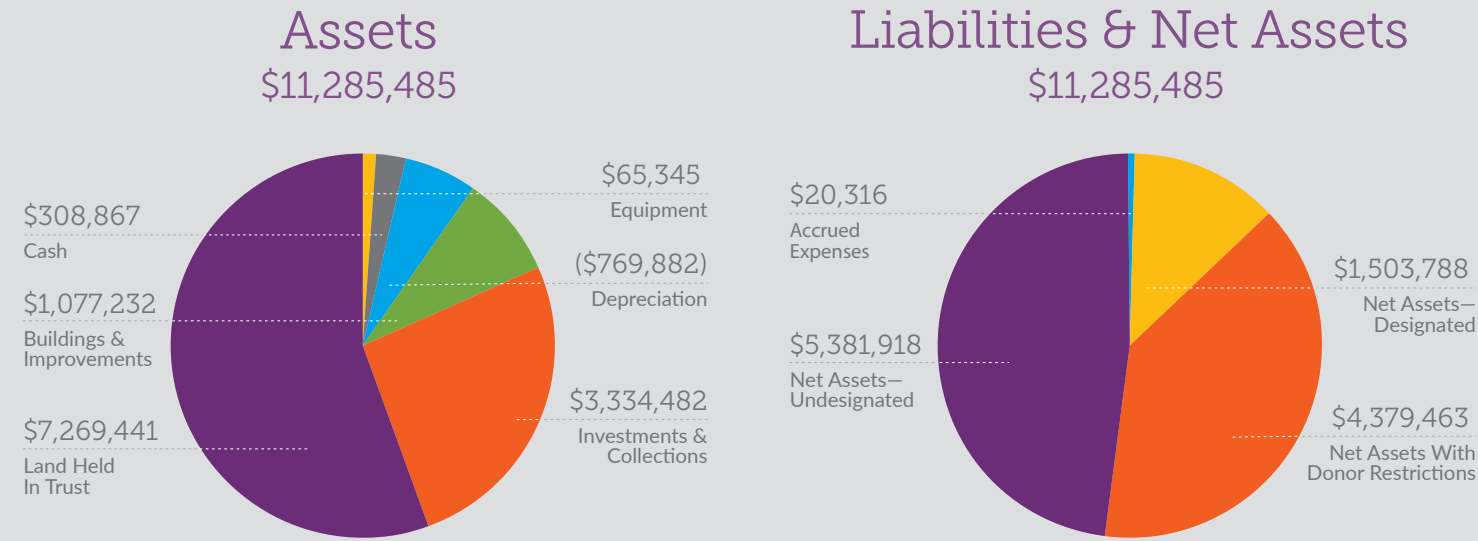


Statement of Financial Position 2020



Statement of Activities: FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

Support And Revenue	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	2020 Total
Support	\$927,844	\$131,840	\$1,059,684
Revenue	\$272,846	\$34	\$272,880
Other Income	\$160,491	\$145,521	\$306,012
Expenses			
Total Expenses	\$695,130	—	\$ 695,130
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$756,437	\$187,009	\$874,672
NET ASSETS: YEAR START	\$6,129,269	\$4,192,454	\$9,447,051
NET ASSETS: YEAR END	\$6,885,706	\$4,379,463	\$10,321,723

Leaving a Legacy



Generosity Sustains Flanders

Friend of Flanders and generous donor to many area nonprofits, Elsie R. Mannweiler knew that if she made a legacy gift in the form of a charitable bequest to Flanders, her dollars would positively impact our organization for years to come.

Mrs. Mannweiler's gift not only supported operations during the pandemic, but provided funds for our Capital Reserve Fund which supports upkeep and improvement to Flanders' buildings. We are grateful for Mrs. Mannweiler's kindness and support of our mission!

J. WARREN UPSON VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR 2020

Ann Zipkin



Ann Zipkin is a dynamic local graphic designer and owner of AtoZ Studio. Ann is a graduate of Columbia University and has a master's degree in

Communication Design from Pratt Institute. She is a member of AIGA, the professional association for design.

Ann joined the Flanders community in 2011 when her sons first came to summer camp. She began volunteering with us in 2015, when she designed the Flanders Field & Forest 5K logo.

