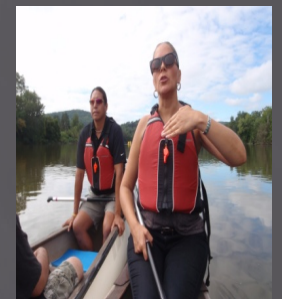


CHEMUNG RIVER FRIENDS

2018 ANNUAL REPORT



Prepared by Chemung River Executive Director Jim Pfiffer

WELCOME GIANT CANOES ON THE CHEMUNG

Our partner, Southern Tier Kayak Tours, began offering guided tours of the river in their three new 26-foot-long, 12-person Indian canoes. The canoes are used for two hour guided tours of the river and offer an excellent opportunity for first-time paddlers, groups, businesses and organizations to discover the joys of paddling as teams of paddlers.



“The Indian canoes are another way that STKT and River Friends are working together to make the river easy, fun and safe to enjoy for recreation, education and team building,” said River Friends Executive Director Jim Pfiffer. “

BUS TO THE RIVER TOUR

In May we partnered with First Transit in Elmira to make it easier for people to paddle the Chemung River. We developed a bus route to the 10 boat launches on the Chemung River where a bus and trailer pick up paddlers and their kayaks at any of the 10 boat launches on the Chemung River, between Wellsburg and Painted Post.



The bus transports the paddlers and their boats to upstream boat launches, where the paddlers paddle back to their vehicles at their starting point. We spent \$2,700 to buy a 3-year-old aluminum kayak/canoe trailer that can hold 12 boats.

TRAILS



We created and installed 14 hand-painted wooden trail signs on the West Elmira river trail. The signs correspond with the names of streets that dead-end at the river, and have spur trails leading to the main river trails.

“The signs let trail users know where they are, in relation to the streets, and makes it easier for emergency personnel to quickly find and respond to people who call 911 in need of help while on the trails,” said River Friends Executive Director Jim Pfiffer.



The West Elmira trails are the most used trails on the river, especially for people walking their dogs or looking to enjoy nature. The signs help trail users and emergency personnel know where they are in relation to the nearby streets.

In the fall we installed 12 wooden bird houses along trails and boat launches. The bird houses were made from recycled wood, by the Chemung County Soil & Water

Conservation District, and painted by students at the Finn Academy in Elmira.

We helped Boy Scouts from Troop 2 in Corning clean litter from 2.5 miles of the Lackawanna Rail Trail in Elmira in October and learn how to use drones for aerial mapping and illegal dumping searches.

Environmental education

We partnered with Big Flats Elementary School, which adopted Bottcher’s Landing Boat Launch on the Chemung River in Big Flats. The school students, staff and parents will keep the

launch
classroom.

erected
paddlers
abutment
erasable

We taught
pollution



clean, free of brush and use it as a
May 17 kickoff program. Planted
flowers/trees, cleaned litter, cut brush,
“welcome to Bottcher’s” sign for
replaced graffiti-marred wall of bridge
with paint-on blackboard and chalk for
use.

summer classes on birds, trees,
and environmental stewardship to

more than 400 students from the Finn Academy in Elmira. The students built and installed
bluebird houses and learned about the ospreys that nest on the river, how trees protect and
clean our environment and what the students and their families can do to protect and enjoy
the river and our natural resources.

We partnered with the Finger Lakes House in Elmira, a bar/restaurant on the river, to offer an
Aug. 6 presentation about the ospreys that nest on a nesting pole on an island in the Chemung



River directly across from the Finger Lakes House. More
than 40 people attended the event to learn about these
amazing birds and what the public can do to protect
them and our clean water.

We taught more than 85 children and 60 adults about
the ospreys that nest along the Chemung River, why
clean water is important to their survival and what the

public can do to protect the water, ospreys and environment.

We worked with an Eagle Scout to install two osprey nesting poles along the marsh off of
Route 14 in Horseheads, near the holding point. To date we have installed four poles.

The Chemung Valley History Museum joined us in co-sponsoring a Sept. 14 and 15 Native
American history presentation and canoe trip featuring an Oneida and Onondaga husband and
wife team who lectured about local Iroquois history and the importance of rivers to the
indigenous people.

