



# THE CANAL QUARTERLY

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## FLOOD WATERS INUNDATE CANAL & TOWPATH

2018 has been a terrible year for the towpath. Flash floods in May swept away Culvert 82 near Brunswick, creating a large breach in the towpath. Then, over the spring and summer, the Potomac River flooded three more times, inundating sections of the towpath, scouring gravel from its surface in some areas while depositing thick sludgy silt in others, creating hazardous washouts, and damaging culverts and other structures.

This fall, the C&O Canal National Historical Park will begin a \$2.8 million project to repair and resurface 23 of the worst hit miles of the towpath from mile post 30 to mile post 35 (Edwards Ferry to Whites Ferry) and from mile post 54 to mile post 71 (Culvert 82 to Packhorse Ford near the Shepherdstown Bridge). Fortunately, prior to the flooding, the Park had already identified these sections as among the 80 towpath miles in most need of attention and, with the assistance of an advocacy campaign led by the C&O Canal Trust, had procured \$1 million from the state of Maryland's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for the project. The balance came from federal sources.

Work will include removal of rocks, roots and grassy medians, and grading of the towpath to facilitate water runoff. To improve resiliency, the towpath will be resurfaced with the same stone dust that provides the excellent surface on the Great Allegheny Passage rail-trail from Cumberland to Pittsburgh. This new material will take the place of the clay covered with gravel that makes up the current towpath surface but which is prone to rutting, erosion, and water retention.



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*The towpath upstream of McMaho's Mill suffered scouring during the spring floods. Shown is the subsurface of the towpath, which is normally covered with towpath material. The swift water currents of the river washed away all of the smaller towpath material, leaving the large rocks behind.*

The Trust has launched a multi-year Towpath Resurfacing campaign that, in the short term, will help repair recent flood damage and, in the long term, will contribute to the matching funds often required for the Park to receive large state and federal grants. To make a gift to support towpath resurfacing, visit [www.CanalTrust.org/towpath](http://www.CanalTrust.org/towpath).

## CANAL FOR ALL ENGAGES NEW AUDIENCES



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*A student with the Latin American Youth Center climbs at Carderock.*

In 2016, the C&O Canal Trust embarked on a mission to ensure the C&O Canal National Historical Park would be relevant and cared for in future generations. Called the "Canal For All" initiative, the program sought to develop lasting, balanced partnerships with African American and Latino communities in Montgomery County, MD, where 38 percent of the population are Hispanic or African American.

Thanks to the generous support of the National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF) and the Keneda Fund, the Trust just wrapped up a two-year pilot of the Canal For All initiative, which launched the program and provided the capacity

for robust and sustainable partnerships and programming in the years to come. Overall, 385 participants were engaged through 13 events, and 21 volunteers were trained to deliver the Canal For All programs.

The Trust began by integrating community groups into our existing programming, bringing youth groups to the C&O Canal from Community Bridges, Identity, Inc., the Latin American Youth Center, and the Bethesda YMCA Horizons Outdoor Adventure Program to participate in Canal Pride clean-ups, overnight stays at our Canal Quarters lockhouses, bike rides,

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## A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our fiscal year ended on September 30 and, as we do annually at this time, we are taking stock of our accomplishments and reflecting on our strengths and opportunities. Many of these are included in this issue. We were challenged in many ways, including four floods and one hurricane that threatened our major event, Park After Dark, causing its cancellation. With the help of many, we were nimble, responsive, and had the support of donors and volunteers throughout. You contributed to our success. I hope you share my pride.

One of my most important roles as president is to express appreciation to those who make possible the important work of the C&O Canal Trust. This issue of the Canal Quarterly is a big opportunity for me to do just that. It includes our Honor Roll of Donors, a listing of those who invested in our work with charitable gifts during last fiscal year. We could not be more grateful to each and every donor – thank you!

You will also read about the volunteerism that helps us to run this organization. It wows me every time when I look at the

totality of what volunteers accomplish – a total of 1,302 volunteers whose total hours are valued at \$281,690. We literally could not do this work without you – thank you!

Opportunities to brag about my staff publicly are few and far between because I always have so many others to thank, and that is as it should be. Please indulge me in just a few words. The Trust team is a very competent, hard-working, and extremely dedicated group of professionals pulling together to maximize our efforts to support the Park. If you know any of them, I'm certain you agree. To my team – thank you!

As the end of the calendar year approaches, you will have an opportunity to take stock, too. I hope you count your support of the Trust among the important things you accomplished this year. We sure do.

All the best for safe and happy holidays,



Robin Zanotti, Trust President

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## Leave a legacy for tomorrow by Making a Bequest to the C&O Canal Trust

Making a bequest that benefits the C&O Canal National Historical Park could be the most important charitable gift you ever make. By naming the C&O Canal Trust in your will, you will join the Patowmack Society in creating a legacy for the future that helps ensure that generations to come will have the opportunity to love and nurture this extraordinary natural and historical resource.



“The C&O Canal National Historical Park has been an important part of my family’s life for the past 30 years. To help assure that the Park is preserved for future generations, I am dedicating a bequest to the C&O Canal Trust.”

