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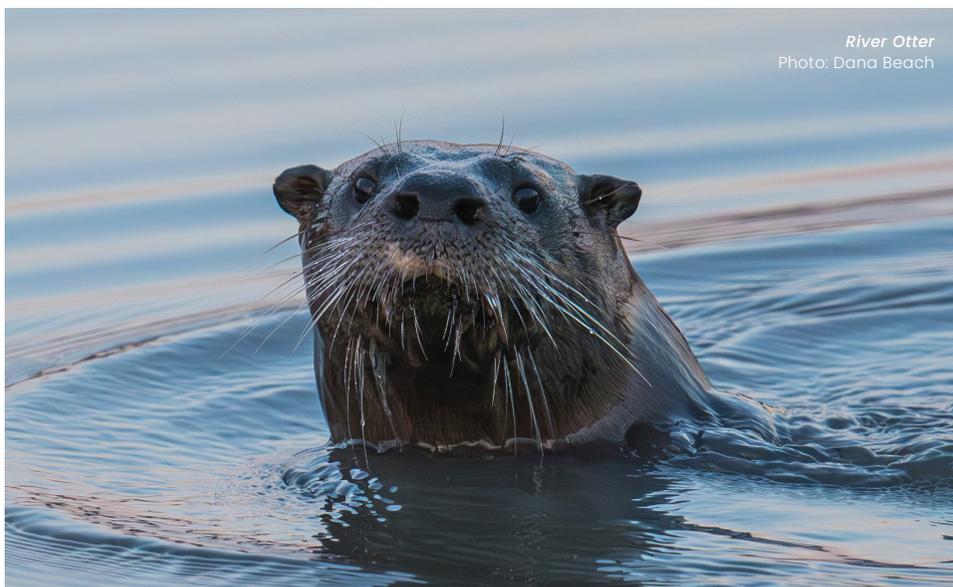
# Our Actions Shape Our Future

At Nemours Wildlife Foundation, we are building an ecosystem. An ecosystem of conservation. An ecosystem based on action. The seeds of these actions are planted locally in our communities, and as they grow, they spread outward, strengthening and intertwining like a network of roots beneath a forest of trees.

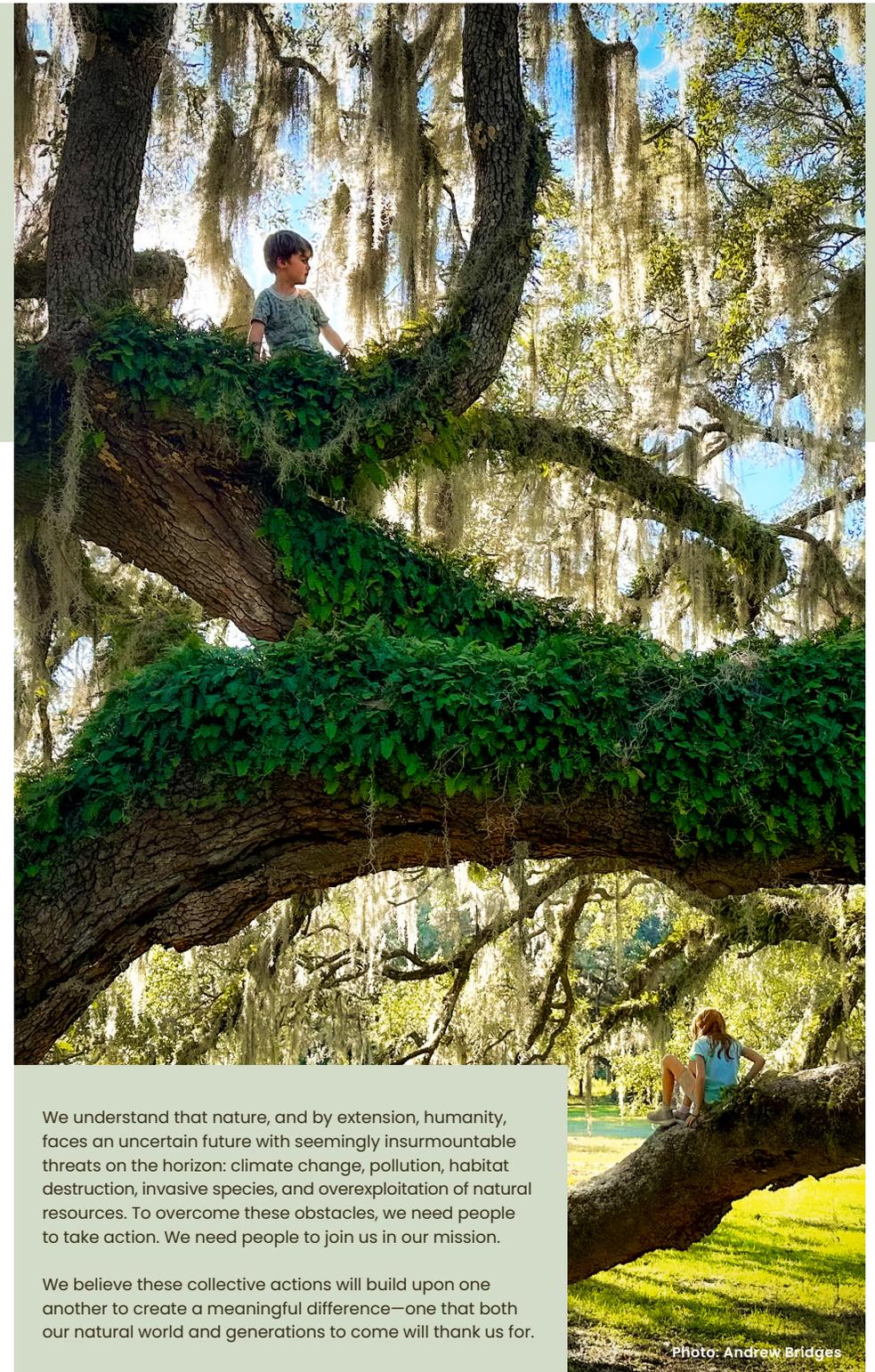
To us, action means **engaging** with people to connect them with nature, **exploring** through science and research, **educating** through experiential programming, and **empowering** people to conserve the beauty and biodiversity of the ACE Basin, the Lowcountry, and beyond.