Native American

- ▣ Sept. 14 and 15 presentation and canoe trip.
- ▣ Partner museums and Native Americans.
- ▣ New committee for 2019 and beyond.



We formed a committee of local museums, educators, Native Americans and community members to develop programs to educate the public (especially school children) about our area's rich Native American history. The programs include paddle trips and hikes along the river and discussions about Native American's and their relationship and dependence on clean water, land and air.

Boat Launches

We worked with the Town of Big Flats and law enforcement to address a problem at the Minier's/Sen. Smith Boat Launch on the Chemung River in Big Flats. The site was a meeting place for sexual trysts. The launch is adjacent to a youth athletic field, trails and popular fishing spots. We installed game cameras at the boat and at the Bottcher's Landing and Fitch's Bridge launches in Big Flats.

Boat launches



- Bottcher's Landing, Big Flats, Cleaned, brush removal, planted trees & flowers, painted over obscene graffiti chalk board paint. Big Flats Elem.
- Installed game cameras Fitch's, Minier's & Bottcher's.
- Permit for concrete ramp Fitch's.
- Regular trash cleanups.
- Boat launch development in Steuben County.



Began long process of obtaining permits to install a concrete boat ramp at Fitch's Bridge Boat Launch in Big Flats. Received permission from Army Corps of Engineers and awaiting NYS DEC permit. Local contractor, Edger Construction, will install the ramp for free.

We are working with Steuben County officials to map the boat launches and locations for boat launches on the Chemung River in Steuben County, as part of our plan to make the entire 45-mile Chemung River one single recreational water trail and market and brand it as such.



Eco-recreation

Despite the summer's rainy weather, we led 9 Nature Stroller Walks for more than 220 parents, grandparents, toddlers and children. The five-year-old

program, financed by the Chemung Valley Audubon Society, promotes family eco-recreation and environmental stewardship. We formed a new partnership with the newly-opened Finger Lakes House in Elmira. The tavern and restaurant held a kayak package raffle and raised \$1,467 that was donated to us. The bar and restaurant are located on the Chemung River in Elmira, overlooking an osprey nesting pole. We collaborate with the business to hold river-related educational and recreational events. We support and promote a business that supports and promotes us and river.

We led three hikes along the river in Elmira and West Elmira for more than 160 students, staff and parents at the Finn Academy Charter School in Elmira. The hikes were part of the school’s summer educational classes on pollution, trees and river ospreys.

We led eight Nature Stroller walks along trails, boat launches and Seeley Creek for more than 120 parents, grandparents and children as part of a program financed by the Chemung Valley Audubon Society.

River Friends and Southern Tier Kayak Tours led a guided paddle for more 15 paddlers on the Chemung River. We guided a Mothers Out Front paddle on the river for 32 people as part of a public program to draw attention to global warming and environmental stewardship.

Safety



- ▣ Purchased inflatable rescue boat and propless motor for EFD.
- ▣ 2-day June safe paddling class , Beecher Elem., 450 students and 18 staff..
- ▣ June , annual beginner paddle class Grove Street Boat Launch AHWAGA, 100 +.
- ▣ Sponsored two nationally-known swift water instructors for 30+ firefighters, 7 depts., night river rescue training.
- ▣ Taught safe paddling to 13 youth at W. Elmira summer camp.
- ▣ Post regular safety advice articles on Facebook.
- ▣ Gave away 26 youth life vests.
- ▣ Paddle class for family of 3.



Safety

We secured a grant from the Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes to purchase an inflatable river rescue boat and propless motor for the Elmira Fire Department to make it easier and safer to do river rescues and training.

River Friends and the Elmira Fire Department used our portable pool, kayaks and canoes to teach basic paddling and water safety to more than 450 students at Beecher Elementary School. We gave away eight life vests to students who needed them. We taught safe paddling classes to 14 children at a West Elmira Summer Camp.

Our annual safe paddling and canoe/kayak rides event (6/9) attracted more than 100 people to the Grove Street Boat Launch in Elmira. River Friends, the Elmira Fire Department, Southern Tier Kayak Tours (STKT) and the AHWAGA Canoe & Kayak Club gave free rides and paddling lessons. STKT introduced their three new 26-foot-long, 12-person Indian canoes and gave free rides. The giant canoes will be used to give guided paddle trips around the Grove Street Boat Launch and teach the participants about river history, ecology and recreation.

