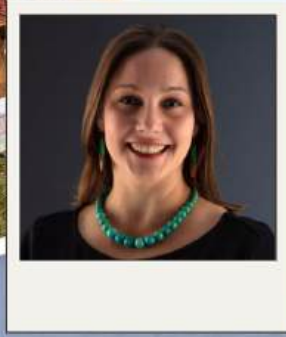




Rebuilding & Growing a Regenerative Future



HORN FARM CENTER
2024 ANNUAL REPORT



The Horn Farm Center 2025 Board of Directors at the March 2025 Farmhouse and Education Center groundbreaking

A Letter from the President Lauren Washburn Hayman

Regenerative has been a buzzword for several years now, and at the Horn Farm Center, we are an education-focused nonprofit that practices regenerative agriculture. But what does that mean? And who is this “regenerative” stuff for?

At its core, something that is regenerative supports new life. We grow food in ways that support crop health while we also improve soil, air, and water quality, and so, we practice regenerative agriculture.

Because we are a nonprofit, we can embrace regenerative practices more broadly:

- We can plan, experiment, and teach in ways that farmers who must rely on productivity cannot, and we can share and celebrate our successes and our failures so the successes can be repeated at homes and on farms in our region.
- We can scale our regenerative practices so a family with a garden or a container on a windowsill can grow healthy food *and* contribute to environmental health.
- We can experiment with plantings like our multifunctional riparian buffer that holds soil in place along our waterways and provides wildlife habitat, food for humans, and building and crafting products.

- We can teach the lost skills of repairing what’s broken—like sewing a missing button on a shirt or mending a hole in a sweater.
- We can take our students for a walk in the meadow and in the woods so they can see, touch, and taste plants that they can forage while they also learn to steward wild spaces.

**All of this is regenerative,
and it is for everyone.**

As I look back on 2024, I am grateful for the students who became our friends, the staff and instructors who built and led our programs, the board that envisioned what could be done, and the community that supported the important work we do here at the Horn Farm Center.

As I look forward to 2025, I am filled with excitement for our new programs, the reconstruction of our farmhouse and new, year-round education center, the land work that will continue to build and strengthen ecosystems, and the camaraderie of the Horn Farm Center community.

I hope you enjoy this look back and join us as we rebuild and grow a regenerative future!



Footprints left behind by a possum at a vernal pool at the Horn Farm, one of the sites students may see when they participate in a foraging class.

By the Numbers

400

Native Trees Planted

1,185

Educational Participants



Crafting Apple Cider Vinegar
February 2024

11

New Ecological Gardeners Trained

Beekeeper Training Program
August 2024

Intro to Carpentry
July 2024



11

New Beekeepers Trained



Ecological Gardener Training Program
March 2024



12

Community Crew Volunteers Trained

270 +

Community Volunteers

1,800

Volunteer Hours

Forager Training Program
May 2024



50

Pounds of Elderberry Harvested & Sold

300

Pounds of American Hazelnuts Harvested



Wild & Uncommon Pawpaw Festival
September 2024

1st

Annual Wild & Uncommon Weekend

10

Community Partners Collaborated to Create a 4-Day Weekend Regional Happening!

15

Visitor Destinations



Donor Gratitude Gathering & Farm Tour
November 2024



Transformations

An Eye-Opening Experience

"I learned how to see plants in a different way. All of a sudden, I was seeing all the things I didn't know I didn't know."

- Susan, 2024 Ecological Gardener Trainee

Reconnecting in New Ways

"I was truly amazed by the information and knowledge that the instructor shared with our group! I grew up in Adams County and spent a vast amount of my childhood outdoors. I know that my parents were in touch with the land but as a child I wasn't really paying any attention to what they would share. Now, I will continue to learn and explore the benefits and health of so many plants (or weeds as I have often referred to many of them) that we take for granted daily"

- Patience, Foraging Foundations Student

Gaining Confidence & New Skills

"I learned so much in this class. I gained a lot of confidence to work on projects I have at home."

- Karen, Intro to Carpentry Participant



Exploration & Fun Together with Family

"We brought our 8 year old grandson and his mom, and we all had a wonderful time poking around the streams on the farm, looking under rocks and logs. Our grandson found a salamander and a crayfish, and some interesting ants who were tending larvae like farmers. We all learned some good strategies for finding critters in the future."

- Judith, Critter Crawl Youth Series Participant

An Immersive Learning Experience

"I learned so much in just one class and [the teacher's] way of immersing oneself in the plants and using all your senses to learn about a plant was so refreshing and novel! I cannot wait for the next class - I'm sure I'll be a regular at Horn Farm!"

