

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.

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*Denotes Member of Executive Committee



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Statement of Financial Activity Fiscal Year 2008 (July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008)

Dear Cincinnati Nature Center Member,

With the end of the 2008 fiscal year on June 30, 2008, CNC is pleased to report the successes of the past year and the new, upcoming projects in CNC Plan 2011.

Cincinnati Nature Center closed fiscal year 2008 in the best financial condition in its history! In 2006-07, CNC met the Board of Trustees' mandate for break-even annual operations. This past year, we are happy to report that our financial picture was even stronger. CNC grew in all three sources of revenue (percent of total):

- Investment Income (42%) – 5 percent of the market value of our investment portfolio (averaged over three previous years)
- Contributions (37%) – membership dues, annual fund, grants, Back to Nature fundraiser and honor/memorial gifts
- Operating Income (21%) – program and event fees, The Nature Shop sales, facility rentals and nonmember admission fees

The exciting and ambitious projects identified in CNC Plan 2011 continued to move forward. Increased emphasis on managing our natural lands has been made possible by an incredibly generous bequest from Virginia "Jinny" Wiseman Witte. Her gift allowed us to create a new full-time position of Land Preservation Specialist to lead our efforts to stem the tide of invasive, non-native species and reverse the erosion of streams and wetlands caused by runoff from neighboring properties.

Our commitment to enhancing CNC property continues and was evident to visitors to the Rowe Visitor Center this spring, as they were met with new features. The Whittaker Library was opened to create a comfortable "bistro" area and the visitor services desk was relocated to open the visitor center entry way. The Jack and Eleanor Anning Habitats Exhibit was added to present the four native habitats of Southwest Ohio and a toddler play area was constructed to meet the needs of families.

CNC's Partner School Program is well underway with Goshen Local and West Clermont Local School Districts. Twelve-hundred Goshen students in grades 2-7 and 370 West Clermont students in grades 4-5 visited for hands-on lesson plans addressing Ohio Science Standards. In addition, CNC served 3,000 students from 15 other school districts with our field trip program.

A comprehensive master site and facility master planning process was launched in September 2008 with the hiring of The Kubala Washatko Architects Inc. and Meisner Associates Land Vision. Information-gathering meetings are underway and the site plan will be completed in January 2009 and used to guide all future site and program development.

The support of our members and donors makes CNC's success possible. CNC is an incredible place that can continue to preserve the land, and provide experience and education, thanks to its generous supporters.

Sincerely,

William H. Hopple III
Executive Director

Jill T. McGruder
Chair, Board of Trustees FY 2008

Fiscal Year 2008 Gift Report

Unrestricted Contributions	\$650,794
Annual Giving Fund	\$312,948
Membership	\$272,691
Honor/Memorial Gifts	\$31,927

TOTAL GIVING* **\$1,615,710**

*Not all gift categories are listed above due to space considerations, however all gifts not specifically listed are reflected in TOTAL GIVING.

Fiscal Year 2008 Membership Report

*As of 6/30/2008. Membership levels not specifically listed below are included in Total Members.

Family Members	1,974
Individual Members	1,490
"Membership for Two" Members	1,377
Sustaining Members	383
Krippendorf Society Members	134
Cornerstone Members	53
Patron Members	20
TOTAL MEMBERS	5,840*

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

Inspiring passion for nature and promoting environmentally responsible choices through experience, education and stewardship to ensure a sustainable future

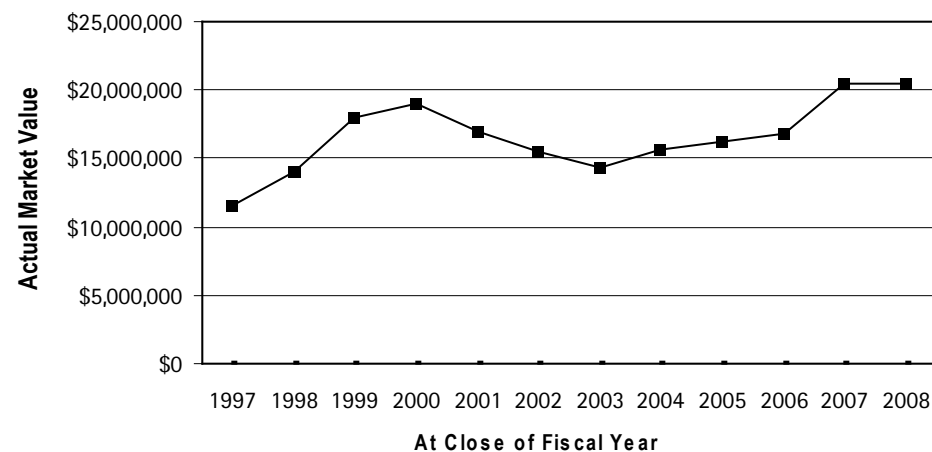
Our Values

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 Eastern deciduous forest, fields, streams, ponds and wetlands. 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 stewardship 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