*Prothonotary Warbler*  
Photo: Dana Beach



*River Otter*  
Photo: Dana Beach



We understand that nature, and by extension, humanity, faces an uncertain future with seemingly insurmountable threats on the horizon: climate change, pollution, habitat destruction, invasive species, and overexploitation of natural resources. To overcome these obstacles, we need people to take action. We need people to join us in our mission.

We believe these collective actions will build upon one another to create a meaningful difference—one that both our natural world and generations to come will thank us for.

Photo: Andrew Bridges

# Who We Are

Nemours Wildlife Foundation was established in 1995 by Eugene duPont, III and his family, whose incredible legacy was to protect, conserve, study, and share these 10,000 acres of unique land in the ACE Basin.

This land has lived many lives—it was once home to the Yemassee Tribe, its wetlands converted into rice fields by the enslaved, and ultimately conserved by industrialists for its hunting and recreational values.

Today, Nemours is home to a tremendous diversity of wildlife and habitats, and it is considered a leader in research and conservation in the ACE Basin—a truly breathtaking landscape The Nature Conservancy once listed as one of 50 “Last Great Places on Earth.”

**Let's make sure it's just the beginning.**



Photo: Andrew Bridges

## Our Mission

To facilitate conservation and human well-being in the ACE Basin and beyond through collaborative scientific research, leadership development, management demonstration, and experiential education.

## Our Vision

A flourishing and biodiverse ACE Basin nested within a thriving and inclusive global landscape where humanity values and conserves nature, and in turn, nature nourishes and sustains humanity.



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## Our Values



**Collaboration:** We collaborate with partners in science, education, land stewardship, and policy to achieve common goals.



**Leadership:** We lead by example, inspiring others to multiply our impact.



**Inclusion:** We are an inclusive organization seeking to diversify the field of conservation to include those who have felt excluded or disconnected from wildlife and nature.



**Creativity:** With open minds, we seek innovative solutions to environmental challenges.



**Professionalism:** We conduct ourselves professionally, communicate with transparency, and are deliberate in our planning and execution.



**Self-investment:** We invest in our people, our property, and our infrastructure and empower our team to problem solve and to take ownership of their efforts.



**Responsibility:** We are responsible for managing and protecting the land, wildlife, and habitats entrusted to us. By maximizing the impact of our supporters, we contribute to a rich and vibrant planet.

