



Izaak Walton League 2025 Annual Report

For more than a century, the Izaak Walton League of America has worked to protect the nation's woods, waters and wildlife for the benefit of current and future generations. The League turns passion into action through community-based conservation, volunteer science, advocacy and youth engagement.

During 2025, the League:

- **Defended the Clean Water Act.** Submitted technical comments and organized 58 League chapters and 14 state divisions to oppose the push by EPA and Army Corps of Engineers to further weaken Clean Water Act safeguards for streams and wetlands.
- **Developed tools to scrutinize data centers.** The League provided tools to help advocates participate in public processes involved in their siting, construction and operation.
- **Protected billions of dollars for investments in agriculture and soil conservation programs.** The League helped secure congressional legislation to preserve funding and boost budgets by more than 50 percent.
- **Trained National Park Service rangers at Shenandoah National Park.** Rangers requested instruction in water monitoring protocols from the League's Save Our Streams staff.
- **Grew the League's Nitrate Watch program, generating 6,681 test readings.** The program gathered water pollution data from volunteers in 2,008 locations across 38 states, with nine new partners.
- **Expanded the League's Salt Watch program to 2,821 water monitoring locations.** Volunteers submitted 10,228 chloride readings from local streams. Staff held training for 140 maintenance professionals who apply salt to roads in Maryland during icy weather.
- **Hosted elected officials and staff at chapter and division meetings.** Among them was Rep. Darin LaHood (R-Ill.) who met with the Illinois Division at their Giant Goose Conservation Area to discuss clean water and healthy soil programs.
- **Raised public awareness about the League and its mission.** Media covering League activities included ABC, Associated Press, National Public Radio, *Washington Post*, *Field and Stream*, the Mark Trail comic strip and dozens of local media.

Protecting Bedrock Conservation Laws and Policy

Beginning in the 1920s, the Izaak Walton League of America led the effort to stop water pollution and save the nation's dwindling wetlands—nature's own water filters—from drainage and development. That work ultimately resulted in the passage of the Clean Water Act in 1972. Since that time, the Act has helped to ensure our waters are protected from unregulated pollution or destruction. This bedrock law is now under attack, with the Supreme Court decision reducing the extent of protections and the short-sighted administrative and legislative proposals that would further weaken the law.

In 2025, EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers proposed a rule to redefine which waters are included or excluded from the protections of the Clean Water Act. The proposal would eliminate protections for all ephemeral streams and nearly 80 percent of U.S. wetlands, putting those waters at significant increased risk of degradation. In response, the League submitted in-depth technical comments and organized a coalition of 58 League chapters and 14 state divisions signing on to public comments. Hundreds of individuals also submitted comments through a League action alert—many of them volunteer water monitors inspired to use their data for advocacy.

The League also advocated to protect funding for agricultural conservation programs, which some lawmakers wanted to redirect to offset tax cuts. Those efforts were rewarded when Congress passed legislation that would preserve the funding. These investments would boost budgets for key USDA programs by roughly 54 percent—a significant win for programs to incentivize programs that would improve water quality, soil health and wildlife habitat.



Wetlands promote clean water, provide essential habitat for a huge range of fish and wildlife and help preserve biological diversity.

Community Partnerships and Conservation

Through our network of local chapters, volunteers and partner organizations, the Izaak Walton League works closely with communities across the country to protect the nation's woods, waters and wildlife. Those efforts include stream clean ups, educational events and water monitoring programs to assess through the League's flagship programs—Salt Watch, Nitrate Watch and Save Our Streams.



Partners from regional governments and nonprofit groups participated in a Salt Awareness Week event at League headquarters in Gaithersburg, Maryland.



To assess stream health, National Park Service rangers at Shenandoah National Park in Virginia identify and count macroinvertebrates that indicate water quality. League staff provided Save Our Streams certification training to these six rangers. Information collected through the League's SOS protocol is accepted as valued data by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.



Working with the League's Nitrate Watch program, the Nishnabotna Water Defenders posted billboards along a highway in Iowa to alert the community about water quality. Earlier, the Nishnabotna River suffered catastrophic nitrate pollution after a devastating spill of nitrogen fertilizer, which resulted in one of the largest fish kills in Iowa history.



