Healthy Forests

A healthy forest is made up of a few basic building blocks:

- **Biod**iversity of plants & animals
- Variety of habitats
- Clean water
- Trees of all ages and sizes seedlings, brush, and towering canopy trees



Project Spotlight: Future of the Forest

Forests cover 97% of Shenandoah National Park. This project examines the long-term changes in the forest that have implications for the future health and sustainability of plant species, the animals that depend on them, and the visitor experience.

Landscape Legacies

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Protecting Landscapes

Protecting large landscapes means working to comprehensively protect the park's resources on a grand scale, including...

- viewsheds.
- soundscapes,
- dark skies,
- wildlife corridors,
- healthy forests,
- clean water,
- and more.

Landscape conservation looks at the bigger picture, working collaboratively across geographical and cultural boundaries to protect natural areas and promote ecological and economic well-being.

Stewarding Land Along Shenandoah's Border

With a park as long and skinny as Shenandoah, bordered by hundreds of privately owned properties in eight counties, what affects one entity inevitably and quickly affects the rest.

The Good Neighbors Program is a land conservation initiative focused on Shenandoah's borderlands. The program's primary goals are to...

- Connect people to conservation resources
- Facilitate communication between the park and its neighbors
- Protect borderlands through land donation, acquisition, or easements

Leave a Legacy: Donate Land



An asset you've had for

generations can be a gift for generations to come. By donating all or part of your property to the Shenandoah National Park Trust, you may be able to reduce your capital gains tax, receive an income tax deduction & a Virginia tax credit, and even continue to use or live on the property.

Best of all, your gift is vital in protecting Shenandoah National Park's plant and animal species, trail access, tree canopy, viewsheds, and more.

Project Spotlight: Hope for Hemlocks

Over the last 25 years, hemlock and ash populations have been devastated by invasive pests. This project, rooted in the latest research, focuses on protecting the remaining hemlock and ash trees through early interventions, biological controls (natural predators that target the invasive pests), and insecticide treatments.

Good Neighbors is part of supporting a resilient forest in and around Shenandoah National Park, which is paramount to conserving the park's stunning views, charismatic wildlife, amazing visitor experiences, and the treasured open spaces of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Donor Spotlight: Keith Cain

In 2022, Keith Cain purchased and donated 23 acres along Shenandoah's Rappahannock boundary in hopes that the land could be protected and remain undeveloped, preserving woodland and access to Sam's Ridge Trail. For Keith, donating land meant more than protecting the park – it was also a way to turn his father's memory into a legacy.