— Ambassador Sandy Vogelgesang, Patowmack Society Founding Member

Contact Director of Development Patricia Barber at 301-745-8880 or [barber@canaltrust.org](mailto:barber@canaltrust.org) for more information.

# TRUST LAUNCHES NEW FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

Following a yearlong process, the C&O Canal Trust has launched its new strategic plan, covering 2019 to 2023, that lays out ambitious but achievable goals to strengthen private support for the C&O Canal National Historical Park (NHP) through philanthropy, volunteerism, and advocacy.

Highlights include:

- Raising funds to support the Park's multi-year plan to improve and resurface 80 miles of the towpath, while continuing to provide direct financial support for Canal Classrooms.
- Developing a volunteer Canal Ambassador Corps to extend the Trust's ability to provide visitor services and engage with constituents in the Park and beyond.
- Enhancing Canal Quarters by making lockhouses more accessible and developing 21st century interpretive tools.
- Supporting the Park as it celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2021.
- Extending our communication and engagement opportunities to embrace the rising generation of young professionals and the increasingly diverse communities bordering the park.
- Enhancing Trust organizational effectiveness and capacity through improved technology and modest staff growth.

The strategic plan was the result of a collaborative effort shaped by stakeholder input spanning much of 2018, including a survey completed by over 500 constituents and one-on-one interviews with 39 key donors and volunteers, partners, the leadership of the C&O Canal NHP, and Trust board members.

"It is critical that the Trust, as the keystone organization in the bridge between private citizens and the Park, has a clear roadmap for engaging our canal community to enable the Trust to provide robust funding and programmatic support to our Park," Robin Zanotti, president of the Trust, said. "We wanted to develop a plan that reflected the priorities of both our constituents and our Park partner. Our thanks go to all who gave freely of their time and perspective to make it possible."

To read the full strategic plan, please visit [www.CanalTrust.org/strategicplan](http://www.CanalTrust.org/strategicplan) or contact Patricia Barber at 301-745-8880 or [barber@canaltrust.org](mailto:barber@canaltrust.org).

## MERTZ RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE

Longtime Park and Trust volunteer and former Trust Board Member Robert Mertz won the George and Helen Hartzog Award for Outstanding individual Volunteer Service for the National Capital Region for the work he did in 2017. Mertz, a historic furnishings aficionado, has furnished all six of the nationally-acclaimed Canal Quarters lockhouses (and is working on number seven) and other Park buildings, using his keen sense for design and eye for historic accuracy. In 2017, his work helped the Trust secure a large furniture donation from the family of George Hartzog, past National Park Service director, for use in the Great Falls Tavern Canal Classrooms space, Swains Lockhouse, and Lockhouse 44, among others.

Mertz's work has transformed spaces around the C&O Canal National Historical Park, making them come alive for visitors with furnishings that are accurate for the time period, socio-economic status, and story he is interpreting, while also creating usable spaces that can function as overnight quarters for visitors or a classroom for students. "There are never any velvet ropes or plexiglass in a Robert Mertz designed room!" says Director of Programs and Partnerships Becky Curtis.



## C&O CANAL TRUST WELCOMES NEW LEADERSHIP

At the October Board meeting, **Stephen Chaudet** took the helm of the Trust's Board of Directors as its new Chairman after serving four years as Vice Chairman of the Board and Chair of the Development Committee. Steve has had a distinguished career with Lockheed Martin and brings considerable experience in nonprofit leadership.

We also honored outgoing Board Chairman, **Michael C. Mitchell**, who has provided four years of visionary leadership during a time of steady growth for the Trust. Park Superintendent Kevin Brandt presented Mike with an iconic "flat hat" as a gift of thanks for his partnership and friendship. Mike will continue to serve on the Trust's board. The Trust also bid a fond farewell to **Kathy Poole** who served on the Trust's board for six years and as Secretary.



Two new Directors were elected at the October meeting. **Paul Juola** is the Vice President of Space, Missile Defense and Strategic Programs in Lockheed Martin Government Affairs. Prior to joining Lockheed Martin, Paul served on Capitol Hill and in the Department of Defense. He recently moved to Alexandria and often enjoys local biking trails including the C&O Canal towpath.

**Paul Krogh** is the CEO of K2 Construction Consultants and has worked on major capital infrastructure programs around the world, helping owners and contractors complete complex projects on time and on schedule. A native Washingtonian living in Bethesda, he can frequently be found biking along the canal or hiking the Billy Goat Trail.

# 18 BENCHES INSTALLED ALONG TOWPATH

2018 was a banner year for the Trust's Bench Sponsorship Program, with 18 new benches installed in the Park from Marsden Bridge in Potomac to Lock 75 near Cumberland!

Fifteen of the benches were donated by Daofeng He and his wife, Angela Yang Cui, through their foundation. Big fans of the C&O Canal National Historical Park, Daofeng and Angela made their generous donation to fill the need they saw for comfortable places for people to sit and get back to nature. Their 15-bench donation extended the bench program upriver from Great Falls along the length of the canal.

Our thanks also goes to our other 2018 bench donors – the family of Douglas R.