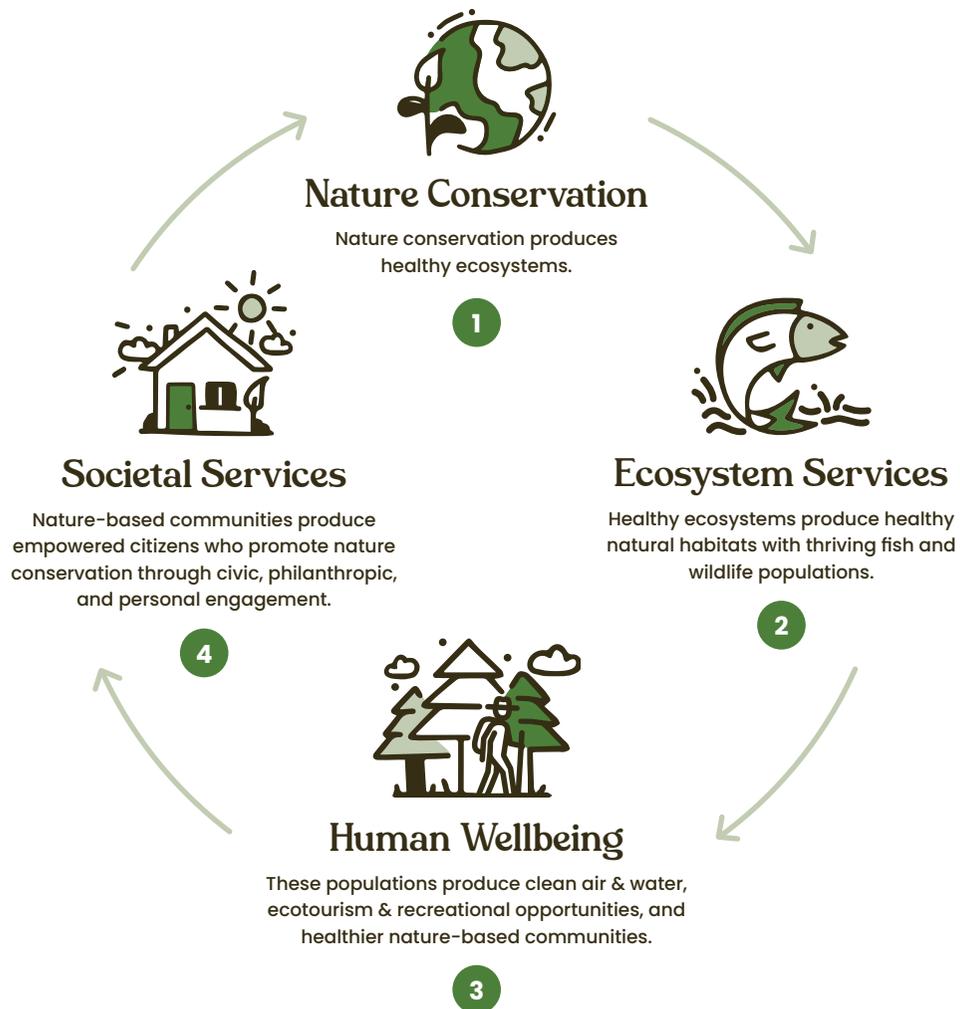


**Gratitude:** We are so grateful for the duPont family's gift, our foundation's pioneers, and the generosity of our donors and supporters.

**We appreciate all those who are with us today, and those who will soon join us in our mission to make the world a better place tomorrow.**

# The Healthy Ecosystem Effect

We believe that thriving ecosystems create thriving human communities—that humanity and nature are intrinsically connected. Through the conservation of our natural world, we create a positive feedback loop for the benefit of all.



## Our Strategy

**Our multi-faceted approach is simple yet comprehensive:**

### Engage

as many people as possible to better connect them with the natural world.

### Explore

the land and wildlife around us through science and research to produce actionable solutions.

### Educate

people through a comprehensive network of experiential programs.

### Empower

conservationists—young and old, amateur and professional—so they can have a greater impact on the world.

Engaging the public in the Lowcountry and beyond is an essential element of our approach. The more people who value nature and understand what's at stake, the greater collective impact we can achieve in conserving our natural heritage.

At Nemours, we're proud to offer regularly scheduled, open-access conservation tours beginning in 2024 to engage adults and families. Our soon-to-be expanded duPont

Classroom serves as a hub for learning and engagement in the ACE Basin, and our opportunities for an even greater community impact will grow with the completion of our facilities' expansion and in the years to come.

