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ANNUAL REPORT **2025**





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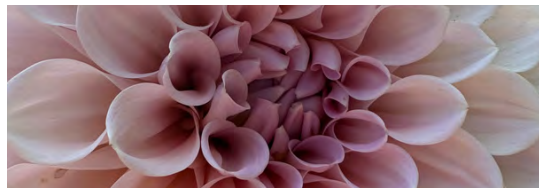
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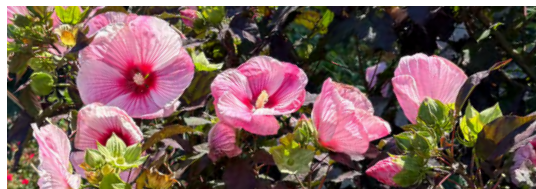
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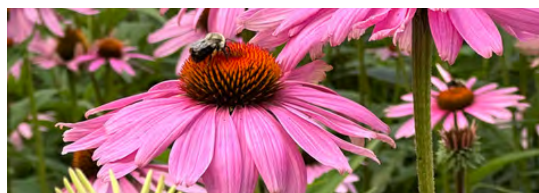
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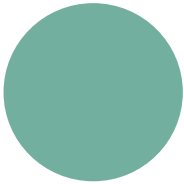


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Donor
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2025 at a Glance

Thanks to your generous support, 2025 was a year of strong progress for the Foundation. We restored a riparian buffer, treated hundreds of hemlocks, and managed invasive species across more than 40 acres. Volunteers improved nearly 2 miles of trails, posted over 7 miles of easement boundaries, and helped with our deer management program that provided 4,300 meals to local food banks. Through events and engagement, we continue to connect people to the landscapes we protect.

Your contributions enable the continuation of our efforts. Each donation, membership, volunteer hour, and word of encouragement supports our efforts to preserve forest environments, rehabilitate habitats, and maintain a healthy watershed for future generations. On behalf of the Board, staff, and all who benefit, thank you for helping safeguard this special place.

Sincerely,
Board of Trustees



Above, you can see board members and staff in attendance at the 2025 Annual Concert.

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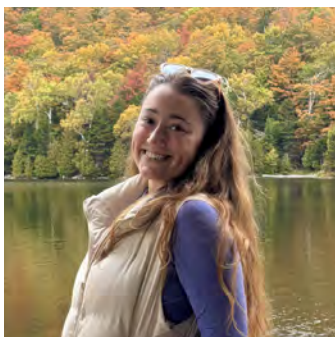
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STEWARDSHIP

Together, our forest management efforts demonstrate that active, science-based stewardship is essential to restoring forest health, protecting water resources, supporting wildlife habitat, and ensuring the long-term resilience of ecosystems in and around Buck Hill Falls.

Invasive Plant Remediation

Guided by an Audubon-funded update to our 10-year Forest Management Plan, the Foundation expanded invasive plant control efforts by treating 24 sensitive acres in Jenkins Woods and fully addressing knotweed along Buck Hill Creek. We continued work on Chestnut Mountain by treating 6 miles of trails to help slow the spread of invasives, while also improving hiking conditions.



Deer Management

Despite a cold and challenging winter, Ranger Joe and a dedicated group of volunteers spent seven nights working in the field, successfully harvesting 37 deer in support of forest health. Thanks to their persistence and teamwork, they provided approximately 4,300 meals through Hunters Sharing the Harvest to help local families in need while advancing our stewardship goals.



Community Planting

The Foundation restored a sensitive riparian buffer between Buck Hill and Griscom Creeks by planting 750 native saplings, including over 100 planted during a community event, with trees donated by the Brodhead Watershed Association through the Keystone 10 Million Trees Partnership.

Hemlock Conservation

Through our multi-year Hemlock Conservation Program, the Foundation is protecting high priority Eastern Hemlocks surrounding the creeks from attack by the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid. We've already treated over a thousand trees, with noticeable improvement in their health, supporting long-term ecosystem protection of this foundation species.



Beech Tree Disease and Forest Resilience

In response to the widespread decline of American Beech on Chestnut and Spruce Mountains due to concurrent leaf and bark diseases, the Foundation initiated a multi-year strategy aimed at supporting forest transition. This strategy focuses on promoting the growth of native plants and improving wildlife habitat, while also managing invasive plant species and deer populations.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Annual Meeting

Our 2025 Annual Meeting welcomed more than 50 attendees to review accomplishments, share updates, highlight stewardship initiatives, and welcome three new Trustees, reflecting strong community engagement and organizational growth.



