

Governance

Cincinnati Nature Center is a private, nonprofit, member-based organization governed by a Board of Trustees. A maximum of 33 trustees are organized into three classes. Each class serves a three-year term, with one class completing its term each year. There is a two-term limit, with officers eligible for a third term. The Board presents a slate of candidates at the Annual Meeting of the Members in June of each year where it is voted on by the membership.

The following standing committees direct the work of the Board: Strategic Planning, Finance, Committee on Trustees, Development and Membership/Marketing. Advisory committees include: Education, Natural Lands, Agricultural Operations and Retail Operations. An Executive Committee was created to oversee the standing and advisory committees. The full Board meets six times per year, with the Executive Committee meeting during the alternate months.

Board of Trustees

Fiscal Year 2007 (July 1, 2006-June 30, 2007)

Angela R. Carl, Chair* <i>Planning for Success</i>	UBS PaineWebber Inc. Grant S. Cowan <i>Frost Brown Todd LLC</i>	Patricia Niehoff <i>Self-Employed</i>
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John R. Brooks, Treasurer* <i>Self-Employed</i>	Virginia B. Kuertz <i>JP Morgan</i>	
Emily Grote Hobson, Secretary* <i>Self-Employed</i>		

*Denotes Member of Executive Committee



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Statement of Financial Activity Fiscal Year 2007 (July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007)

Dear Cincinnati Nature Center Member,

Each fall, CNC reports to you, our members and generous donors, the accomplishments of the past fiscal year ... and it was a very successful year for CNC! We have achieved financial stability, produced many successful programs, and branched out in the community through collaboration.

With the end of our 2007 fiscal year in June, CNC reached the goal of our most recent three-year strategic plan – to obtain financial sustainability. The Board mandated that CNC achieve a balanced operating budget by fiscal year 2008 (so that we no longer exceed our policy of a 5% draw from our investment portfolio). I am happy to report that we reached this goal one year ahead of the Board requirement! We were able to achieve this goal using three strategies: increased contributions, reduced operating expenses, and increased investments (endowment).

In March, we successfully completed the fundraising campaign to secure the Groesbeck property. This funding purchased the 235 acres of wonderful land and added \$2,000,000 to our investments. As of June 30, 2007, our investments totaled \$20,139,930!

CNC programming continues to be top notch. Our Second Saturdays programs offer a variety of activities and a new family friendly nature activity each month. Our seasonal programs, such as maple syrup making, bring many visitors to Rowe Woods for an interactive experience with nature.

The school field trip program received a boost this year from the Stanley M. Rowe, Jr. family, who established The Louise Bennett Rowe Fund for Education. With this support, CNC will shift from one-day school field trips to establishing partnerships with entire school districts.

CNC is also pleased to report on the creation of the Celebration Garden at Rowe Woods. In the legacy of Carl Krippendorff's horticultural tradition, the Celebration Garden gives members and visitors a special place to honor loved ones and remember special times.

CNC continues to collaborate with the nature education community through Great Outdoor Weekend, which headed into its fourth year. CNC also took the lead in establishing the Leave No Child Inside – Greater Cincinnati collaborative, which brought Richard Louv back to Cincinnati in June. An estimated 900 people heard his message of the critical importance of nature for children of all ages.

The Strategic Planning Committee has also been hard at work drafting goals and objectives for the next several years. Three priorities have emerged: a commitment to land management to enhance biodiversity; expanded member and visitor services; and redirection of school programming. We are exploring many exciting possibilities, such as renovation of the Rowe Visitor Center, the creation of a nature preschool, and a business plan for Long Branch Farm & Trails. You may recall that we suspended livestock operations at Long Branch in November 2005 in order to meet our financial mandates. The Board remains committed to the protection of Long Branch as green space. Trails will remain open to members while we explore various options for its long-term use in a financially sustainable manner. We currently have two short-term land leases, one to a local farmer and the other to the Loveland Soccer Club.

As always, none of our operations, programs or plans would be possible without the generosity of our members and donors. Thank you for all of your interest and support this year!