# Engage



*Eastern Box Turtle*  
Photo: Andrew Bridges

*Sweetbay Magnolia*  
Photo: Dana Beach



# Explore

Sound science and research form the foundation on which effective plans of action are constructed. Nemours leads collaborative scientific programs, bringing together experts and leaders from the scientific community to produce actionable conservation solutions. We also conduct in-house research to better understand our unique ecosystem, so that we can be better stewards and share this knowledge with others.

Completed in 2021, our Wiggers Laboratory offers a state-of-the-art facility for scientists to conduct their work, and our 10,000 acres of "living laboratory" surrounding this facility offer unparalleled and nearly unlimited research opportunities.

Ultimately, we believe scientific research should address important problems and produce actionable solutions that are scalable and effective in addressing conservation challenges throughout our region, the country, and the world.

Education is a cornerstone of our mission. An informed and inspired public is key to realizing our vision. That's why we are deeply committed to delivering high-quality, engaging conservation educational experiences that are accessible to all.

Through the "living laboratory" that is the Nemours property, people of all ages have the opportunity to connect with nature through hands-on experiences. We believe in

lifelong learning and offer a variety of inclusive experiential programs, beginning with elementary school children and extending through professional development, demonstration for landowners, and adult education programming.

Our undergraduate internships and graduate fellowships offer young aspiring conservationists unique opportunities to grow into effective and impactful conservation professionals.

# Educate



*Barred Owl*  
Photo: Dana Beach

*Gulf Fritillary*  
Photo: Dana Beach



# Empower

Through community engagement, Nemours helps empower concerned citizens to become passionate conservation advocates. We nurture the budding curiosity of children and build the skills of blossoming young professionals, empowering the next generation of conservation professionals.

We work with our partners to produce actionable, scientific solutions to address today's most

pressing challenges, enabling landowners and lawmakers to make informed and impactful decisions.

And through the synergistic ripple effects of these empowerment strategies, we can create a wave of conservation transformation that transcends boundaries and influences the world at large.

# Theory of Change



## Our Mission

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### STRATEGY

#### Engage

Through accessible and inspiring interactive experiences and presentations

#### Explore

Through robust and results-driven scientific research

#### Educate

Through a diverse suite of interactive programs for people of all ages and backgrounds

#### Empower

Through personal ownership of concepts and confidence in implementing solutions

### OUTCOME

A personal sense of connection to conservation and our shared natural heritage

Actionable and scalable science-based solutions

Knowledgeable and inspired children, adults, policy makers, landowners

Confident and skilled conservation advocates and practitioners

### IMPACTS

People lead richer nature-based lives with greater awareness and value placed on nature conservation, science, and stewardship

Science and research are more effective in producing meaningful conservation outcomes

Motivated and informed citizens and community members make informed decisions supporting nature conservation

An empowered fellowship of conservationists affects positive change

## Our Vision

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# Take Action with Nemours

## Nemours By the Numbers

<b>10</b> miles of river frontage	<b>590</b> species of plants	<b>2,300</b> acres of wetlands	<b>10,000</b> total acres of protected land in the ACE Basin
<b>235</b> species of birds	<b>1,900</b> acres of historic inland and tidal rice fields	<b>6,700</b> acres of pine and hardwood forests	<b>\$2M</b> invested in Wiggers Research Laboratory

A variety of dedicated spaces for lectures, workshops, symposia, and onsite housing

Join our ecosystem of action at Nemours Wildlife Foundation to help us conserve and protect the beautiful ACE Basin, the Lowcountry, and beyond. It's never too late to become a steward of our natural environment and a voice for change.

Every conservation action you take, no matter how small, can have a powerful and positive reaction in nature—and it all starts within your community. Plant the seeds today for the future you want tomorrow.

## How to Get Involved

### Learn About Us

Visit our website at [nemourswildlifefoundation.org](http://nemourswildlifefoundation.org) to learn more about our mission and our staff.

Read our most recent Annual Report to see what we've been up to!

### Visit Us

Sign up for an on-site informational tour of Nemours Wildlife Foundation. Reservations required!

### Partner With Us

Apply for an undergraduate student internship or to become a prestigious Nemours Graduate Research Fellow.

If you are an organization interested in partnering with or supporting Nemours, please email us at [info@nemourswildlife.org](mailto:info@nemourswildlife.org) or call us at **843-846-2539**. We'd love to chat!

### Support Our Work

Join the Friends of Nemours and donate to support the cause.

Spread the word about our mission and vision to your friends and family!



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