

VNRC's 2012 Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2012 — Gifts Received July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

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Fiscal Year 2012

Assets

Cash	\$143,622
Other	\$125,295
Total Current Assets	\$268,917
Investments	\$1,712,966
Property and Equipment	\$309,801
Total Non-Current Assets	\$0
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$2,291,684

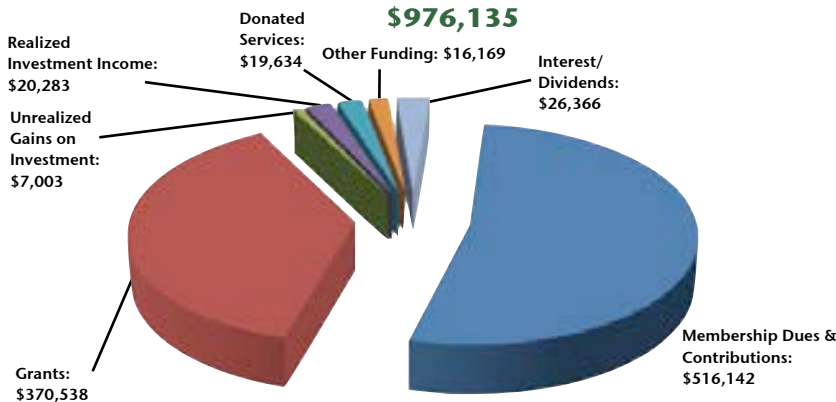
Liabilities & Net Assets

Current Liabilities	\$108,685
Non-Current Liabilities	\$0
Total Liabilities	\$108,685
Net Assets, Unrestricted	\$1,599,566
Net Assets, Temporarily Restricted	\$583,433
Total Net Assets	\$2,182,999
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$2,291,684



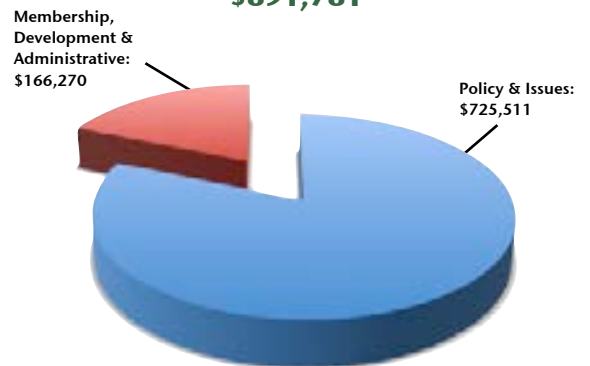
VNRC '12 Support & Revenue:

\$976,135



VNRC '12 Expenses:

\$891,781



2012 Highlights

VNRC Celebrates 50 Years of Service

In late September of 2012, nearly 700 people joined together to celebrate VNRC's 50th anniversary and to discuss a vision for the next 50 years. Environmental leaders such as Van Jones and Bill McKibben led an inspiring evening that clearly demonstrated that dedicated, organized efforts can lead to monumental changes. Working together, people of all ages and from all walks of life are coming together and working with VNRC to address the challenges facing Vermont in the coming decades. VNRC membership is important and appreciated by all who love Vermont.

Van Jones speaks on the power of today's young people:

"You are the biggest generation of Americans – the most diverse and you have the wisdom and genius of all people, in one generation. You're the most technologically savvy generation ever. You have a brilliant generation, a beautiful generation, you want to work, you want to create, you want to respect the earth, you want to lift people up. What if you launched a movement? What if you marched and demanded a youth green jobs corps where anyone under 25 who wants to, can work in America, putting up solar panels, doing organic agriculture, putting up wind turbines, teaching kids about the environment? What if that were your movement? Who could stop you?"

— Van Jones at VNRC's 50th Anniversary Celebration

VNRC is enormously grateful to our sponsors for helping to make the event a great success. Shelburne Farms, Jane & Bill Stetson, Gardener's Supply Co., The Lintilhac Foundation, The Point, Vermont Creamery, VEIC and many, many more. Please refer to page 8 for a full listing.



Legislative Highlights for 2012

- Preserving and improving citizen access to environmental decision-making was a bright spot in 2012. With the passage of **Act 73**, Vermonters have more of a say in how the state **enforces environmental laws**.
- VNRC advocated for legislation to support businesses that work within Vermont's working lands economy. **H.496** was passed and the law establishes the **Working Lands Enterprise Board**, which helps the viability of Vermont's value-added agricultural and forest products by distributing grants to farmers and foresters.
- Vermont became the first state in the nation to **ban hydraulic fracturing**, or fracking. VNRC proudly supported the bill that prohibits the practice of extracting natural gas that has been blamed for contaminating groundwater in other states.
- Largely in response to the devastation caused by tropical storm Irene, VNRC helped usher legislation – **S.202** – through to **reduce the risk of flood damage** and spur the **cleanup of Vermont's lakes and ponds**.

Arthur Gibb Award Recipient for Individual Leadership 2012: John Ewing

VNRC recognized John Ewing by presenting him the Arthur Gibb Award for Individual Leadership. Ewing, of Burlington, was the co-founder of Smart Growth Vermont, served as chair of the Vermont Environmental Board and was on the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board. He has long been regarded as one of Vermont's leaders in community planning and environmental stewardship.



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Elizabeth Courtney at VNRC's 50th Anniversary Celebration

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