- Karlene, New Foraging Program Attendee

[Explore the 2025 Program Calendar](#)



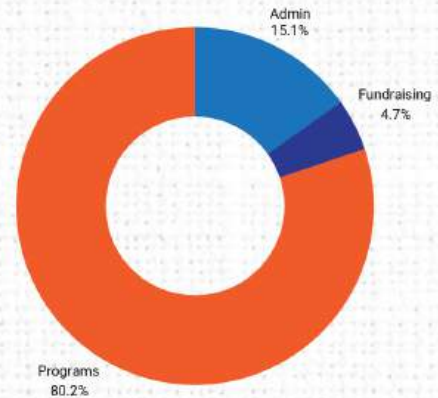
Financials

2024 Expenses

- Programs
 - \$383,063
- Admin
 - \$72,387
- Fundraising
 - \$22,466

Total = \$477,915

Total Rebuild Related Expenses in 2024: \$11,842

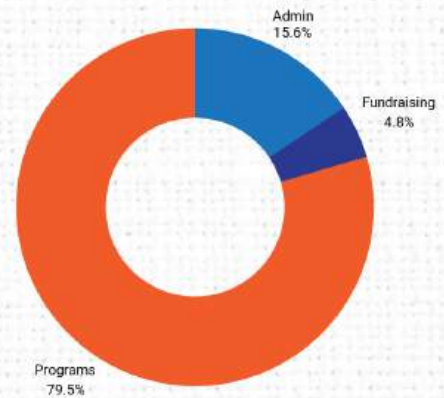


2023 Expenses Compared

- Programs
 - \$364,227
- Admin
 - \$82,274
- Fundraising
 - \$23,818

Total = \$470,319

Total Rebuild Related Expenses in 2023: \$98,171



2024 Income



Program Fees & Generated Income	\$129,917
Special Events	\$28,828
Endowment	\$83,065
Interest Income	\$36,693
Gifts In-Kind	\$1,576
Grant Income	\$155,142
Contributions	\$56,675
Building Fund (Restricted)	\$114,529
Contributions	\$14,529
Grants	\$100,000
TOTAL	\$606,425

**2024 Income and expenses are preliminary and have not been audited*

The Journey to Rebuilding

October 2021: Lightning Struck



2022: Fire Recovery, Remediation & Project Planning



2023: Design & Fundraising

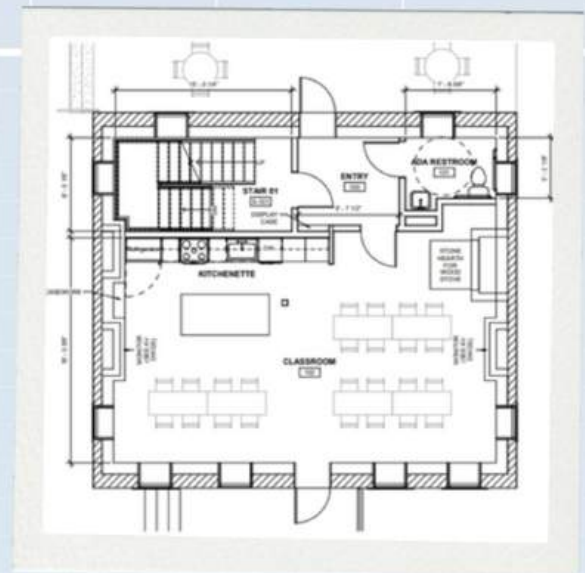


2024: Re-Design & Closing Funding Gap



2025: Construction Begins in Spring!

