ANNUAL REPORT
July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

385 Unique Programs
enhanced environmental literacy throughout our region.

75 Communities
represented through award-winning environmental education programs.

470 Teachers
trained as effective inquiry-based science and environmental educators.

4715 K-12 Students
 gained scientific understanding of their local environment during the school day.

7612 People
of all backgrounds, ages, and abilities educated to support a healthier planet.

1703 Young People
discovered the wonders of the natural world outside of school.

724 Adults
became better naturalists and sustainability practitioners.

41 K-12 Schools
assisted to use the outdoors as learning labs for greater scientific understanding.

1 New Living Building
substantially completed!
PROGRAM DEMOGRAPHICS

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<td>Hampshire</td>
<td>5025</td>
<td>66%</td>
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<td>Franklin</td>
<td>1065</td>
<td>14%</td>
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<td>Hampden</td>
<td>1217</td>
<td>16%</td>
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<td>Other MA Counties</td>
<td>228</td>
<td>3%</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>Other States/Countries</td>
<td>76</td>
<td>1%</td>
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<td>7612</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>41</td>
<td>75</td>
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24% of our program participants are low-income

27% of our programs are offered at no or low-cost
FY16 Annual Report | K-12 Schools Served

HAMPShIRE COUNTY
Amherst Montessori School, Amherst
Common School, Amherst
Copper Beech Preschool at UMASS, Amherst
Crocker Farm Elementary School, Amherst
Fort River Elementary School, Amherst
Hadley Elementary School, Hadley
Helen E. James Elementary School, Williamsburg
Jackson Street School, Northampton
Michael E. Smith Middle School, South Hadley
Northampton Montessori School, Northampton
Pelham Elementary School, Pelham
Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School, Hadley
Plains School, South Hadley
R.K. Finn Ryan Road Elementary School, Northampton
Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps, South Hadley
Smith Campus School, Northampton
Wildwood Elementary School, Amherst
William E. Norris School, Southampton

HAMPDEN COUNTY
Blueberry Hill School, Longmeadow
Fausey Elementary School, West Springfield
Glickman Elementary School, Springfield
Lincoln Elementary School, Springfield
Litwin Elementary School, Chicopee
Margaret C. Ells School, Springfield
Morgan Full Service Community School, Holyoke
Russell Elementary School, Russell
St. Stanislaus School, Chicopee
Stonyhill School, Wilbraham
Streiber Memorial School, Chicopee
Three Rivers Program, Springfield
West Springfield Middle School, West Springfield

FRANKLN COUNTY
Bement School, Deerfield
Conway Elementary School, Conway
Deerfield Elementary School, Deerfield
Discover School at Four Corners, Greenfield
Erving Elementary School, Erving
Gill Elementary School, Gill
Greenfield Middle School, Greenfield
Shutesbury Elementary School, Shutesbury
Sunderland Elementary School, Sunderland
Whately Elementary School, Whately

OTHER
Millis Elementary School, Norfolk County

A student takes a moment to snap a picture during the Mountains & Valleys K-12 school field trip at Skinner State Park.

Over half are Title I schools with 40% or more low-income students
**PROGRAM AREA**

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<th>Program/Program Area</th>
<th>Program Participants</th>
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<td>Early Childhood Programs</td>
<td>75</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>Field Trip Programs</td>
<td>2,276</td>
<td>103</td>
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<td>Classroom Programs</td>
<td>1,428</td>
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<td>Naturalist-in-Residence Programs</td>
<td>936</td>
<td>52</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td><strong>4,715</strong></td>
<td><strong>227</strong></td>
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“**Our fifth graders had a wonderful time doing hands-on, inquiry-based science and are all excited about learning more! The Hitchcock Center’s Energy Literacy unit is fantastic and led to some really meaningful conversations about energy and the environment**”

- Kristin Pisano, Teacher
  Chicopee School District

![Hitchcock Center Naturalist Ted Watt collects seeds with students at Russell Elementary School.](image)

A student creates a windmill to generate energy as part of the Hitchcock Center’s Energy Literacy Project.

- Animal & Plant Adaptations
- Animals in Winter
- Busy Beavers – An Engineering Design Challenge
- Connecting to Our Watershed
- Energy Literacy Project
- Forest Ecology
- Habitat Studies
- Inquiry Investigations
- Insect Investigations
- Life of a Tree
- Live Animal Inquiry
- Mountains & Valleys - The Geology of the Pioneer Valley
- Pond Ecosystems
- Schoolyard Phenology
- Science in the Schoolyard
- Science Methods in the Classroom
- Sustainable Engineers
- Technology of Winter
- Water Conservation & Groundwater Education
A summer Youth Leadership Camp participant learns to work and trust his team to scale a rock face.

Students in the Incredible Insects program are introduced to the fascinating world of our six-legged friends.

“To the amazing Hitchcock Center Staff – Thank you so much for giving Trevor two great weeks of camp. His love of nature has grown exponentially this summer thanks to all of you. We are looking forward to attending more Hitchcock Center activities and spreading the word to others.”

