MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
TO OUR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS,

On behalf of the Chesapeake Wildlife Heritage Board of Directors, I am pleased to present the CWH Annual Report for 2018.

Though this report is smaller than in previous years, this in no way reflects the scope and accomplishment of CWH’s work or the generosity of our members and supporters. Last year, with your help and the support of private foundations and government programs, CWH made many valuable contributions to the region’s wildlife resource: constructing wetlands, planting native grass/wildflower meadows, controlling phragmites on hundreds of acres of wetlands, monitoring landowners, educating the public through workshops and outreach programs, planting cover crops, and installing and monitoring nesting structures for purple martins, bluebirds, ospreys and native bees encompass just a portion of our work.

CWH stands alone in that we practice what we preach. We steward 1,150 acres of land on which we demonstrate the efficacy of our experience, techniques and values every day. The restoration projects and land management that we provide are vital contributions to the future of both the region’s wildlife and the health of the Chesapeake Bay.

For nearly 40 years, CWH has continually identified and pursued opportunities to improve habitat for wildlife. Please join me in congratulating the CWH board and staff for a job well done in 2018. And, as always, thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Ralph V. Partlow, III
President, Board of Directors

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Dedicated efforts to create a world-class managed wetland at CWH’s Bennett Point property.

Although seldom seen because of being nocturnal, we do have these little guys on Delmarva. Flying squirrel photo courtesy of Donna Tolbert-Anderson.

Pintails taking off from a CWH-restored wetland. Photo courtesy of Donna Tolbert-Anderson.
MISSION & BACKGROUND
Chesapeake Wildlife Heritage is dedicated to designing, restoring, and managing wildlife habitat and wetlands to improve the health of the Chesapeake Bay.

APPROACH
The health of the Chesapeake Bay is intrinsically tied to the way in which landowners manage the land in its watershed. Chesapeake Wildlife Heritage designs, restores, and manages habitat for the sole purpose of increasing the amount and diversity of habitat within the bay.

Phillip Smith, Executive Director, 410-822-5100

PROGRAMS
CHESAPEAKE CARE
The region’s non-tidal wetlands support geese, geese, shorebirds, dragonfly larvae, and many other species. By building and managing wetland habitat, CWH is improving the health of the Chesapeake Bay and other significant habitat restoration efforts.

SAVING NORTHERN PINTAIL
Seeing Northern Pintail on a restored wetland or ground-nesting birds in a warm-season grass meadow brings hope to the critical habitat of habitat improvement. Our streaming wildlife camera brings views of native and restored wetlands to anyone with an internet connection.

OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED
HABITAT MANAGEMENT
Maintenance is a key to newly constructed or restored wildlife habitat functioning properly for the species of concern. Newly created wetlands are susceptible to being colonized by phragmites or dense stands of grasses, which can be reduced by phragmites or dense stands of grasses, which can be reduced by phragmites.
Workshop at Barnstable Hill Farm. The free resource are well worth the effort.

but the positive results for the wildlife properties. It is hot and tiring work, on Purple Martin nesting systems on
CWH also monitors and collects data fall of 2018 were spent managing and
in encouraging wildlife on their property. creating and maintaining a diversity
of habitat. Much of the summer and
in the Bay watershed for citizens interested
Having a diversity of wildlife means
year, we place nesting structures around
Flying Squirrel, Owls and Ospreys. Every
during spring and summer.
Wood Ducks, Great-crested Flycatchers, protect nesting and brooding wildlife
mowing. We are especially careful to
suitable habitat for Eastern Bluebirds,
carefully timed dormant-season
fees, CWH installs nesting structures in
and access for oil, gas and electric
companies. Since the early 1990s, CWH
has worked to document the ecological
transition from traditional mowing to
integrated vegetation management (IVM). By changing the make-up of
plant communities in these areas, IVM
can eliminate the traditional and highly
disruptive mowing cycles that often
occur during nesting season. IVM can also provide big cost savings for
utilities and high wildlife habitat benefits in the form of migratory corridors that are especially beneficial for insect
pollinators.

Boothbay

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PHRAGMITES CONTROL

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CCHW'S WILDLIFE REFUGES

CCHW owns six properties totaling 1,150 acres on Maryland’s Eastern Shore. In 2018, CCHW managed these wildlife sanctuaries to ensure diverse wildlife habitat and improved water quality for the Bay.

PINEY CREEK WETLAND PRESERVE

These 13 acres of tidal wetlands on the east side of Piney Creek in Queen Anne’s County are frequented by numerous and varied species of waterfowl.

BENNETT POINT FARM

CCHW has restored 107 acres of wetlands, planted 25 acres of forested buffer, and created 13 acres of meadow on this 284-acre farm along the Wye River.

BARNSTABLE HILL FARM

With more than five miles of waterfront on Eastern Bay and Kirwan Creek, Barnstable is the Eastern Shore’s largest privately owned property managed specifically for wildlife. CCHW has restored more than 155 acres of habitat on the farm. The White and Bennett families donated the 540-acre farm to CCHW in 2000.

BAILEY’S NECK FARM

This 135-acre farm near Easton comprises 100 acres of wet woodlands, 30 acres of restored wetlands and five acres of scrub-shrub meadows.

BOZMAN FIELD

This 29-acre field just west of St. Michaels includes 12 acres of mature woodland and 17 acres of old farm fields that are slowly being transformed to wooded wetlands.

CANTERBURY FARM

Donated by the Healy family in 2008, this 150-acre wildlife refuge near Easton includes 121 acres of wetlands restored by CCHW.

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

For the years ending December 31, 2018 and 2017

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| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS |         |            |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES |         |            |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | $5,787 | $13,454 |
| Line of credit | $39,943 | $106,442 |
| Total Current Liabilities | $51,671 | $125,587 |
| LONG-TERM DEBT |         |            |
| Notes payable | $15,111 | $21,100 |
| Total Long-Term Debt | $15,111 | $21,100 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | $66,782 | $146,687 |
| NET ASSETS |         |            |
| Without Donor Restrictions | $4,638,139 | $4,728,192 |
| With Donor Restrictions | $174,332 | $188,263 |
| TOTAL NET ASSETS | $4,812,471 | $4,916,455 |

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