River Friends provided funding for two nationally-known swift water instructors to teach a 10-hour night river rescue class more than 30 firefighters from the seven fire departments in the Chemung River Task Force. River Friends volunteers played the role of victims stranded or injured on the river during the program's rescue drills.



The Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes provided a \$1,000 grant toward the program. Firefighters liked it so much they are going to

do annual training and finance it.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

We removed more than XX tons of trash and illegal dumps from along our rivers, streams and trails. We did it with community volunteers, youth, school and church groups and the Chemung County Probation Department.

We partnered with the Town of Big Flats and Big Flats Elementary School to refurbish the Bottcher's Landing Boat Launch on the Chemung River in Big Flats. We planted flowers and trees, removed litter, painted an unsightly former concrete bridge abutment and unveiled a new sign for the boat launch.



The volunteer Riverside Patriots did four boat launch cleanups during the year, removing hundreds of pounds of litter.

We helped law enforcement investigate, arrest and prosecute an Elmira Heights man who dumped hundreds of pounds of household trash at the Fitch's Bridge and Grove Street Boat Launches.

We installed three game cameras at boat launches where we have trouble with dumping and other issues to help law enforcement arrest people who abuse and use the boat launches for illegal activities.



Big Flats Elementary student planting flowers at Bottcher's Landing

The Chemung River Patriots, our volunteer group of trash removers, did five boat launch cleanups throughout the year, removing several hundred pounds of litter and trash.

We painted over unsightly graffiti and planted flowers, shrubs and trees at Bottcher's Landing in Big Flats in partnership with the students,

staff and parents of Big Flats Elementary School.

Fund raising



We raised more than \$5,000 through our fund-raising activities, including the sale of River Friends calendar and bandanna river maps, a canoe-kayak-paddle flea market, a kayak package raffle and

We raised more than \$20,000 through our twice yearly membership mail campaign directed by River Friends President Don Hall.

Our public donations included a 15-foot Mad River canoe, a dozen life

vests and assorted paddles.

Public information and education

Our board members, staff and volunteers put in more than Xx hours working at River Friends information tables at fairs, health/wellness and safety events.

We continue to seek and gather feedback from river and trail users through conversations, public presentations and programs and through social media.

Our 2018 revenues

Grants:

- ▣ \$1,000 Comm. Found. Night river rescue training.
- ▣ \$5,000 Hilliard Foundation, operating, programs & projects.
- ▣ \$500 Humanities New York, 2-day Native American river program.
- ▣ \$300 Comm. Found. Security cameras at 3 Big Flats boat launches.
- ▣ \$55,000 municipal investments.
- ▣ Paddle flea market, \$1,200.
- ▣ Paddle trips, \$540.
- ▣ Education program: \$2,885.
- ▣ Nature Strollers, \$450.
- ▣ River safety, \$450.
- ▣ Steve Kettle online fundraiser, \$615 .



Memberships and gifts

- ▣ Memberships: \$17,700.
- ▣ \$1,467 kayak raffle Finger Lakes House.
- ▣ Gifts: 15-foot Mad River canoe and dozens of life vests and paddles, \$1,200.
- ▣ Used kayak and equip., \$900
- ▣ Cotton bandanna river maps and frames, \$1,149.
- ▣ \$100 Calvin U. Smith Elem. School, Painted Post.
- ▣ Calendars, \$2,530.
- ▣ Elmira Fire Fighters union, \$350
- ▣ Municipal support: \$48,000

2018 Financial report

Friends of the Chemung River Watershed, Inc.
Profit & Loss
December 2018

	Dec 18
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Other Types of Income	
Fundraiser Donations	327.50
Honorarium - In memory of	300.00
Interest	10.43
Total Other Types of Income	637.93
Program Income	
Membership Dues/Mail Fundraisin	6,102.87
Total Program Income	6,102.87
Total Income	6,740.80
Gross Profit	6,740.80
Expense	
Business Expenses	
Fees and Licenses	12.68
Total Business Expenses	12.68
Contract Services	
Accounting Fees	220.00
Total Contract Services	220.00
Operations	
Books, Subscriptions, Reference	18.98
Telephone, Telecommunications	139.61
Total Operations	158.59
Other Types of Expenses	
Meals and Entertainment	45.59
Total Other Types of Expenses	45.59
Payroll Expenses	
Director Salary	2,163.92
FICA Expense	165.54
NYS Unemployment Insurance	0.00
Payroll Expenses - Other	0.00
Total Payroll Expenses	2,329.46
Travel and Meetings	
Travel	135.30
Total Travel and Meetings	135.30
Total Expense	2,901.62
Net Ordinary Income	3,839.18
Net Income	3,839.18

