

Stronger Together

This year, we needed to be nimble. 2024 was set to be another year of success and progress. Our litigation against the Southside Project successfully protected the Whitewater Special Interest Area. The Healthy Communities team helped secure new regulations protecting Madison County communities from large biomass facilities and crypto-mining operations. We removed the Shulls Mill Dam on the Watauga River, cleared an invasive plant that posed a serious threat to Lake Chatuge, and coordinated over \$400,000 in septic repairs for homeowners who were financially unable to repair or maintain their systems, resulting in immediate water quality improvements.

Then Helene arrived and changed everything.

But MountainTrue didn't flinch. When Helene devastated our region, our staff and volunteers were on the front lines providing much-needed food and water, participating in search and rescue operations, and using our Saluda office as the community supply hub, among other relief efforts. We tested more than 300 drinking wells, cleaned up over 100,000 pounds of debris, and coordinated the most thorough watershed-wide analysis of contaminants and sediments post-Helene. This work will evolve as our communities recover and rebuild.

Rolling into 2025, we continue to lead efforts on critical issues like cleaning up our rivers, forest protection, community planning, and housing. Your support makes this vital work possible!

Bob

Bob Wagner,
MountainTrue Executive Director

Celebrating the Wins

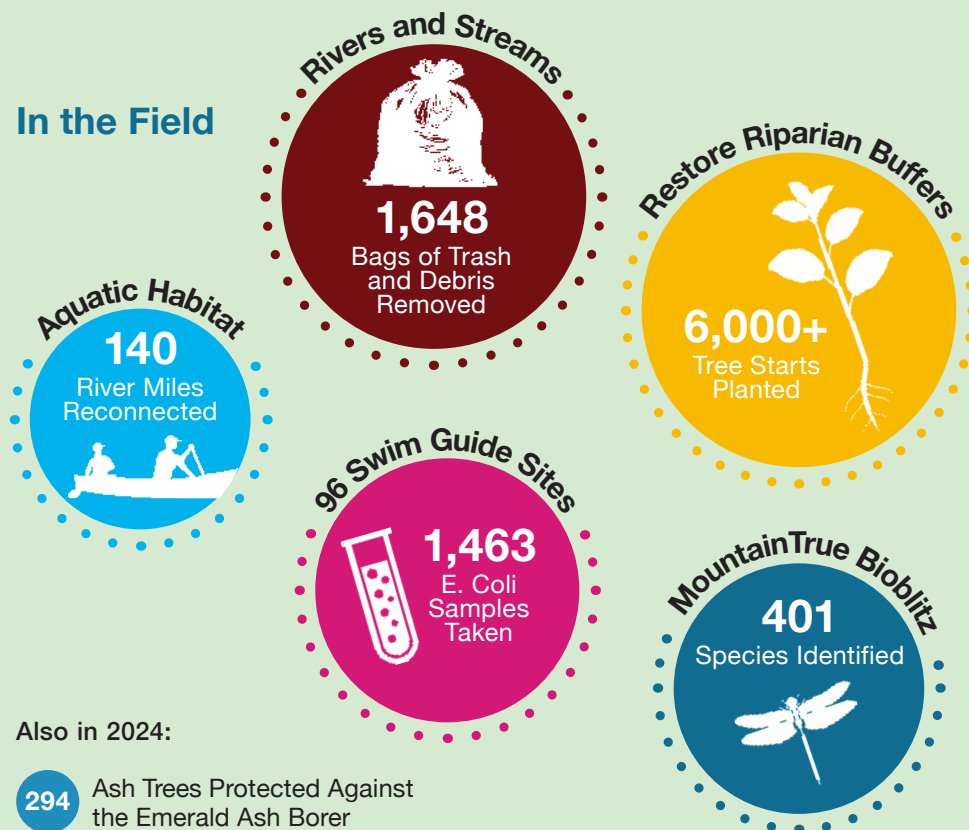


Advocacy & Engagement

In 2024:

- 300+ Volunteers Worked More Than 5,700 Hours
- 150+ CCA Symposium Attendees
- 22 Advocacy Actions Taken

In the Field



Also in 2024:

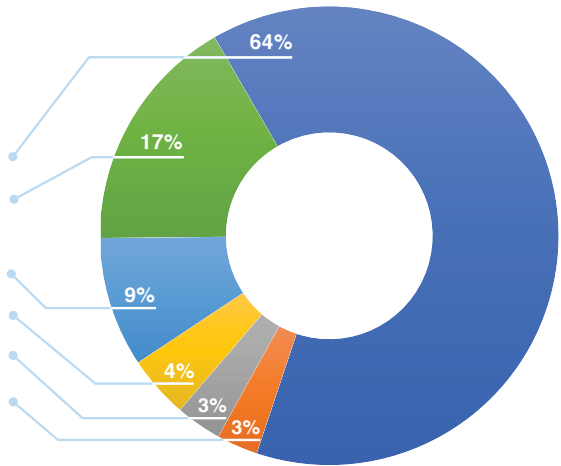
- 294 Ash Trees Protected Against the Emerald Ash Borer
- 91 Water Pollution Reports Responded to
- 37 Pollution Sources Found and Eliminated
- 21 Septic Systems Repaired



Financials

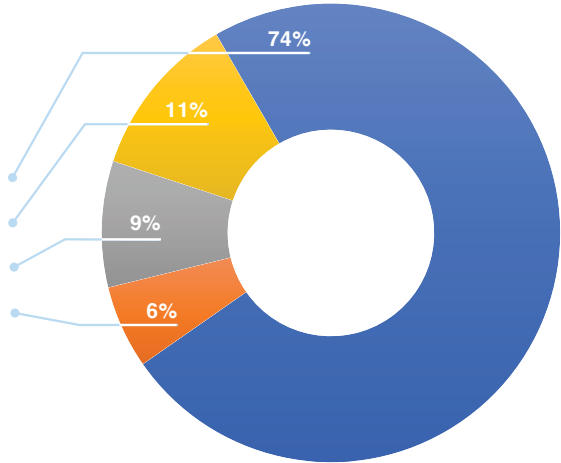
Revenue

Members and Individual Donations	\$1,928,253
Grants	\$511,235
Business and Organizational Giving	\$278,524
Contract Services	\$133,818
Event Income	\$98,490
Misc	\$88,528
Total:	\$3,038,848



Expenses

Clean Water, Resilient Forests, and Healthy Communities	\$1,841,988
Fundraising	\$290,102
Administration	\$222,690
Communications	\$146,784
Total:	\$2,501,564



*Unaudited numbers

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