

# 2024 FINANCIALS

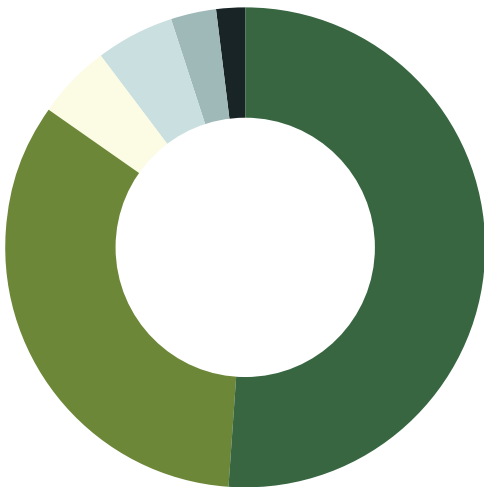
January 1st through December 31st

## Expenses



Land	\$2,575,279	55%
Water	\$639,187	14%
Air	\$434,151	8%
Support Services	\$813,023	17%
Fundraising	\$243,446	5%
Total	\$4,705,086	100%

## Revenue



Foundation Grants	\$2,575,279	51%
Government Grants	\$813,023	34%
Program Services	\$639,187	5%
Special Events	\$434,151	5%
Contributions	\$243,446	3%
Other	\$91,213	2%
Total	\$4,728,537	100%

## Thank You for Your Generosity

We are grateful for our donors, partners, foundation and government grant funders, sponsors, volunteers, and all those who support our work across the Commonwealth. Your contributions will advance environmental stewardship, clean energy, and equitable outdoor recreation throughout Pennsylvania.

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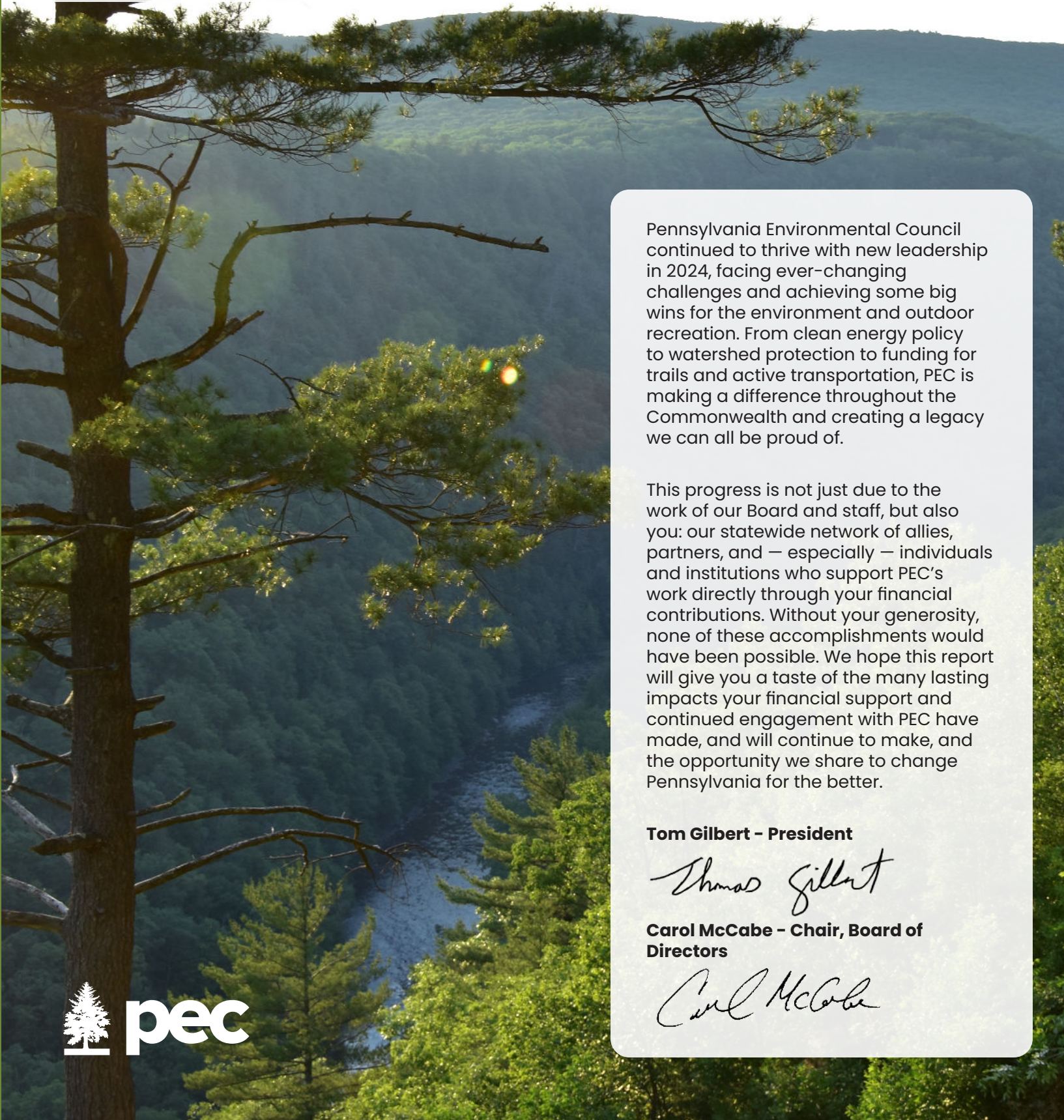