The Jack Dugan Award was presented to Susan Worth (left) in recognition of her outstanding leadership, including six years as Board President and twelve years as a Trustee, and her lasting impact on the Foundation and the Buck Hill community.

Community Garden

This year's garden party was a great success, bringing the community together for shared dishes and project updates. Congratulations to Carol Klatt and Elise Ross as winners of best garden plot.



Trail Gang

Over a dozen volunteers helped Ranger Joe clean up the Bird Sanctuary, post the boundaries of the new Metzgars Conservation Easement, and clear trails - including the new Henry Trail in the Woodside Property, and the Black Bear Trail connecting Spruce and Chestnut Mountains. We thank our 2025 Trail Gangs and look forward to working with this year's volunteers!



Hikes of 2025

- Vernal Pond Hike
- Bird Watching with Frank May
- Family Friendly Hike
- Introduction to Trout Stream Ecology
- Chestnut Mountain Hike
- Jenkins Woods Evening Stroll
- Mount Wismer Fall Foliage Hike
- Metzgars Farm to Rattlesnake Falls



FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES

Grants Awarded in 2025

Audubon Mid-Atlantic

Thanks to funding from Audubon Mid-Atlantic, we have an updated 10-year Forest Management Plan to guide our stewardship activities.

The Brodhead Watershed Association

650 native tree saplings were generously donated by Brodhead Watershed Association through their Keystone 10 Million Tree Partnership to help restore a riparian buffer in Jenkins Woods.

Open Space Institute

This grant from the Open Space Institute provided funds to support the acquisition of the Metzgars Conservation Easement on ecologically significant land in exchange for the Buck Hill Falls Inn Site.

The Claneil Foundation

Unrestricted funding from The Claneil Foundation provides flexible support for our conservation work, strengthening land protection, habitat restoration, and community engagement efforts.

Walmart Spark Good Local Grants

This grant supports planned improvements to the Chestnut Mountain overlook, that will provide a level observation area with a railing featuring interpretive signage.

Pennsylvania Wildlife Federation

This grant provides funding for the Foundation's Hemlock Conservation Project, which helps preserve the habitat necessary for naturally reproducing trout.



