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- Regular Membership (\$15 per year)
- Family Membership (\$25 per year)
- Institutional Membership (\$50 per year)
- Sustaining Individual Membership (\$65 per year for 5 years to be an Individual Lifetime Member)
- Individual Lifetime Membership (\$250)
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I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF WVCC FOR:

\$20 \$50 \$100 Other \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

PayPal or a credit/debit is accepted for payment at: wvcc.net/join or you can mail this application and check (payable to WVCC) to:

West Virginia Cave Conservancy
P.O. Box 243
Frankford, WV 24938



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We Need Your Help

The Threats are Real

West Virginia and Virginia are famous for caves, karst, plentiful springs, rivers, and majestic waterfalls. These natural wonders are threatened daily by pollution, careless acts, and land development.

Once caves are destroyed, karst environments and their inhabitants can not be replaced. We all suffer if groundwater is polluted.

Success of the West Virginia Cave Conservancy is only possible with the cooperation and support of cavers, landowners, land-use planners and others who care about caves, karst resources and drinking water.

Success is up to YOU!

Through your donations and membership WVCC is able to acquire cave entrances and land with significant karst resources to manage and protect. Your support makes our education and conservation goals a reality.

Join the WVCC or Make a Donation

Help protect the quality of our water and our cave resources.



The West Virginia Cave Conservancy, Inc is a tax-exempt nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation, chartered in West Virginia. All donations may be tax-deductible.

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WEST VIRGINIA CAVE CONSERVANCY



The West Virginia Cave Conservancy (WVCC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to conserving and protecting important cave and karst resources of the Virginias for future generations.

Caves contain a fragile beauty found only underground. Cave streams and passages provide a unique and irreplaceable environment for often rare and specially adapted species of animals that cannot survive elsewhere.

Protecting karst (limestone) landscapes is critical to our supply of clean drinking water. Rural areas of West Virginia and Virginia rely heavily on water from springs and wells in limestone.





Kevin Downey



Nikki Fox



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Our Caves

The West Virginia Cave Conservancy acquires cave entrances and adjoining karst landscapes through donation and purchase. WVCC also manages caves for landowners for various reasons unique to each site. Some caves are gated to protect their resources. The often historical significance and unique resources of each preserve are invaluable. WVCC currently maintains access to over 150 miles of cave passage including entrances to the two largest systems in West Virginia: the Great Savannah and Friars Hole Cave Systems.

Visit our website for more information.

What We Do

- Manage caves to protect sensitive cave resources and environments
- Educate landowners, developers, planning commissions, local governments, and the public on the value of cave and karst resources and management issues
- Preserve access to significant caves in the region through ownership and management agreements for responsible cavers and researchers
- Organize cave and karst conservation projects including research, sinkhole cleanups and livestock exclusion
- Sponsor and co-host National Cave and Karst Conservation Forums and Events
- Provide expertise on karst and aquifer issues to city and county governments
- Sponsor and encourage research and surveying projects in WVCC caves
- Work with and advise landowners on their karst management issues



For more information about WVCC Cave Preserves & Managed Caves visit our website: www.wvcc.net