

2018

at a Glance



TENNESSEE
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That’s what the CEO of the National Wildlife Federation, Collin O’Mara, said about us when we won the 2018 Affiliate of the Year Award.

And we’re not done. Tennessee Wildlife Federation is working in more ways and with more people than ever before to make sure our wildlife, water, and wild places are thriving for future generations of Tennesseans.

From youth in West Tennessee duck blinds, to The Hill in Nashville, to restored habitats in East Tennessee—we’re focused on making sure our state has the people, tools, and funding it needs to conserve our natural resources.

Tennessee Wildlife Federation

| <i>in thousands</i> | FY 2018 | FY 2017 |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Assets | 3,713 | 3,709 |
| Liabilities | <u>353</u> | <u>367</u> |
| Net Assets | <u>3,360</u> | <u>3,342</u> |
| Income | | |
| Donors | 1,046 | 1,049 |
| Foundations | 741 | 642 |
| Program | 654 | 701 |
| License Plates | <u>163</u> | <u>148</u> |
| | 2,604 | 2,540 |
| Expenses | <u>2,586</u> | <u>2,171</u> |
| Net Increase in Assets | <u>18</u> | <u>369</u> |

The Federation has focused on smart growth, expanding our ability to make a difference for Tennessee’s great outdoors while carefully stewarding the financial resources we have.

Tennessee is the most biologically diverse inland state in the nation and will always deserve a champion for those natural resources. We make financial decisions so we can always be that champion.



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Conservation Policy

Shaping effective, common sense conservation policy is at the heart of the Federation. It's the tool we have used to help wildlife rebound and thrive ever since our founding more than 70 years ago.

Today, the Federation is a leading voice for wildlife and natural resources at the Tennessee General Assembly and key government agencies. And we're partnering more than ever with like-minded organizations nationwide to tackle issues at the federal level.

We have our finger on the pulse of the threats facing Tennessee's great outdoors—and the opportunities to overcome those challenges.

Asian Carp

Long a West Tennessee problem, Asian carp became a statewide issue in 2018 when TWRA detected them in the Chattanooga area. The Federation has been working on the issue for years and our efforts are paying off today.

A law the Federation successfully advocated for is providing **\$500,000** to destroy Asian carp in 2018 and 2019.

25+ prominent Senators, Congressmen, and fisheries and policy experts have joined our monthly meeting as we create strategies to destroy Asian carp at a regional level.

Local Tax Support for Adding Wildlife Areas

Historically, there has been little funding provided to cities and counties to make up for property tax revenues that are lost when new public lands are purchased. This creates local opposition to establishing new public lands that are vital for conserving wildlife and Tennesseans' access to it. The Federation helped develop and secure passage of a program that reimburses counties for property tax revenues lost when land is placed in the public domain for conservation.

The law helped pave the way for **14,800 ACRES** to be added to Skinner Mountain Wildlife Management Area.

Critical Forestry Funding

In 2017, more than 60 percent of the U.S. Forest Service's budget went to fighting fires, limiting its ability to manage its forest habitats and recreational opportunities here in Tennessee. As part of a large coalition, the Federation secured a wildfire funding fix in the federal 2018 Omnibus Package.

\$2-3 BILLION can now be accessed to fight wildfires, freeing up funds for other needs.

Race for Governor

Tennessee's wildlife and natural resources are the sources of tradition, outlets for recreation, and major economic drivers. But the leading candidates for governor were surprisingly quiet when it came to the topic of conservation.

Tennessee Wildlife Federation was the **1 ORGANIZATION** to get Bill Lee and Karl Dean on the record about the great outdoors.

Share Our Rivers

More and more, the Federation is hearing from anglers and private paddlers that commercial canoe and kayak rental services are dominating public waterways and access points. The heavy traffic drives individual users off rivers and leads to increased litter, bad behavior, and damage to habitats. We secured passage of a law giving the Tennessee Fish & Wildlife Commission the authority to manage commercial paddlecraft rental services.

The Federation then helped the public send **43,000+ EMAILS** to commissioners, legislators, and chambers of commerce supporting new rules, which soon passed.

Hunters for the Hungry helps sportsmen stay in the great outdoors and encourages better deer management, all while feeding hungry Tennesseans.



548,772

meals of venison provided to hungry Tennesseans.



83 of 95

Tennessee counties are served by the program.

The Federation's **Habitat Conservation** program actively conserves and restores forests, fields, wetlands, rivers, and streams. This provides more and healthier habitats for wildlife to thrive and for people to use to get outside.



700+ ACRES

of habitat started the restoration process in 2018, bringing the total to

11,000+ ACRES conserved or restored.

Tennessee Scholastic Clay Target Program engaged

1,850 YOUTH

in the shooting sports last year to begin a lifetime outdoors and to pave the way to explore hunting and fishing.



TEN

national titles last year alone.



The Federation created an extensive best practices manual for coaches and teams, a first in the national Scholastic Clay Target Program

Hunting and Fishing Academy finished its pilot and launched to the public. It provides engaging, hands-on instruction in the art of being an outdoorsman to first-time and novice hunters and anglers of all ages.



400+ YOUTH AND PARENTS

went hunting or fishing, many for the first time.





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