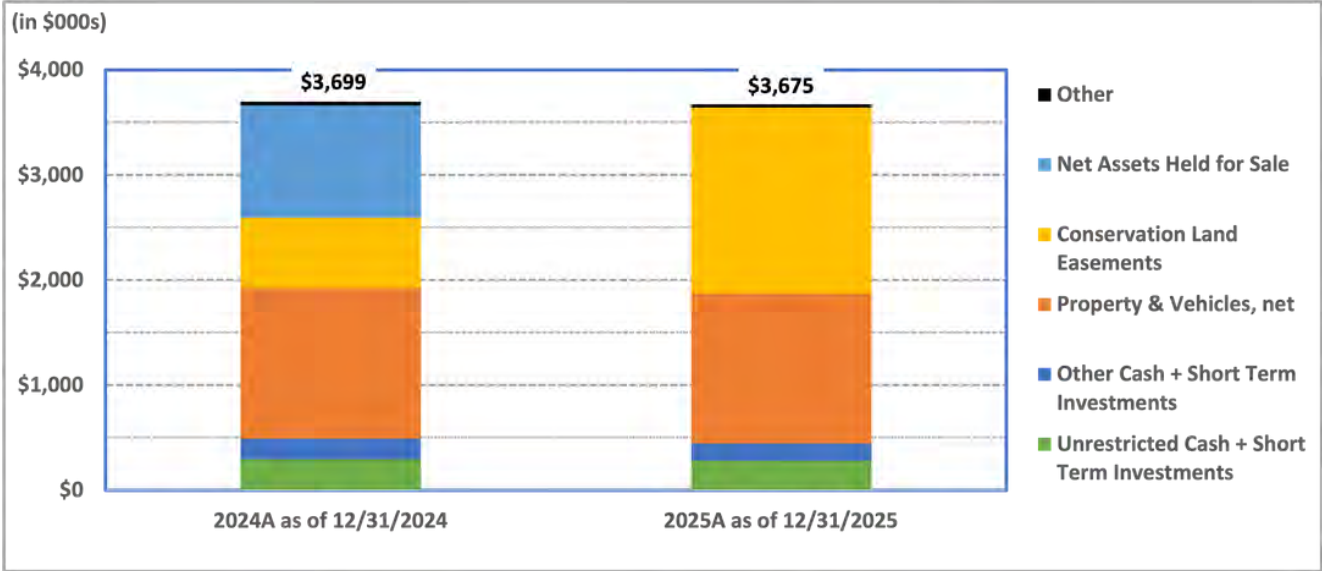
Summer Concert

The Foundation’s annual Summer Concert brings the community together for music, food, and connection – while highlighting our work. In 2025, the event at Skyland Farm featured Southside Station and catering by Barley Creek Brewing Company. Strong attendance, despite unpredictable weather, helped raise funds for our ongoing conservation while celebrating the Foundation’s mission.



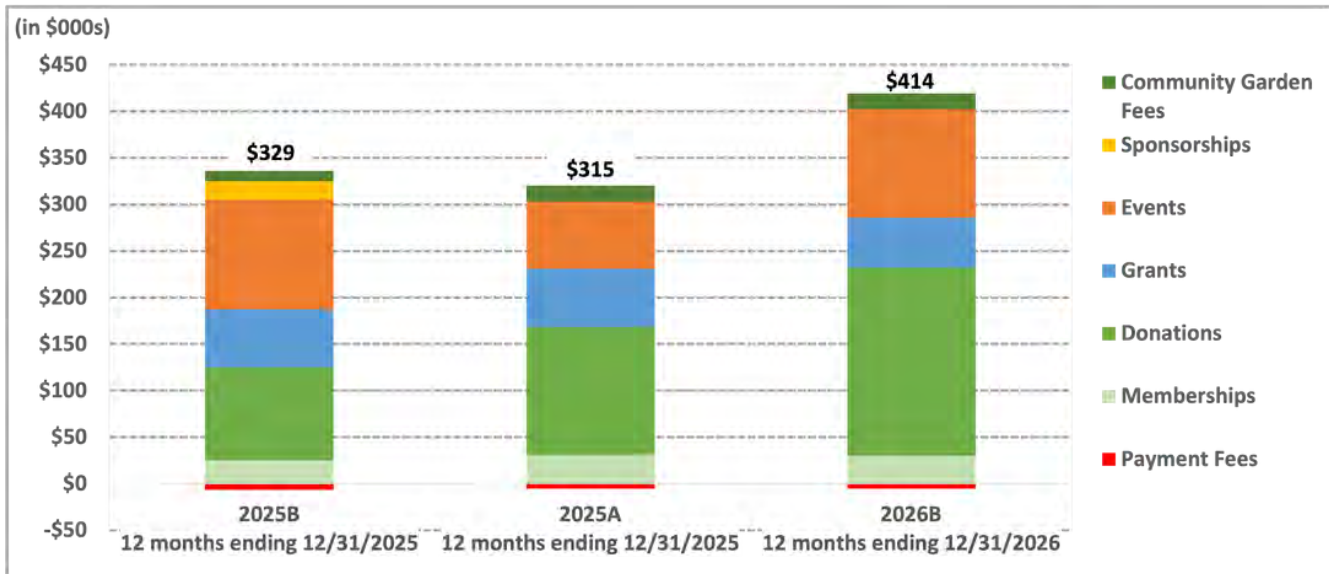
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