Friends of the Chemung River Watershed, Inc.
Profit & Loss
 January through December 2018

	Jan - Dec 18
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Direct Public Grants	
Grants/Admin Fees	14,891.28
Total Direct Public Grants	14,891.28
Government Grants	
Municipal Funds	54,050.00
Total Government Grants	54,050.00
Other Types of Income	
Board Fundraising	3,354.00
Business and Industry	6,465.30
Fundraiser Donations	3,240.50
Honorarium - In memory of	425.00
Interest	54.95
Total Other Types of Income	13,539.75
Program Income	
Membership Dues/Mail Fundraisin	23,807.87
Program Service Fees	4,878.12
RFD Presentations	805.00
Total Program Income	29,490.99
Total Income	111,972.02
Gross Profit	111,972.02
Expense	
Awards Grants Donations	
Donations	500.00
Awards Grants Donations - Other	160.00
Total Awards Grants Donations	660.00
Business Expenses	
Fees and Licenses	232.08
Total Business Expenses	232.08
Contract Services	
Accounting Fees	4,270.00
Outside Contract Services	250.00
Total Contract Services	4,520.00
Facilities and Equipment	
Equip Rental and Maintenance	10.00
Property Insurance	173.25
Rent, Parking, Utilities	1,800.00
Repairs and Maintenance	104.96
Total Facilities and Equipment	2,088.21
Operations	
Books, Subscriptions, Reference	1,478.03
Postage, Mailing Service	766.72
Printing and Copying	3,591.02
Program Expense	19,582.00
Supplies	2,465.98
Telephone, Telecommunications	1,790.94
Total Operations	29,674.69
Other Types of Expenses	
Advertising Expenses	20.00
Insurance - Liability, D and O	1,686.00

Friends of the Chemung River Watershed, Inc.
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2018

	Dec 31, 18
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Certificate of Deposit ESB	100,000.00
Director's Checking	5,452.54
Paypal	405.41
Payroll	1,440.60
Savings	84,464.87
Undeposited Funds	6,145.37
Total Checking/Savings	197,908.79
Total Current Assets	197,908.79
Fixed Assets	
Furniture and Equipment	5,412.01
zAccumulated Depreciation	-5,412.01
Total Fixed Assets	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	197,908.79
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	
Federal Income Tax Withholding	241.00
FICA Payable	331.03
NYS Income Tax Withholding	100.72
Payroll Liabilities - Other	2.26
Total Payroll Liabilities	675.01
Total Other Current Liabilities	675.01
Total Current Liabilities	675.01
Total Liabilities	675.01
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	685.08
Unrestricted Net Assets	184,520.79
Net Income	12,027.91
Total Equity	197,233.78
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	197,908.79

**CHEMUNG RIVER FRIENDS
2018**

SOURCE/INCOME	<u>DEC</u>	<u>JAN-DEC 2018</u>	<u>ANNUAL GOAL</u>	<u>\$ TO BE COLLECTED</u>
Direct Public Grants				
Non-Profit Org. Grants	0.00	14,891.28	12,000.00	-2,891.28
Government Grants				
Local Gov. Grants (Municipal funds)	0.00	54,050.00	45,000.00	-9,050.00
Other Types of Income				
Honorarium - In memory of	300.00	425.00		
Business and Industry	0.00	6,465.30	5,000.00	-1,465.30
Board Fundraising	0.00	3,354.00	4,000.00	646.00
Fundraiser Donations	327.50	3,240.50		
Interest	10.43	54.95		
Program Income				
RFD Presentations	0.00	805.00		
Mem Dues/Mail Fundraising	6,102.87	23,807.87	18,000.00	-5,807.87
Program Fees	0.00	4,878.12	2,070.00	
Total Income:	<u>\$6,740.80</u>	<u>\$111,972.02</u>	<u>\$86,070.00</u>	<u>-\$18,568.45</u>

