



**HORN FARM CENTER
2025 ANNUAL REPORT**

A GROUNDBREAKING YEAR

By the Numbers

541

Native Trees & Shrubs Planted

936

Educational Participants

90

Middle School Students

59

Training Program Graduates

26

Community Crew Volunteers Trained

344 = 2,215

Community Volunteers

Volunteer Hours

106

Pounds of Elderberry Harvested & Sold

300

Pounds of American Hazelnuts Harvested

585

Native Livestakes Harvested & Sold

360

Boxes of Produce Distributed

2149

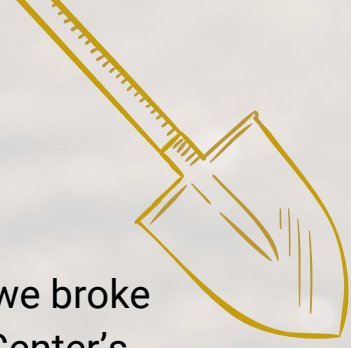
Pawpaw Festival Attendees

14

Visitor Destinations

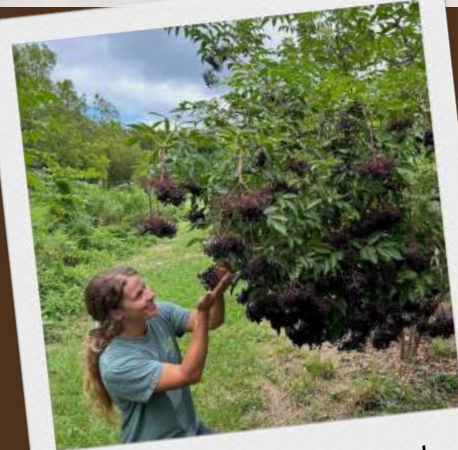


A Groundbreaking Year



2025 was a year for digging in. From the farmhouse to the field, we broke ground, scattered seeds, and enriched the soil of the Horn Farm Center's educational ecosystem. Let's unearth a year's worth of highlights!

We're grateful for everyone who dug in alongside us!



WELCOME TAM!

January: *Growing the Team*

New year, new team member! As 2025 began, Tamara Shertzer stepped into the new role of Production & Marketing Coordinator. Tam's hard work has expanded and enriched our community reach. She marketed our agroforestry products for the first time, organized a new seasonal event, and helped debut a new training program!

"I feel immense gratitude to be working with an organization that recognizes that humans aren't separate from nature; that we can find ways to work with nature that are mutually beneficial, and healing."

— Tam Shertzer

February - March

Agroforestry in Action

Over the past several years, **agroforestry systems** featuring willows, elderberries, live stakes, and more have taken root at the Horn Farm. 2025 was a milestone for sharing these resources with the community! For example, over 500 live stakes supported local restoration efforts.

Agroforestry (n):

Incorporating trees and shrubs in farming systems to combine economic, social, and environmental benefits.



Harvesting live stakes
with Trees for Graziers.



What a way to welcome the spring!

March

Rising From the Ashes

Construction began to recover the Horn Farm’s historic farmhouse and education center. To celebrate this milestone, we brought together distinguished guests and community supporters. So many people have played a crucial role in helping make this immense project possible! **Doors open in spring 2026.**

Every great structure starts with a strong foundation. And our foundation is all of you: the people who have shaped this place, lifted it up, and made it what it is today.

— Alexis Campbell, HFC Executive Director

May

Growing Lifelong Skills

Producing food and restoring the land can work hand-in-hand. Six students experienced this philosophy in action with the newest long-term learning experience: the **Regenerative Grower Training Program!** Spending 22 weeks in the field, these new growers harvested not just food, but knowledge, skills, and a belief in ecological farming.



Summer harvests with the RGTP!

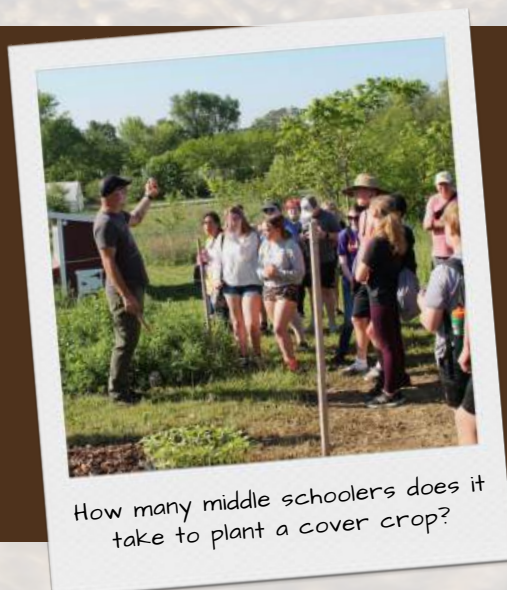
“Connecting to the land is what put fire back into me, and I am inclined to believe it could do the same for anyone”

— Jess, Regenerative Grower Training

May

A “Field” Trip - Literally!