At the League's national convention, members approved a resolution urging federal authorities to set national standards for data centers. The goal is to ensure community input in the consideration of environment impacts with respect to energy and water use, air pollution and noise. The League's quarterly magazine, Outdoor America, published suggestions for advocacy step for local communities to influence siting, construction and operation of the centers.

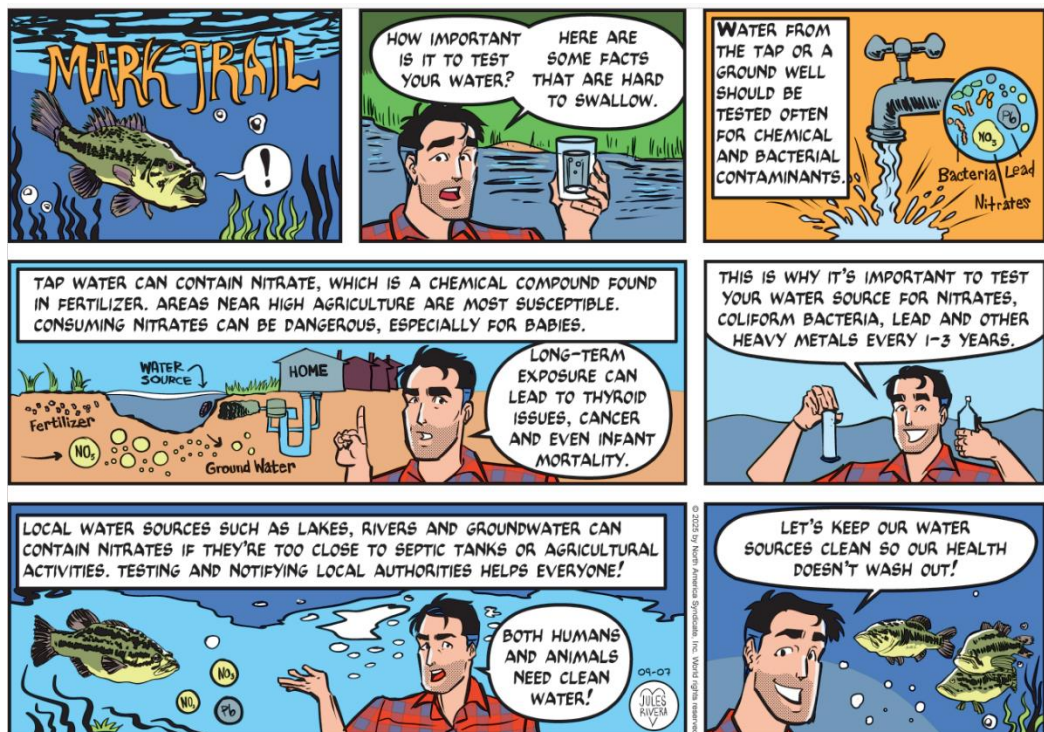
Building Awareness and a Better Tomorrow

League chapters throughout the U.S. host numerous youth-focused events every year. Building bird boxes, learning to fish and finding out what grows in a native prairie are a few examples.



At George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia, communications students worked with League staff to create a media awareness campaign to reach Gen Z students and spark interest in water quality and volunteer monitoring. The team of roughly one dozen GMU students on the team created social media posts, videos and press outreach focusing on the League's Salt Watch program.

The League also helped to spark public awareness about conservation issues through news coverage from ABC, Associated Press, National Public Radio, Washington Post, Field and Stream magazine—and even the Mark Trail comic strip, which reaches 23 million readers worldwide.



2025 Financial Highlights

Combined balance sheet, statement of activities and changes in net assets for year ending December 31, 2025.