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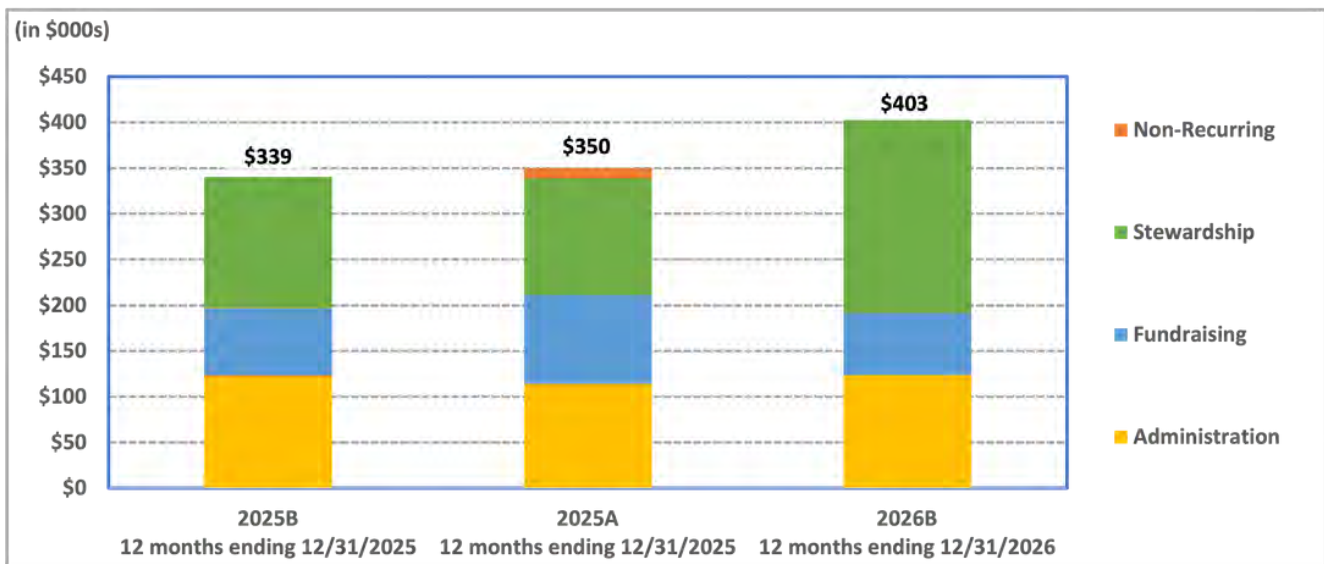
As of December 31, 2025, the Foundation had total cash and short-term investments of \$445K. This amount is 1.3 times greater than total cash expenses budgeted for 2026. The Foundation’s short-term investments are held primarily in mutual funds. As of December 31, 2025, 63% of total cash and short-term investments were unrestricted.

Cash Revenue



In 2025, the Foundation generated total cash revenues of \$315K net of payment transaction costs. Total cash revenues increased by 1.5% from 2024. The Board of Trustees approved an annual budget that targets total cash revenues of \$414K in 2026. The 2026 budget represents a 31.3% increase in total revenue. This large increase is supported by a large donation received in February 2026 on the condition that the Foundation accelerate its stewardship programs. The Board of Trustees intends to achieve its 2026 revenue target by combining this large donation with an increase in event ticket sales, grant awards, sponsorships, donations and memberships.

Cash Expenditures



In 2025, the Foundation incurred total cash expenditures of \$350K, including \$11K of non-recurring expenses related to the Inn Site transaction. Total cash expenditures increased by 13.4% from 2024. The Board of Trustees approved a budget that provides for total cash expenditures of \$403K in 2026. The increase in the budget reflects an acceleration of stewardship programs and is supported by a large donation for this purpose received in February 2026.

DONOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Buck Hill Conservation Foundation acknowledges the following contributions by our donors from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

Visionary \$10,000+

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Jennifer McNeil
Tyler and Katie Miller

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Donations In Memoriam

We want to thank everyone who donated in memory of their loved ones during 2025. We received donations in memory of Charlie Dickson, John and Anne Ruvane, Nancy Hayden, and Stephen Bennett. Below are the donations made in memoriam:

Charlie Dickson

- Karen Chase

John and Anne Ruvane

- John and Sharon Ruvane

Nancy Hayden

- Andrea Kasper
- Corey and Jonne Smith
- Elizabeth Garnett
- Elizabeth Strobe

Nancy Hayden continued

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- Karen Bogosian
- Kim Richter
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- Pat and Patty Lawrence
- Patrick and Nancy Farren
- Robert and Carol Keller

Nancy Hayden continued

- Rose Follmer
- Steve and Becky Vosburgh
- Theresa Keane
- Thomas and Elizabeth Balderston

Stephen Bennett

- Ann L. Kendall
- Deborah and William Ethridge
- Janice and Ronald Peterson
- Phyllis Santry

Donations In Honor

We extend our gratitude to those who made donations in honor of others during 2025. We received donations in honor of Gary Lasher, Jackson Place, John Styk, Rob Frehse and Chris Robbins, and Tina Bennett. Below are the donations made in honor:

Gary Lasher

- Perry and MaryAnna Kreidman
- Rob and Claire O'Mara

Jackson Place

- Karen Breimann and John Place

John Styk

- David and Marina Ottaway

Rob Frehse and Chris Robbins

- Foxhowe Association

Tina Bennett

- Guggenheim Foundation

Lifetime Members

Frank May

John Styk

The donor list reflects total cash and in-kind donations received by the Foundation from each individual or family during 2025, including only contributions for which no value was received and excluding purchases such as event tickets, raffle tickets, wine vault keys, and community garden plot licenses. If you believe your placement on the list is incorrect or missing, please contact the Foundation at info@tbhcf.org. The donor list and tax statements provided by the Foundation are not intended as tax advice, and donors are encouraged to consult a professional regarding the tax treatment of their contributions.

