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Community Foundation’s Environment Fund Reaches \$1 Million for Northern Virginia’s Natural Resources

Fairfax, VA (September 3, 2024) – Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia’s [Environment Fund](#) reached a \$1 million endowment milestone last month. This is the first issue area focused fund at the Community Foundation to reach this mark.



Pictured to the right: 2023 Environment Fund grantee, Educate Fairfax, was awarded \$34,000 whose project supported plantings for outdoor learning spaces for students and staff to learn in a welcoming natural environment. In the picture, students learned about Crestwood at a Fairfax County Park Authority Event.

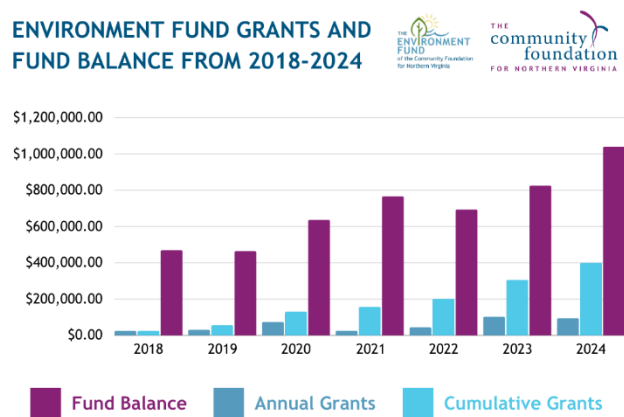
Since 2018 inception, the Environment Fund has granted nearly \$400,000 to organizations whose work aligns with the Fund’s mission: to protect, restore and improve the natural environment of Northern Virginia, thereby enhancing the health and quality of life of its citizens and the economy of the region. Past recipients include [EcoAction Arlington](#), [Fairfax County Public Schools](#), [NOVA Outside](#), and more.

The permanency and solidity of endowments ensure amplifying impact. As the Environment Fund Endowment grows, grants to nonprofit organizations will increase in size. For example, in 2018 the Community Foundation awarded \$25,000 from the Fund and in 2024, nonprofits received \$95,000. As permanent community capital, the Environment Fund will forever impact Northern Virginia communities.

The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia is ready to partner with more organizations in January 2025. [Applications will be accepted](#) from 501(c)(3) nonprofits that offer educational programming focused on conservation, energy efficiency, sustainability, watershed management, and workforce-climate management.

To learn more about the Environment Fund, [visit CFNOVA’s website](#) or [see CFNOVA’s Environment Fund video](#).

ENVIRONMENT FUND GRANTS AND FUND BALANCE FROM 2018-2024



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Founded in 1978, the Community Foundation has been the premier charitable partner trusted by thousands of generous Northern Virginians for decades. Our mission is to advance equity through philanthropy and community leadership. Comprised of donor advised funds, permanent funds, giving circles, and other charitable endowments, the Community Foundation's vision is to build a community that works for everyone. Our Community Foundation serves the entire region, including Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William Counties and the Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park.

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