Thanks to a new cross-curricular program for **environmental literacy**, 90 students from Red Lion Middle School experienced a day of hands-on learning, exploring ecology, agriculture, and foraging.



How many middle schoolers does it take to plant a cover crop?

This pilot program was a success! In 2026, we’ll host Red Lion’s entire 7th grade – over 300 students!

June

Celebrating the Solstice

Spring brings the [Plant Sale](#), and the [Pawpaw Festival](#) marks the fall. But what about the summer? To share the abundance of the Regenerative Grower program, we launched a new **Summer Solstice Market!** Highlights of the debut event included farm-fresh produce, agroforestry crops like nuts and willows, and flower crowns!



Greens Galore!



Gorgeous garments dyed with goldenrod!

August - November

Not Your Average Nature Crafts

Connecting with the land got creative as the fall calendar offered topics like: dyeing with foraged botanicals, flower pressing, pine needle weaving, and more! Folks also joined us for new specialty foraging programs where wild food and art came together!

"This class gave a comprehensive overview into a lot of areas: Foraging, plant identification and noticing, botany, medicinal and herbal uses, and dyeing. Both instructors were knowledgeable, friendly, and approachable!"

— Goldenrod: Foraging & Botanical Dyeing attendee



October

All About The Sprouts

What a privilege it was to host ecological designer and author **Dave Jacke** for a weekend workshop on coppicing! Dave wowed our community with the ancient craft of harvesting goods from plant cuttings. *Fencing, furniture, fodder, fuel, fertilizer, and more!*



Nerding out over age-old agroforestry techniques.

Dave Jacke will return in 2026 to host a 9 day Forest Garden Design Intensive, October 16 - 25!



Congratulations Cindy!

November

A Watershed Wonder

A keystone species in the Horn Farm's restoration landscape, board member and volunteer leader **Cindy Pizziketti** finished 2025 with not one, but two awards for her boundless commitment to watershed health! In addition to being recognized as one of WGAL's "8 Who Care" in the Susquehanna Valley, Cindy was named PA Watershed Champion by the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay.

"At first, I was just really excited about planting trees. Now, I know the hard work of maintaining those trees. I've learned so much about [forest] buffers and the impact they can have on our waterways, in agriculture, and just in our natural landscape."

— Cindy Pizziketti

(interview with Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay)

November

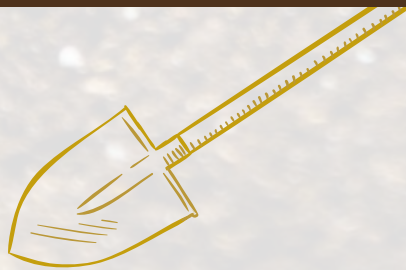
A Forest Garden First

What better way to wrap up a year of growing food and restoring the land? With the help of volunteers and training program students, we transformed a fallow area of the demonstration field into a new **forest garden** featuring medicinal plants like elderberry, black chokeberry, and wild ginger. Like the rest of the field, this space will sprout into a living classroom for local agroforestry.



Turning learning into action!

Thank You



This year of growth and transformation was empowered by YOU – students, volunteers, and supporters who invest in the Horn Farm Center's mission. We finished 2025 with such fertile ground. Now, it's time to **see what sprouts in 2026!**