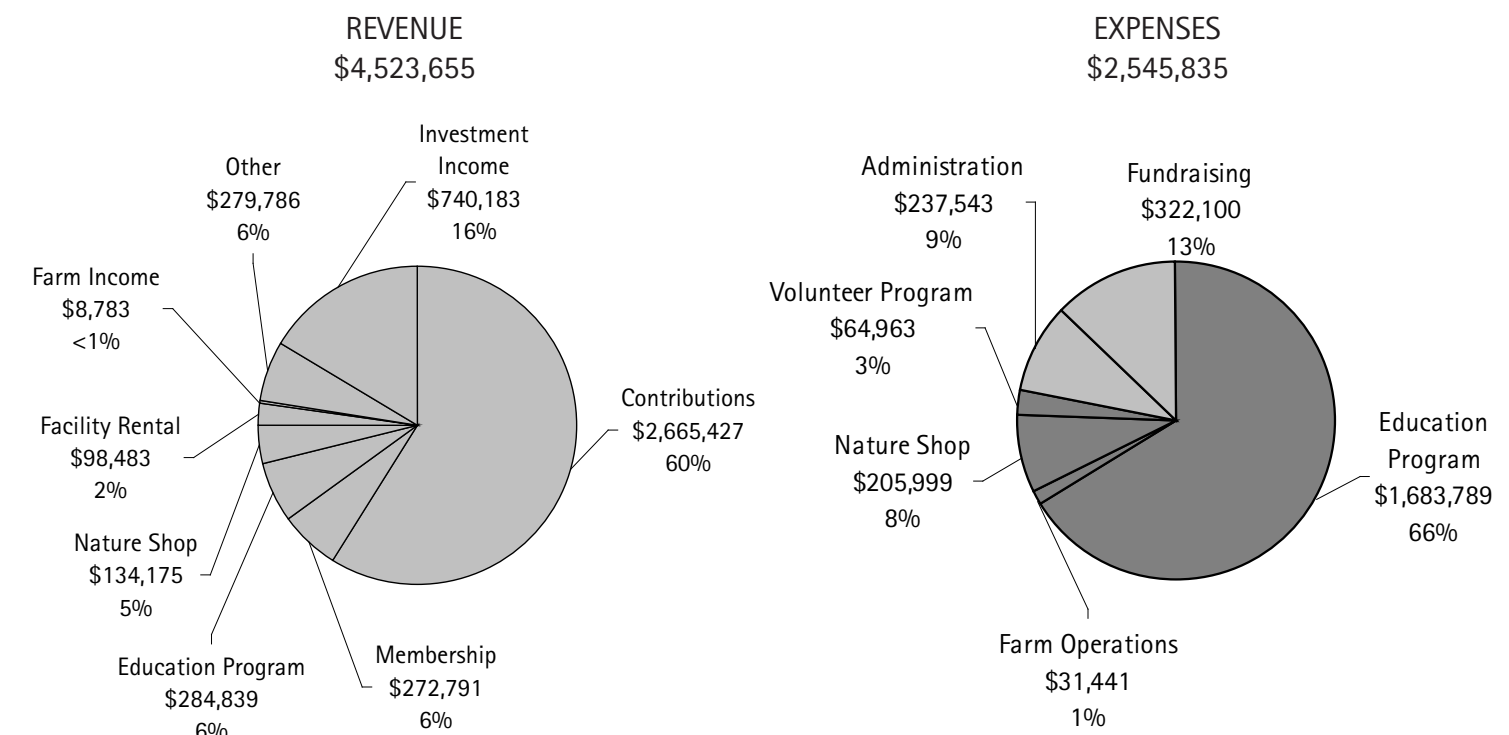


The decrease in market value of CNC's investments between June 2000 and June 2003 was due to two factors. First, we withdrew approximately \$2 million from the portfolio for capital improvements outlined in the "A Natural Investment" campaign. Second, the market downturn made an impact. The market value of our investment portfolio in at the close of fiscal year 2008 was \$20,454,420.

Cincinnati Nature Center Statements of Financial Position June 30, 2008 and 2007

	2008	2007
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$673,710	\$217,915
Accounts receivable	--	\$1,286
Pledges receivable	\$200,161	\$299,682
Inventories - nature and farm stores	\$55,191	\$34,139
Prepaid expenses and deposits	\$11,084	\$8,971
Investments	\$20,454,420	\$20,406,142
Property and equipment, net	<u>\$5,813,823</u>	<u>\$5,975,622</u>
Total assets	<u>\$27,208,389</u>	<u>\$26,943,757</u>
Liabilities and net assets		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$143,767	\$151,000
Note payable	<u>\$8,315</u>	<u>\$27,179</u>
Total liabilities	<u>\$152,082</u>	<u>\$178,179</u>
Net assets:		
Unrestricted	\$22,882,545	\$23,748,530
Temporarily restricted	\$2,520,472	\$1,363,758
Permanently restricted	<u>\$1,653,290</u>	<u>\$1,653,290</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$27,056,307</u>	<u>\$26,765,578</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$27,208,389</u>	<u>\$26,943,757</u>

Revenue and Expenses for 2007-2008



Expenses shown in dark gray are program-related expenses.