



Project Support Opportunities



Support Cary Institute's annual fund. 100% of gifts to the annual fund support the Institute's science, education, and outreach efforts. Your gift of any size can make a difference. Here are some examples of what you can achieve:

The Tick Project – Testing environmental solutions to Lyme disease requires dozens of research assistants. Your gift of \$3,800 supports one full-time staff member for a month. Duties include monitoring bait traps, flagging for ticks, and collecting data from participating households.

Tree-SMART Trade – Your gift of \$10,000 helps ensure success in reforming national legislation to implement science-based trade measures to reduce the import of invasive forest pests like the emerald ash borer and Asian longhorn beetle. Key to this effort is the phase-out of solid wood shipping pallets.

Hudson River Recovery – Your gift of \$1,000 allows our research team to spend a day out on the river gathering data. This work supports research on the food web's response to invasive zebra mussels, the status of sensitive wetlands, and engineering shorelines to be resilient to rising sea level.

Our Rivers on Drugs – Your gift of \$6,000 supports six months of experiments in the 20 artificial streams we use to test how antibiotics, amphetamines, antihistamines, and other pharmaceuticals and personal care products impact water quality and aquatic life in freshwater streams.

Hudson & Baltimore Data Jams – These annual student competitions teach data literacy and ecological awareness using regional long-term data and creative media. Gifts of \$500-\$1,000 provide awards, develop resources, and increase participation.

Friday Night at Cary – Your gift of \$5,000 helps us bring the best environmental thinkers to our community. Public lectures by leading scientists, journalists, nonfiction authors, and artists are shared online, reaching an even broader audience.

There are other ways, outside the annual fund, for you to make a difference:

Your gift of any size to the Science Innovation Endowment Fund supports projects for early-career Cary Institute scientists and ensures that we have the resources needed to take on cutting-edge projects that are beyond the scope of most federal grants. Here are some examples of what your gift can achieve:

Hudson River Research – Your gift of \$75,000 secures a new boat; you will have the opportunity to name the new vessel.

Solar Roof (Plant Science Building) – Your gift of \$350,000 completes the solar roof; you will have a naming opportunity.