Financials

2025 Expenses

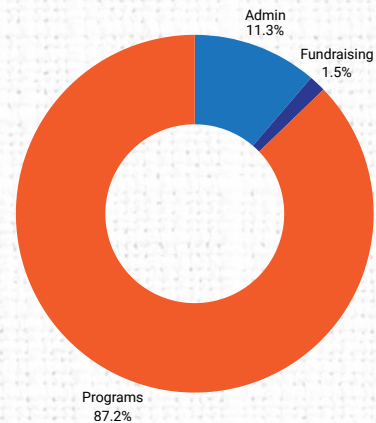
Programs
 ■ \$1,121,769

Admin
 ■ \$144,885

Fundraising
 ■ \$19,578

Total = \$1,286,232

Total Rebuild Related Expenses in 2025: \$756,564



2024 Expenses Compared

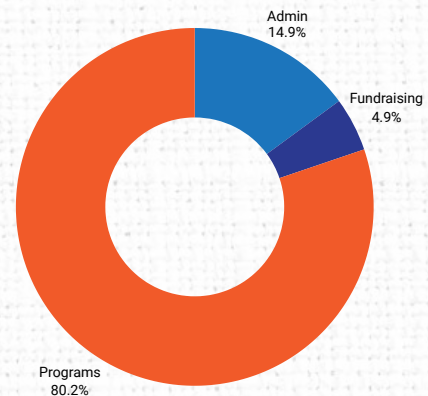
Programs
 ■ \$374,116

Admin
 ■ \$69,618

Fundraising
 ■ \$22,692

Total = \$466,426

Total Rebuild Related Expenses in 2023: \$11,842



2025 Income



Program Fees & Generated Income	\$166,912
Special Events	\$31,179
Endowment	\$98,000
Interest Income	\$32,370
Gifts In-Kind	\$11,369
Grant Income	\$140,123
Contributions	\$57,439
Legal Defense Fund (Restricted)	\$9,157
Building Fund (Restricted)	\$258,015
Contributions	\$225,515
Grants	\$32,500
TOTAL	\$804,564

**2025 Income and expenses are preliminary and have not been audited*

A Letter from the Executive Director

Growing in Fertile Soil

“Let the ashes of this tragedy be fertile soil for our future growth and community.”

These are the words that I wrote ([online](#)) just hours after the farmhouse burned on October 25, 2021. In that dire moment, the future was uncertain. But we still had hope, and an unwavering belief, that despite this hardship a positive transformation was already underway.

The foundation of this belief was simple:

COMMUNITY

Even with only a year of service as Executive Director under my belt, I had a clear sense of what made the Horn Farm Center so special.

It was the people...

- **Program participants** who were hungry to learn and reconnect with nature.
- **Volunteers** who dedicated their time to steward the land and the organization.
- **Community members** who donated their hard-earned dollars to uplift our mission.
- **Board members and staff** whose passion for earth care and nature-based discovery could be seen and felt on every inch of the Horn Farm.

Through the power of community, a seemingly insurmountable challenge was transformed.

**FROM THE ASHES OF TRAGEDY
A BEAUTIFUL NEW REALITY
HAS GROWN.**



Photo: Executive Director Alexis Campbell (right) with Murphy & Dittenhafer President Frank Dittenhafer (left) and Architectural Project Lead Harper Kvasnovsky

After four long years of planning and fundraising, **we finally broke ground** and began rebuilding the farmhouse. We also **launched our agroforestry program**, bringing several longstanding strategic goals to life.

Now, an ecologically-inspired food system is taking shape in our demonstration field - a living classroom where students and visitors can explore how to grow food abundantly while restoring the health of the land.



Photo: Production & Marketing Coordinator Tam Shertzer and students planting an edible, perennial understory in the Demonstration Field at the Horn Farm

Thanks to dedicated community members like you, the next generation of farmers and backyard growers have already dug in.

The **first Regenerative Grower Training Program empowered 6 participants** with the skills and confidence to grow food while caring for the ecosystems that sustain us



Photo: 2025 Regenerative Grower Training Program students learning to grow food in raised beds at the Horn Farm.

Last year we also embarked on a **new environmental education partnership** with the Red Lion Area School District and several regional organizations. 90 seventh-grade students participated in hands-on investigations at the Horn Farm Center - an experience that will expand to reach 360 students this year. These programs help **cultivate environmental literacy in our community** and a lifelong connection to the natural world.

*"I think that programs like this are so important. It's such a valuable skill to develop, to be able to work *with* a property rather than against it, and to get curious about what's already living there."*

Jess, Regenerative Grower Trainee

2025 WAS TRULY A GROUNDBREAKING YEAR.

None of it would have been possible without the hard work of our incredibly talented team and the unwavering support of people like you, our dedicated community.

Thank you for being part of this journey and for helping to build something truly remarkable.

Together, we are ensuring that there will always be a place where, despite life's uncertainties, connection, joy, and a shared sense of purpose can flourish.



Alexis Campbell :: Executive Director

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THANK YOU!

Your generosity is helping restore land, inspire the next generation, and strengthen our community. Thank you for making it possible!



Let's Celebrate!

Let's celebrate together as we open the Horn Farm's newly restored educational hub.



GRAND OPENING EVENTS

April
 24

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Open House with tours, refreshments, programs, and more!

May
 2-3

Welcome Back Weekend



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- Lauren WashburnPresident
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