- Katie & Paul, Trevor & Travis
FYE Annual Report | Adult Education Programs

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<td>Natural History Programs</td>
<td>510</td>
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<td>Sustainability Programs</td>
<td>182</td>
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<td>Citizen Science Programs</td>
<td>32</td>
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<td>TOTAL</td>
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- Animal Tracks and Signs
- Bear with It: Slide Show
- Birding By Ear
- Exploring the Fort River Nature Trail
- Exploring a Vernal Pool
- Exploring Larch Hill
- Exploring Swamp Trees
- Fall & Spring Birding
- Fungi as Global Citizens
- Has Ecotourism Saved the Rainforest
- Henry Street Salamander Tunnel Project
- Hike a Portion of the N.E. Scenic Trail
- Killer Plants
- Living Building Tour Program
- Low Maintenance Design with Native Plants
- Make Your Own Window "Winsert"
- Mammal Tracking with Susan Morse
- Moose in Massachusetts
- Morning Nature Walks for Seniors
- Mushrooms Under the Microscope
- Net Zero Water & the Living Building Challenge
- World of Birds
- Phenology Study Group
- Prowling for Owls
- Tar Sands
- Atkins Reservoir Tour
- Wastewater Treatment Facility Tour
- Waugh Arboretum Tour
- Tree I.D. - Using Bark and Habitat Clues
- Trees of the CT River Floodplain
- Residential Solar Options
- Wild Mushroom Field Class
- Wildflowers at Cave Hill

Special thanks to Michael Dover, Hitchcock Center’s Earth Matters column coordinator & contributor, for his expert editorial services and assistance to produce over 20 articles in the Daily Hampshire Gazette in FY16.

The Hitchcock Center maintains the world-famous Henry Street Salamander Tunnels and conducts ongoing research on the spotted salamanders that are supported by these migratory tunnels.
Our Professional and Curriculum Development programs train and engage teachers, educators, and college students in the best practices of environmental education and inquiry-based curricula that uses the study of science and nature, nature’s models, systems, processes, and elements, as a means to inspire creative solutions to problems of environmental sustainability.

Change Happens: An Introduction to the MA Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Curriculum Standards
Energy is Electrifying
Exploring Your Watershed
Green Teacher Webinar: Using Citizen Science to Advance Science Learning
Mount Holyoke College Pre-service Teacher Training: Inquiry-Based Science Methods
New England Environmental Education Alliance Conference Workshop: Living Buildings as Educators
Northeast Sustainable Energy Association Pro Tour – Living Building
Springfield Science Museum Docent Training
STEM Education for Early Childhood Educators
The Hydrosphere, Water and How We Use it
The Pond Ecosystem
The Practices of STEM Education
Using Your School Grounds for Inquiry Science & Exploration

“Hitchcock Center educators provide the highest quality training in science education and hands-on learning for children.”

Louise Law,
Director of Elementary Education
Union 38 School District
LIVING BUILDING HARD HAT TOURS

Public Building Tours: 12
Private Building Tours: 6
- Northeast Sustainable Energy Association’s Pro Tour
- Lloyd Environmental Education Center, Dartmouth MA
- Boston Living Building Collaborative
- Mount Holyoke College Architecture Class
- Hampshire College Architecture Class
- Smith College Sustainability Program

Total Tour Participants: 208

CONSTRUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

July – September, 2015: foundation footings, foundation poured, road & driveway work, electric under Route 116, foundation insulation & sealing

October – December, 2015: greywater tanks & reservoir installed, basement slab poured, electrical conduits placed, constructed wetland cast, under slab insulation, slab poured, timber framing & trusses installed, roof framing begins

January – March, 2016: windows cut & installed, sheathing (plywood), vapor and water barrier installed, internal spaces framed & stained, insulation installed

April – June, 2016: VRFs, heat pumps, composting toilets, & first flush tanks installed, exterior cedar stained, septic tank & manholes installed, leach field constructed, walls & overhangs complete, first flush tanks connected to roof drains, PV installed
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Master Gardeners Linda Smith and Kathy Bangert help to maintain the Hitchcock Center’s Butterfly and Caterpillar Garden.
The Hitchcock Center is grateful for the generosity of the following 651 households and 102 foundations, organizations and businesses during our fiscal year FY16 (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016). Their support of our Annual Fund helps to ensure we continue to serve our whole community with leading-edge education for a healthy planet. Thank you!

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Hitchcock environment educator Patty O’Donnell works with a student in Holyoke.
SUMMER CAMPERS BUILD INSECT HOTELS WITH A UMASS ENTOMOLOGIST.

Belinda Olmstead, a UMass entomologist, teaches campers about insect life cycles then helps them design and build insect hotels.

"Insect hotels are a wonderful activity to teach kids about biodiversity and sustainability," says Olmstead. "It's a way for kids to get inspired about insects and maybe even grow up to love them as much as I do!"
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Salamander Sunday Brunch
Our Salamander Sunday Brunch held on November 15, 2015 raised over $12,800. A very special thanks to Romy Leuchs-Curtis along with her mother Diane who spoke of the positive impact the Hitchcock Center had on their lives.

Valley Gives
On May 3, 2016, Valley Gives Day, a special online giving day organized by the Community Foundation of Western MA brought over $10,100 from 114 people in support of the Hitchcock Center’s environmental education programs.

Biothon
Our Biothon, held every spring, brought over 20 teams together to explore the outdoors and count species raising over $14,800.

Battle of the Botanicals
Our 1st annual Battle of the Botanicals held on June 9, 2016 raised $18,765.

Building for the Future Campaign
Construction of the Center’s new living building was nearly completed as fundraising continued to secure $5.8M of the initial campaign goal. A separate Campaign Report will acknowledge all contributors when the campaign concludes.
**REVENUE***

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*An additional $1,406,692 was raised for the Living Building Project. Contributors will be acknowledged separate from this report upon completion of the Building for the Future Campaign.

**EXPENSES***

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*An additional $80,245 was expended for the Living Building Project.

**ENDOWMENT FOR THE HITCHCOCK CENTER**

The Hitchcock Center received a $500,000 grant from the Kendeda Fund for the Center’s endowment in FY16.

If you are interested in making a contribution to the Hitchcock Center’s endowment, please contact Marcus Simon, Development Coordinator, marcus@hitchcockcenter.org or at (413) 256-6006.

**CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS**

A total of $3,498,884 was recorded as a capitalized expense in FY16 for construction progress made toward the Center’s Living Building project.

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