The New Learning Center

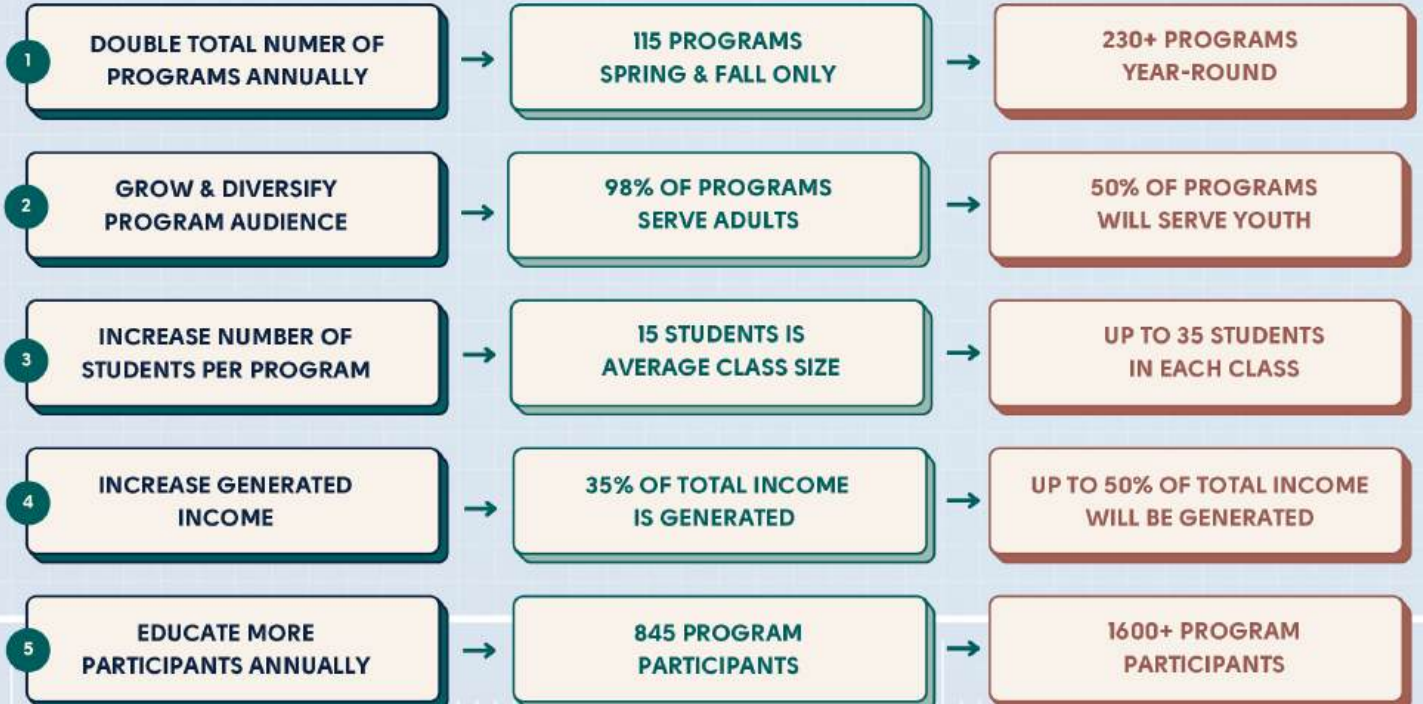


Building for Bigger Impact at the Horn Farm

VISION

NOW

AFTER BUILDING



A Letter from the Executive Director

Turning New Leaves

Last year, we celebrated our 20th anniversary - a milestone and turning point in our young organization's history. Through storytelling, programs, and events, we gathered in community to honor our roots and weave together our vision for the future.

Highlighted by our anniversary logo, willow has become a significant symbol of our journey:

Adaptable. Resilient. Enduring



Photo: Annual Winter Willow Harvest with Volunteers

Now, rooted in the fertile soil of 20 years' growth, we've reached a pivotal moment.

On the land, thousands of small saplings have matured to become productive tree crops, producing hazelnuts, elderberries, live stakes, basketry willow and **a world of possibilities for creative collaboration and learning at the Horn Farm**. These trees, planted by 468 community members between 2021-2023, are the fruit of a collective will to restore and nurture a small piece of the place we call home.

We are so excited to see what the next seasons will bring as we share this bounty - through new farm products, demonstration sites, and educational experiences, like our new Forest Garden & Regenerative Grower Training Program starting in May 2025.

And, with a \$141,145 grant awarded by the PA DEP Growing Greener program to complete the design and permitting of a large-scale, streamside forest and wetland restoration project on the Farm, **we are bolstering our charge to protect and heal our precious waterways**, from the Kreuz Creek to the Chesapeake Bay.

Beyond the streams, fields, and buffers, we are blossoming in other ways. **Last year we completed the final stages of planning and design for the farmhouse building project**. After 3 long years since lightning struck, we are finally ready to rebuild. We expect to finish construction this year.



The new education center will be a **vibrant community hub for learning and engagement**, allowing us to reach more people than ever before.



For the first time, we will **offer year-round programs, diversify our classes and workshops, and engage new audiences, like school-aged youth.** Starting with ninety 7th grade students from Red Lion School District this spring, our team is committed to helping young people connect with nature and explore the world around them.

We deepened our relationships with local partners. Together, we launched Horn Farm Center's inaugural Wild & Uncommon Weekend **to showcase our region's unique foods, landscapes, and outdoor experiences** - strengthening our identity and putting York and the Susquehanna Riverlands on the map like never before.



We also welcomed three new staff members (or in one case, returning): Farm Manager Jon Darby, Production & Marketing Coordinator Tamara Shertzer, and Seasonal Land Steward Sarah Womack (not pictured).

Each day our incredibly talented and dedicated team is bringing earth-care and people-care to life in inventive ways while carrying forth our vision for a world where people live in reciprocity with nature.



The Horn Farm Center is growing into a new season, and we're so glad you're a part of it. **Thank you for making our 20th year special and transformative.** It has been an honor to lead this organization through challenging times to brighter days ahead.

**NOW, MORE THAN EVER,
WE NEED A PLACE TO
RECONNECT—WITH THE
LAND, WITH OURSELVES,
AND WITH ONE ANOTHER..**

**..A PLACE TO REDISCOVER
OUR AGRICULTURAL
ROOTS AND ENSURE THAT
THE WISDOM OF THE
PAST CONTINUES TO
SHAPE THE FUTURE.**

Together, we are building that future, and we thank you for being a vital part of it.

Alexis Campbell :: Executive Director

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Photo: Long-time friends and supporters of the Horn Farm Center celebrating our 20th Anniversary at the Summer Solstice Anniversary event.

Cheers to the Next 20 Years of Growing Regeneratively!

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9:00pm-9:00pm

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