In 2018, she began a project that led to the modernizing of the Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust logo and stationery system. She continued her behind the scenes work in 2019 by creating all new email templates for us to use.

Her design work on our communications to the public includes our last two Annual Reports (three including this one!) as well as all of our catalogs, six in total so far.

Ann is a pleasure to work with and is always a professional. She is very generous with sharing her time and immense talent with us. We are so fortunate to have her as a friend to Flanders and are pleased to have her as the J. Warren Upson Memorial 2020 Volunteer of the Year!

Would you like to volunteer?

Call Ana Jordan at 203.263.3711 x14 or email at ana@flandersnaturecenter.org

Thank You to Our Sponsors



Flanders

NATURE CENTER & LAND TRUST

2020 Annual Report

The Art of the "Pivot"

2020 brought a host of challenges to organizations and individuals in our area and across the country. During times of great uncertainty, Flanders remained a fixture in our community, providing opportunities for everyone to find joy and peace in nature and continuing to serve as a hub for exploration and education.

While much of the state was shut down and people were relegated to their homes, Flanders' preserves and trails remained open so that individuals and families could engage in healthy and safe outdoor activities.

With children learning remotely, Flanders pivoted from providing on-site field trips to educating students via live-virtual programming directly to their computers. Flanders was proud to provide 2 live-virtual Next Generation Science Standard lessons to every second-grade student in Waterbury.

During the summer, hundreds of eager young learners enjoyed time at our renowned camps and newly piloted

NGSS-Aligned Summer Academies, providing families with educational and safe childcare during a challenging time.

Flanders was pleased to be able to re-imagine our signature events such as the Field and Forest 5k which became a virtual hiking challenge, and Farm to Flanders which became the Ultimate Gourmet Picnic!

Through it all, Flanders wishes to thank our dedicated volunteers, members and Friends of Flanders who contributed their time and talent to help the organization weather the storm. From our many Maple Syrup volunteers to our dedicated team of volunteer land monitors, Flanders is grateful to all those who showed their trust in our mission by lending a hand. Flanders also wishes to thank the many donors listed on the coming pages who provided necessary financial support. As a non-profit organization, we would not be able to do what we do without the incredible assistance of our volunteers and donors.

Thank You!

Flanders' Mission

To foster understanding and appreciation of nature, art, and the wonders of the natural world through land preservation, stewardship, and education.

Flanders' Vision

To safeguard a future in which our scenic landscapes, forests, wetlands, agricultural lands and wildlife habitats are preserved forever, while being a leading center for environmental education for all ages, following best practices for land stewardship, and partnering with government, private organizations and the community to conserve our natural heritage.

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Flanders Pilots NGSS Summer Academies

Building off of the success of Flanders' popular Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) field-trips, four unique, curriculum-based NGSS-Aligned Summer Academies were piloted.



Academies provided families with a full-day, fully immersive educational program that touched upon science curriculum in their child's school. Flanders is proud to offer Summer Academies as it helps to prepare the next generation of land stewards, scientists and naturalists.

AT LEFT Our Wetlands Academy, 2020

Live-Virtual Programming Provides Education for All!

With school districts unable to come to the Van Vleck Sanctuary for field trips this year and adults and families unable to attend in-person programming, Flanders was pleased to offer exciting, educational experiences via a livevirtual setup.

Every second grader in the Waterbury School district enjoyed two live virtual field trips where they learned about beavers and their habitat and animals and their parts.

Adults and families were able to attend programming in the evening covering a wide range of topics from felting wool to growing shiitake mushrooms.

Even during a time of great turbulence, Flanders was able to provide environmental educational experiences to learners of all ages- thank you to those who participated!



Did you know? You can donate up to \$100,000 a year of your IRA to Flanders, tax free!

A 2015 tax law on qualified charitable distributions allows individuals 70 1/2 years or older to give directly from their IRAs. Your gift to Flanders would help protect our environment and promote conservation for generations to come. For more information contact Venisa Riebe, Director of Finance, at 203.263.3711 x 11 or venisa@flandersnaturecenter.org



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