at Margaretville's Cauliflower Festival and Stamford's Scarecrow Festival in late September. In October, small farm and forestry entrepreneurs yearning to learn more will find the WAC staff ready to talk about programs at the Northeast Small Farm & Rural Living Expo at the Ulster County Fairgrounds, New Paltz. The 3rd Annual Forestry Dinner on November 1st will celebrate the program's 10-year anniversary. Check our website www.nycwatershed.org for the latest list of WAC-sponsored events.

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