Public Support and Revenue

Grants and contributions	3,051,944
Investment income	204,205
Rental income, net	438,598
In-kind services	279,358
Other	<u>23,040</u>
Total public support and revenue	3,997,145

Program Expenses

Clean water	920,009
Membership	752,043
Communications, media	647,820
Conservation	589,903
Agriculture	229,652
Chapter relations	202,454
Annual national convention	66,208
Missouri River Initiative	<u>9,618</u>
Total program expenses	3,417,707

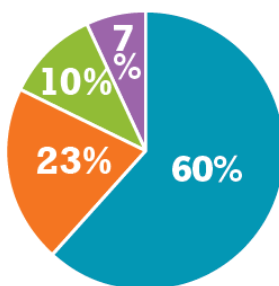
Supporting and planning services	
Management and general	279,289
Fundraising	<u>417,655</u>
Total supporting and planning	696,944

TOTAL EXPENSES	4,114,651
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Changes in net assets from operations	(117,506)
Unrealized loss or gain on investments	649,238

Changes in net assets	531,732
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Net assets beginning of year	<u>12,556,200</u>
Net assets ends of year	13,087,932



USE OF FUNDS

- Conservation and Education
- Membership and Chapter Relations
- Fundraising
- Management and General

Balance Sheet

Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	2,885,764
Grants receivables	27,009
Rent receivables	20,093
Prepaid expenses	39,855
Net fixed assets, building, land, etc	1,692,788
Investments	8,529,440
Rent receivables, net current portion	162,212
Operating leases right to use asset, net	<u>32,198</u>

Total Assets **13,389,359**

Liabilities and Net Assets

Liabilities

Accounts payable & accrued liabilities	151,382
Accrued salaries & related expenses	70,525
Operating leases liability, current	8,446
Operating leases long term	24,842
Security deposits	28,075
Deferred revenue	<u>18,157</u>

Total liabilities **301,427**

Net Assets

Without donor restriction	11,348,454
With donor restriction	<u>1,739,478</u>

Total Net Assets **13,087,932**

Total Liabilities and Net Assets **13,389,359**

Investing in Conservation

We wish to thank all of you whose contributions, financial and volunteer time helped to protect America's outdoors. Due to space limitations, we could not list everyone whose generosity and unflagging commitment helped us meet our goals.

Individual Philanthropy

\$100,000+

Ronald Zettlemoyer Estate

\$10,000-\$99,999

Donald Cahoon

Carey Crane

Jodi and Steve Labs

Charles Stoneback

\$5,000-\$9,999

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Friends of Izaak Walton League

(Members who make a monthly commitment to support the League's national programs with a pledge of \$10 or more paid automatically each month.)

Wayne Berkebile
Gale Brothers
Michael Brown
Marie Cyphert
Amy Lilliebridge
Mark Makhholm

Waltonian Heritage Society

(indicates continuing support of the Izaak Walton League Trust by a WHS member)*
Izaak Walton League, Orange Chapter*

New Life Members

A special thanks to those who made a commitment to the League in 2025 by becoming Life Members.

Family Life

Jamal and Karen Al-Faleh
Lucy Kreimer and James McMahon

Life

Dan Bachenheimer
Andrew Cooke
Claudia Eisenmann
Richard Manteuffel
Sharon Polon
Keegan Zimmer

Thank You!

The Izaak Walton League of America thanks the many individuals who provided vital support for our conservation work in 2025 through these campaigns. For more information about adding a conservation option to your company's workplace giving campaign, call the League's Development Department at 301-548-0150 or visit our Web site at www.iwla.org.



As a member of EarthShare, a federation of leading environmental organizations, the League is listed in a variety of workplace fund drives from state and local governments, United Way and a number of corporate and foundation campaigns.

Institutional Supporters

Gifts of \$100,000 or more

Chesapeake Bay Trust
Walton Family Foundation

Gifts of \$50,000 or more

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The Raines Family Fund

Gifts of \$20,000 or more

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The Horne Family Foundation
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Gifts of \$10,000 or more

Aegon Transamerica Foundation
Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Environmental Quality
Commonwealth of Virginia, Division of Legislative Services
Izaak Walton League of America Endowment
Wings2Water

Gifts of \$1,000 or more

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Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Izaak Walton League, Lincoln Chapter
Izaak Walton League, Rockville Chapter
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The Kristinia & Pat Morton Family Fund
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Gifts of \$500 or more

Izaak Walton League, Emerson Hough Chapter
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Izaak Walton League, Ohio Division
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