Hokenson, in his memory; the family of Cory Matthew Jones, in his memory; and the family and friends of George E. Mattingly, in honor of his birthday. Our grateful thanks goes out to Jim Heins and his outstanding bench installation crew for their great work in 2018.

Contact Director of Development Patricia Barber at [barber@canaltrust.org](mailto:barber@canaltrust.org) or 301-745-8880 to learn more about the Bench Program.



Daofeng He and Angela Yang Cui pose on one of the new benches.

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## VOLUNTEER EFFORTS INVALUABLE TO C&O CANAL

The Trust is able to make a positive impact along the 184.5-mile length of the Park only with the support of our donors and the help of committed volunteers. In fiscal year 2018, 1,302 Trust volunteers performed 10,032 hours of service, worth \$281,690 in in-kind labor.

Canal Pride volunteers painted bathrooms, the mule barn, fences, and picnic benches; planted native gardens and pulled invasive plants; picked up trash; and removed graffiti. Their service

freed up Park maintenance crews to respond to emergencies and take care of tasks requiring higher skills.

In 2018, 52 volunteer Quartermasters were the "boots on the ground" for our Canal Quarters program. They performed minor maintenance, reported problems, and made sure each lockhouse was ready for guests. With flooding predicted on several occasions, volunteers, including our Quartermasters, came to the rescue on very short notice to sandbag Lockhouse 6 and move furniture from the basements of Lockhouses 22, 25, and 28 to higher levels.



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**\$281,690 in-kind labor**

## WELCOME CHEYENNE

We are pleased to welcome Cheyenne Sebold, a recent graduate of Towson University, who will be working as an intern at the Trust for one year. Her

internship is made possible through a grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust, which manages the Chesapeake Conservation Corps (CCC), a program that promotes employment for young adults with nonprofit or government agencies in the Chesapeake Bay region in an effort to prepare them for future green careers. Cheyenne will be working on Canal Pride Days events and the Canal Quarters program along with other duties. She is completing a capstone project for the CCC by developing a project that benefits the C&O Canal. Cheyenne eventually hopes to become involved in more scientific monitoring and engage more with natural resources.



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hikes, and rock climbing workshops. L.L. Bean provided recreational "Camping 101" and "Choose Your Own Adventure" clinics, while park rangers gave educational lectures and the Bike Loaner Program provided bikes for towpath rides. The initiative also included cultural competency training for the C&O Canal staff and volunteers and the translation of Canal Quarters printed interpretive content into Spanish.

Phase II of Canal For All is now underway and will continue to build on the successes of the past two years. Thanks to funding from the Montgomery County Council, we will begin a Conservation Jobs Corps program for disadvantaged youth during the summer of 2019, as well as continuing programming with our current partners and the recruitment of new partners to the program.

# 2017-2018 HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

The Board of Directors and the staff of the C&O Canal Trust wish to thank all of our donors who have generously supported our work over the last fiscal year.

The following Honor Roll of Donors reflects giving between October 1, 2017 and September 30, 2018. Every attempt has been made to ensure this list is complete.

If we have excluded you in error, please contact Patricia Barber, Director of Development, at [barber@canaltrust.org](mailto:barber@canaltrust.org) or 301-745-8880.

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### Headquarters Moving

The C&O Canal Trust will relocate to Williamsport, MD in 2020 along with the headquarters of the C&O Canal National Historical Park. Thanks to local, county, state, and federal funding, a new Visitor Center will be built near the Cushwa Basin in Williamsport, and the Park and Trust administrative offices will also be located in the building.

### World Canal Conference

The C&O Canal will play host to the world's canal lovers in

August 2021, when it will host the World Canal Conference in Hagerstown, MD. The conference is being coordinated by the C&O Canal Association and the Visit Hagerstown/Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

### Water in Canal in Georgetown

The new gates at locks 3 and 4 in Georgetown have been installed, and the canal was filled with water in mid-October to test how they worked. The Park Service will continue to make adjustments through

the winter, and hope to have this section of the canal rewatered completely in the spring.

### Holiday Gifts for Canal Lovers

Stuck on a gift idea for that hard-to-buy-for someone on your list? The C&O Canal Trust's 2019 Annual Calendar provides scenic views of the canal 365 days a year. Or give the gift of peace and solitude with a Canal Quarters Gift Certificate, allowing the

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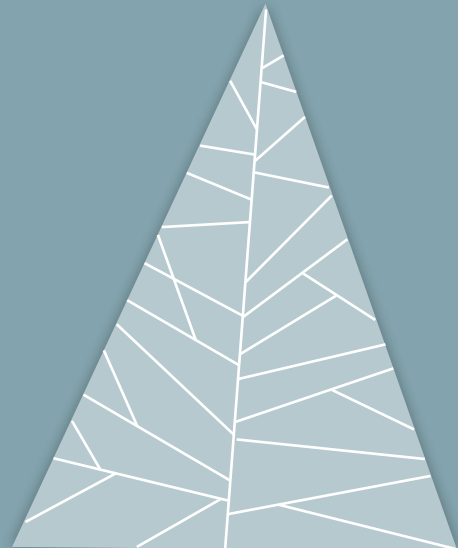
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