Sincerely,

William H. Hoppie III
Executive Director

Angela R. Carl
Chair, Board of Trustees FY 2007

Grant S. Cowan
Chair, Annual Fund Campaign FY 2006

Richard D. Oliver
Chair, Development Committee

Fiscal Year 2007 Gift Report

Unrestricted Contributions	\$819,665
Membership	\$260,819
Temporarily Restricted Capital Gifts	<u>\$685,909</u>
TOTAL GIVING	\$1,766,393

Fiscal Year 2007 Membership Report

*As of 6/30/2007. Membership levels not listed below are included in Total Members.

Family Members	1,816
Individual Members	1,634
"Membership for Two" Members	1,161
Sustaining Members	401
Krippendorf Society Members	130
Cornerstone Members	47
Patron Members	18
TOTAL MEMBERS	5,267*

Eligibility to receive charitable deductions

Cincinnati Nature Center Association was established as a nonprofit corporation and recognized by the State of Ohio on November 8, 1965, to operate a conservation center. On April 22, 1968, the Internal Revenue Service of the United States Treasury Department recognized Cincinnati Nature Center Association as exempt from Federal Income tax as an organization described in section 501(c) (3) of the Code, and that contributions to the Association are deductible under section 170 of the Code. The tax identification number is #31-6057978.

Our Mission

To Inspire Passion for Nature and
Promote Environmentally Responsible Choices
Through Experience and Education

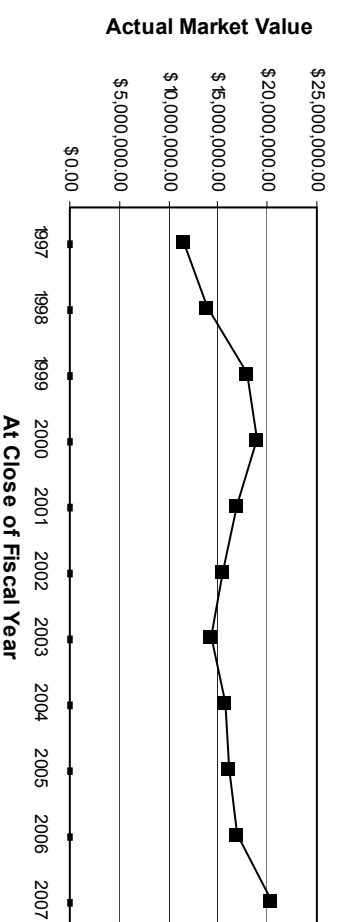
Our Values

Operating With Integrity
Learning and Teaching Through Experience
Working Through Collaboration
Respecting Each Individual
Preserving the Integrity, Stability and Beauty of "The Land"
Utilizing Sustainable Practices

Our Programs & Activities

At CNC, our classroom is more than 1,600 acres of protected woodland and farmland. Our programs combine experiential education with hands-on learning. We strive to offer an interdisciplinary approach to learning by incorporating ecology, natural history, science, social studies and sustainable living into our programs. Our activities and events offer ways for people to reconnect with the natural world and empower them with opportunities to contribute to a sustainable future.

Market Value of CNC Investment Portfolio



The decrease in market value of CNC's investments between June 2000 and June 2003 was due to two factors. First, we withdrew approximately \$2 million from the portfolio for capital improvements outlined in the "A Natural Investment" campaign. Second, the market downturn made an impact. The market value of our investment portfolio in at the close of fiscal year 2007 was \$20,406,142.