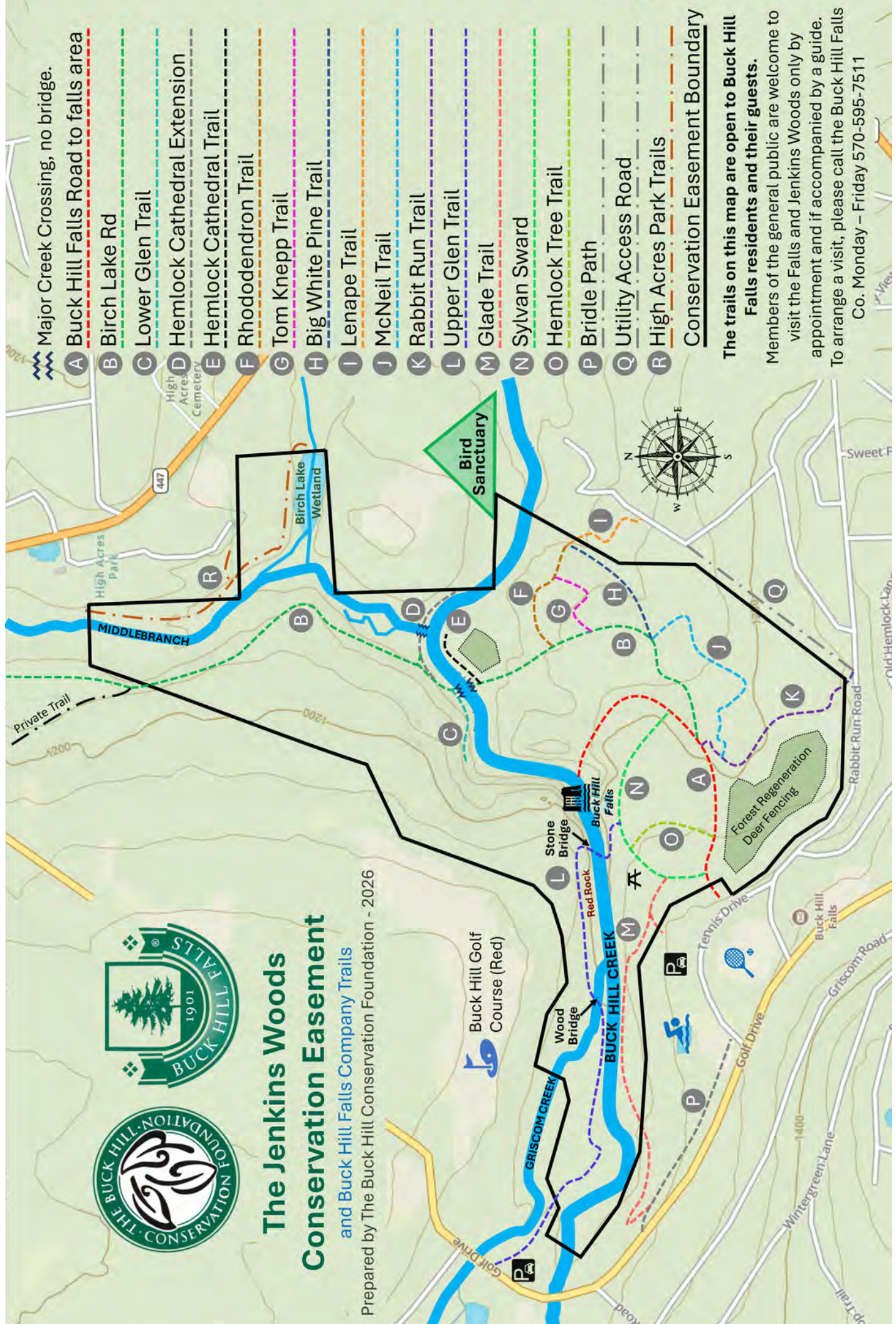


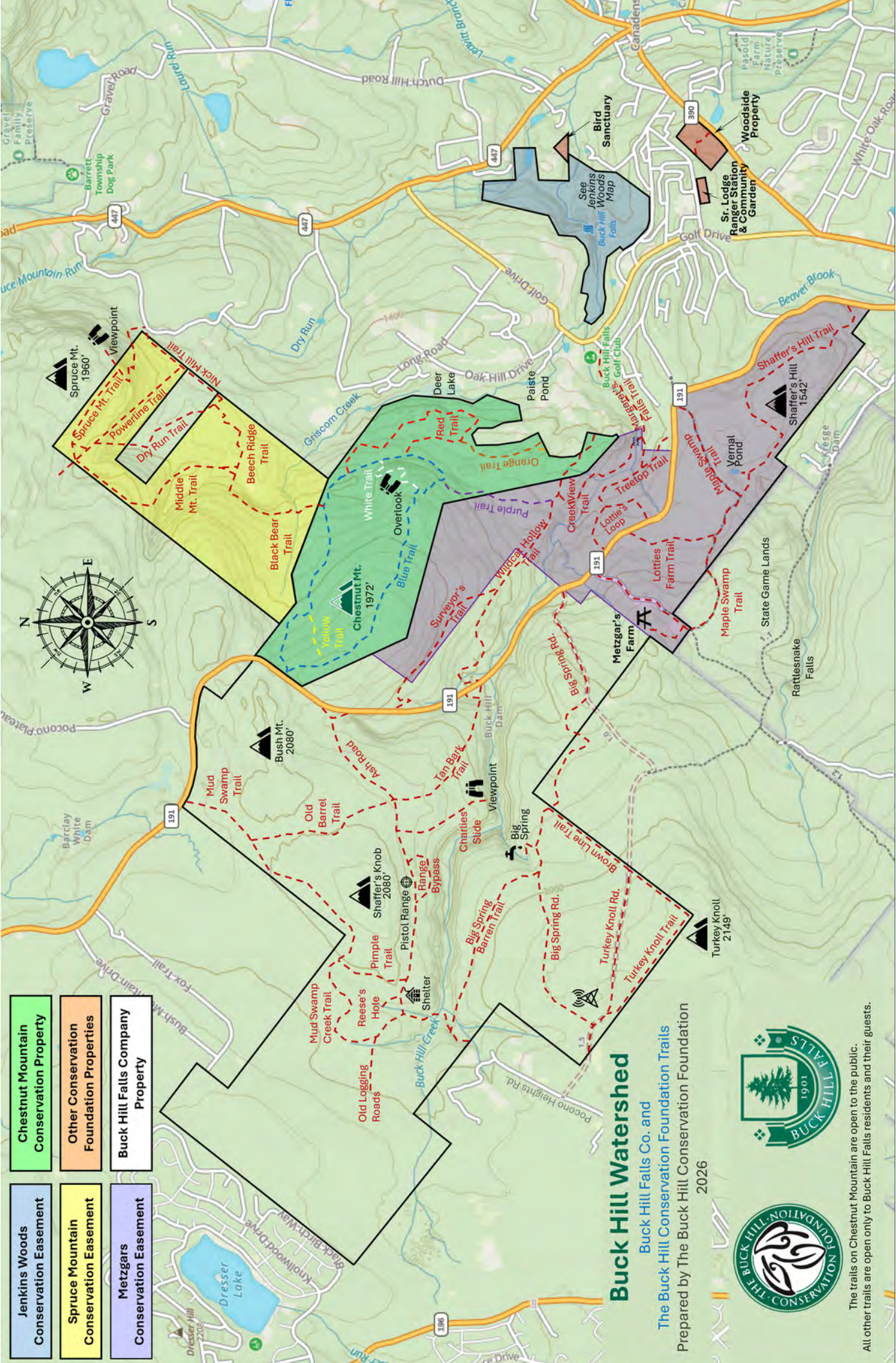


The Jenkins Woods Conservation Easement

and Buck Hill Falls Company Trails

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- Spruce Mountain Conservation Easement
- Metzgars Conservation Easement
- Chestnut Mountain Conservation Property
- Other Conservation Foundation Properties
- Buck Hill Falls Company Property

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The trails on Chestnut Mountain are open to the public.
 All other trails are open only to Buck Hill Falls residents and their guests.