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# PENNSYLVANIA ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

## 2024 Annual Report



Pennsylvania Environmental Council continued to thrive with new leadership in 2024, facing ever-changing challenges and achieving some big wins for the environment and outdoor recreation. From clean energy policy to watershed protection to funding for trails and active transportation, PEC is making a difference throughout the Commonwealth and creating a legacy we can all be proud of.

This progress is not just due to the work of our Board and staff, but also you: our statewide network of allies, partners, and – especially – individuals and institutions who support PEC’s work directly through your financial contributions. Without your generosity, none of these accomplishments would have been possible. We hope this report will give you a taste of the many lasting impacts your financial support and continued engagement with PEC have made, and will continue to make, and the opportunity we share to change Pennsylvania for the better.

**Tom Gilbert – President**

**Carol McCabe – Chair, Board of Directors**



# PEC'S STATEWIDE IMPACT

## Celebrating Our Rivers



Every summer, hundreds of Pennsylvanians turn out to explore their favorite waterways as part of a **Pennsylvania River Sojourn**. The popular DCNR program supports more than a dozen paddling events across the state through competitive mini-grants administered by PEC's affiliate group, the **Pennsylvania Organization for Watersheds and Rivers (POWR)**. These guided group outings can be anything from a one-day float to a week-long adventure, but they all share a focus on fun, stewardship, and watershed education. POWR also manages DCNR's Pennsylvania River of the Year program, which announced the Allegheny River as 2024's **River of the Year**.



## Closing Trail Gaps



PEC joined Armstrong Trails, DCNR, and hundreds of happy trail users in November to celebrate the opening of the **Brady Tunnel** in Clarion County. The former railroad tunnel, nearly a half-mile long and more than a century old, was crossed off of DCNR's list of Top Ten Trail Gaps thanks to Appalachian Regional Commission funding secured by PEC, creating 100 miles of fully connected Armstrong Trails.

## Expanding Access



PEC and partners are working hard to expand access to outdoor recreation and adventure sports in suburban Pittsburgh, through projects like a new cycling and outdoor climbing facility installed last year at Allegheny County's **Boyce Park**. The project grew out of a 2020 PEC study seeking opportunities to introduce residents of historically underserved outlying communities to rock climbing and mountain biking in a safe and accessible space.

## Exploring Gravel



The fifth PEC **Public Lands Ride** brought more than 150 riders to the trails and gravel backroads of Black Moshannon State Park and adjacent Moshannon State Forest in September. Launched in 2019 as a celebration of public lands, and capitalizing on the popularity of the fastest-growing form of cycling, the Ride has grown to become one of Pennsylvania's premier gravel-riding events.

## Clean Energy



For years, PEC has advocated for innovative, workable solutions to **decarbonizing power generation** in Pennsylvania, the nation's largest exporter of electricity. Our recommendations have been embraced in Governor Shapiro's energy agenda, which includes proposals for cap-and-invest carbon pricing and more robust alternative energy portfolio standards, and we played a formative role in a new state initiative to reduce emissions from the industrial sector. Last year we fought successfully for legislation that establishes a regulatory framework — one of the strongest in the U.S. — for carbon capture and storage.

## Outdoor Ambassadors



Pennsylvania is home to eight DCNR-designated Conservation Landscapes: regions with a combination of natural features, local history, and "sense of place" that lends itself to economic development through outdoor recreation. PEC serves as an external partner for two Conservation Landscapes: the **Laurel Highlands** in southwestern PA, and the **Pocono Forests & Waters** region in the northeast. In 2024 PEC created the Outdoor Ambassadors program, which provides training and resources for park staff, hospitality workers, and others who interact with visitors, to ensure they get the most out of their time in the area.



## Stormwater Solutions



2024 saw the culmination of the **Delaware River Watershed Initiative (DRWI)**, a years-long, multi-state effort to develop stormwater management practices through sustained collaboration among local stakeholders. PEC served as coordinator for one of eight regional DRWI partnerships working on everything from environmental education programs to green stormwater infrastructure (GSI) and stream restoration work. The William Penn Foundation-funded initiative will have lasting impacts on the region, in terms of both water quality and the culture of cooperation the initiative has fostered.

## Trails for Everyone



For almost as long as urban communities have been building trails, they've relied on a funding system that prioritized motor vehicle infrastructure and forced a convoluted, piecemeal approach. That changed in 2024 when the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) — at the urging of five counties and cheered on by trail advocates across the region — put trails at the center of its vision for a cleaner, more equitable, and better-connected transportation system. As Chair of the **Circuit Trails Coalition**, PEC led the charge, helping to secure more than \$215 million for critical trail connections throughout Greater Philly.