**CHEMUNG RIVER FRIENDS
2018**

	<u>DEC</u>	<u>JAN-DEC 2018</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>\$ Remaining</u>	<u>% Remaining</u>
Expense					
Awards Grants Donations	0.00	660.00			
Business Expense					
Fees and Licenses	12.68	232.08	200.00	-32.08	-16.04%
Accounting Fees & OS Contract	220.00	4,520.00	2900.00	-1620.00	-55.86%
Total Business Expense	<u>232.68</u>	<u>4,752.08</u>	<u>3,100.00</u>	<u>-1652.08</u>	<u>-53.29%</u>
Facilities and Equipment					
Property Insurance	0.00	173.25	200.00	26.75	13.38%
Rent, Parking, Utilities	0.00	1,800.00	1800.00	0.00	0.00%
Repairs, Equip., & Rental	0.00	114.96	200.00	85.04	42.52%
Total Facilities and Equipment	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,088.21</u>	<u>2,200.00</u>	<u>111.79</u>	<u>5.08%</u>
Operations					
Books, Subscriptions, Reference	18.98	1,478.03	1000.00	-478.03	-47.80%
Postage, Mailing Service	0.00	766.72	500.00	-266.72	-53.34%
Printing and Copying	0.00	3,591.02	3400.00	-191.02	-5.62%
Program Expense	0.00	19,582.00	1800.00	-17782.00	-987.89%
Supplies	0.00	2,465.98	2000.00	-465.98	-23.30%
Telephone, Telecommunications	139.61	1,790.94	2100.00	309.06	14.72%
Total Operations	<u>158.59</u>	<u>29,674.69</u>	<u>10800.00</u>	<u>-18874.69</u>	<u>-174.77%</u>
Other Types of Expenses					
Advertising Expenses	0.00	20.00	50.00	30.00	60.00%
Insurance - Liability, D and O	0.00	1,686.00	2000.00	314.00	15.70%
Meals and Entertainment	45.59	535.64	200.00	-335.64	-167.82%
Staff Development Mem Dues Other	0.00	426.50	250.00	-176.50	-70.60%
Fund Raising Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Total Other Types of Expenses	<u>45.59</u>	<u>2,668.14</u>	<u>2500.00</u>	<u>-168.14</u>	<u>-6.73%</u>
Payroll Expenses					
Director's Retirement	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00%
Director Salary	2,163.92	51,935.00	51935.00	0.00	0.00%
FICA/MED Expense	165.54	3,973.15	3600.00	-373.15	-10.37%
NYS Unemployment/NYS RE-Emp	0.00	99.91	150.00	50.09	33.39%
NYS Disability Insurance	0.00	0.00	150.00	150.00	100.00%
Workers Compensation	0.00	497.90	240.00	-257.90	-107.46%
Total Payroll Expenses	<u>2,329.46</u>	<u>57,005.96</u>	<u>56575.00</u>	<u>-430.96</u>	<u>-0.76%</u>
Mileage	<u>135.30</u>	<u>3,095.03</u>	<u>3000.00</u>	<u>-95.03</u>	<u>-3.17%</u>
Grant-Financed Projects & Programs	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Total Expenses	<u><u>2,901.62</u></u>	<u><u>99,944.11</u></u>	<u><u>78,175.00</u></u>	<u><u>-20,936.05</u></u>	<u><u>-26.78%</u></u>

Friends of the Chemung River Watershed, Inc.
Profit & Loss
January through December 2018

	Jan - Dec 18
Meals and Entertainment	535.64
Memberships and Dues	350.00
Other Costs	76.50
Total Other Types of Expenses	2,668.14
Payroll Expenses	
Director's Retirement	500.00
Director Salary	51,935.00
FICA Expense	3,973.15
NYS Unemployment Insurance	91.58
Workers Compensation	497.90
Payroll Expenses - Other	8.33
Total Payroll Expenses	57,005.96
Travel and Meetings	
Travel	3,095.03
Total Travel and Meetings	3,095.03
Total Expense	99,944.11
Net Ordinary Income	12,027.91
Net Income	12,027.91