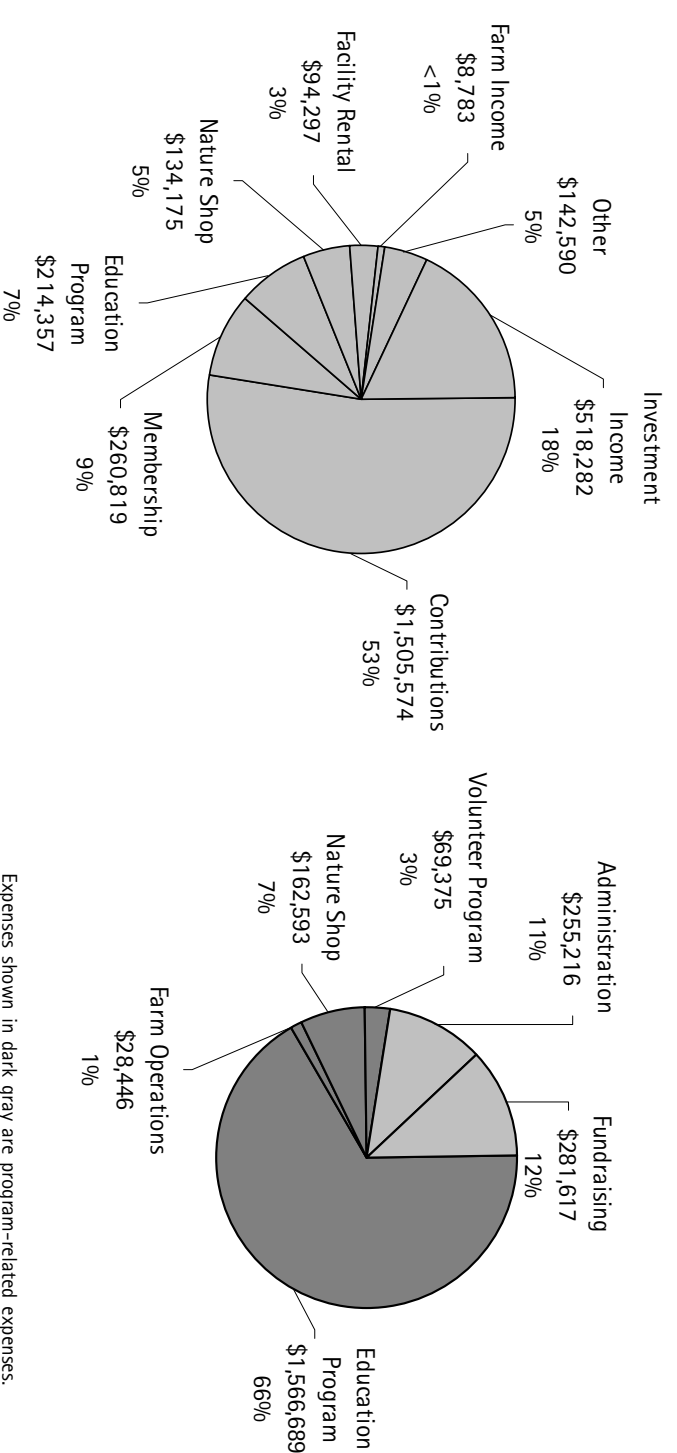
Cincinnati Nature Center Statements of Financial Position June 30, 2007 and 2006

	2007	2006
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$217,915	\$382,421
Accounts receivable	\$1,286	\$2,963
Pledges receivable	\$299,682	\$752,226
Inventories - nature and farm stores	\$34,139	\$36,383
Prepaid expenses and deposits	\$8,971	\$22,224
Investments	\$20,406,142	\$16,871,022
Property and equipment, net	<u>\$5,975,622</u>	<u>\$6,062,059</u>
Total assets	<u>\$26,943,757</u>	<u>\$24,129,298</u>
Liabilities and net assets		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$151,000	\$128,721
Note payable	<u>\$27,179</u>	<u>\$44,598</u>
Total liabilities	<u>\$178,179</u>	<u>\$173,319</u>
Net assets:		
Unrestricted	\$23,748,530	\$21,218,581
Temporarily restricted	\$1,363,758	\$1,084,108
Permanently restricted	<u>\$1,653,290</u>	<u>\$1,653,290</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$26,765,578</u>	<u>\$23,955,979</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$26,943,757</u>	<u>\$24,129,298</u>

Revenue and Expenses for 2006-2007

REVENUE
\$2,884,213

EXPENSES
\$2,363,936



Expenses shown in dark gray are program-related expenses.