

HAMILTON PARTNERSHIP
for Paterson

2025 IMPACT REPORT





LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2025 was a year of deepening impact, resilience, and forward momentum for the Hamilton Partnership for Paterson (HPP). It also marked the first full year under new leadership with me serving as Executive Director, a period focused on organizational stabilization, trust-building, and laying the groundwork for long-term growth.

As the official nonprofit friends group of the Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park, our work continues to be grounded in stewardship, education, workforce development, historical preservation, and community wellness.

Throughout the year, HPP strengthened its role as a trusted partner to the National Park Service, the City of Paterson, educators, funders, and community members. Together, we expanded access to the Park, invested in youth, advanced the vision for the Alexander Hamilton Visitor Center in partnership with the National Park Service and Montclair State University, and celebrated the many cultures and histories that define Paterson.

This impact report reflects a year of collective effort, by our board, staff, partners, and supporters who believe in the power of the Great Falls as a place of learning, healing, and connection. I look forward to another year of expanding our growth, continuing to build our foundation, and deepening our relationships. Cheers to 2026!

Warmly,

Stephanie

Stephanie L. Cullins
Executive Director

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OUR MISSION

The Hamilton Partnership for Paterson is the official 501(c)(3) nonprofit partner of the Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park. Our mission is to enhance the educational, social, cultural, and economic benefits of our Park for the City, State, and Nation.

2025 AT A GLANCE

- **Supported year-round National Park Service programming.**
- **Expanded youth workforce development through the Great Falls Youth Corps.**
- **Increased access to arts, mindfulness, and wellness programming.**
- **Advanced planning and funding for the Alexander Hamilton Visitor Center.**
- **Strengthened partnerships with local, state, and national collaborators.**



CORE PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

Education & Access

HPP continued to provide critical transportation and program support for K–12 and collegiate students visiting the Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park. These educational tours connect students to:

- The history of American industry and innovation.
- Environmental stewardship and water power.
- Indigenous, African American, immigrant, and labor histories.

By removing transportation and cost barriers, HPP helped ensure that students from Paterson Public Schools, Clifton Public Schools, and William Paterson University could experience the Park as a living classroom.

Great Falls Youth Corps

The Great Falls Youth Corps remained a cornerstone of HPP’s impact in 2025. During the summer program:

- (4) Local and (3) Tribal youth participated in paid workforce development.
- Youth received job training, environmental education, and leadership development.
- Participants supported park operations, visitor engagement, and preservation efforts.

The program continues to build pathways to careers in conservation, public service, and the arts while fostering pride and ownership in the Park.



CORE PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

Cultural, Historic & Community Programming

In 2025, HPP supported and co-produced events and initiatives that elevated Paterson's diverse histories and voices, including:

- Celebrating Immigrant Labor in Paterson in Partnership with Paterson's First Lady and Rutgers University-Newark
- National Park Service Earth Day Event and Clean-Up
- Presenting our People of Paterson project at the NJ History Conference
- Highlighted the Alexander Hamilton Visitor Center at the Great Falls Neighborhood Summit hosted by NJCDC
- National Park Friends Alliance Spring Virtual Conference and Fall Meeting
- Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park 14th Birthday Event in partnership with NJCDC

Mindfulness & Wellness

Aligned with the National Park Service's Healthy Parks, Healthy People initiative, HPP continued to expand health and wellness programming at the Park. In 2025, offerings included:

- Yoga classes and sound healing
- Mindfulness offerings related to sensory play and planting
- Hispanic Heritage Month wellness event led by Paterson residents

These programs served residents across generations and emphasized the Park as a space for restoration and creativity.



CORE PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

Alexander Hamilton Visitor Center (AHVC)

Advancing the Alexander Hamilton Visitor Center remained a major organizational priority in 2025. HPP:

- Continued closing funding gaps for construction and build-out.
- Advanced planning and coordination with public and private partners.
- Positioned the Visitor Center as a future hub for education, interpretation, and community engagement in a new partnership with Montclair State University.

The AHVC represents a transformative investment for our National Park Service unit and the region's cultural and economic vitality.

Partnerships

HPP's work in 2025 was made possible through strong collaborations, including:

- National Park Service – Paterson Great Falls NHP
- City of Paterson, County of Passaic, and State of New Jersey
- Paterson Historic District Partners; the Paterson Museum, the Charles J. Muth Museum at Hinchliffe Stadium, and NJCDC
- Paterson Public Schools, Clifton Public Schools, William Paterson University and Montclair State University
- National Park Friends Alliance and the National Park Foundation
- The Henry and Marilyn Taub Foundation and the Lautenberg Family Foundation

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

HPP maintains a strong commitment to transparency and responsible stewardship.

FY25 Financial Snapshot

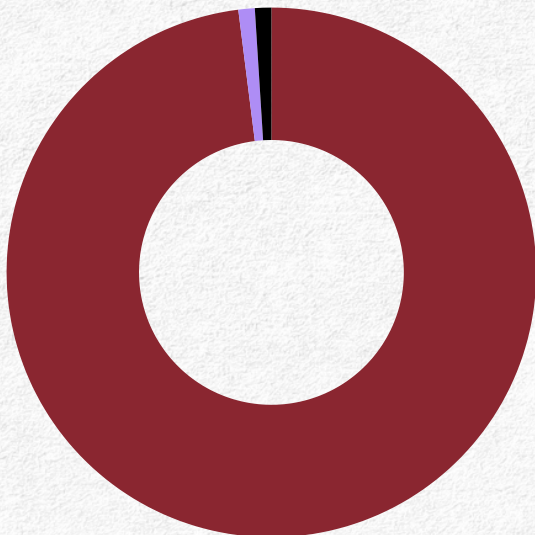
(Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)

- **Total Revenue: \$232,652**

(Includes \$229,084 in contributions and grants, \$2,500 in program service revenue, and \$1,068 in investment income)

- **Total Expenses: \$395,154**
- **Change in Net Assets: -\$162,502**
- **Net Assets at Year End: \$403,168**

The majority of expenses supported program services, including education access, youth workforce development, cultural and civic programming, and continued planning and predevelopment work for the Alexander Hamilton Visitor Center. HPP was also able to move through a leadership transition and staff changes where we used reserve funds to make up for our funding gap.



- **Contributions & Grants: \$229,084 (~98%)**
- **Program Service Revenue: \$2,500 (~1%)**
- **Investment Income: \$1,068 (<1%)**

This visualization reflects a strategic investment year, with expenses outpacing revenue due largely to capacity building, program delivery, and continued advancement of the Alexander Hamilton Visitor Center. For complete financial details, please refer to the organization's FY25 IRS Form 990 listed at www.hamiltonpartnership.org.



GOVERNANCE & LEADERSHIP

HPP is guided by a committed Board of Directors and led by Executive Director Stephanie Cullins aligned in partnership with National Park Service Superintendent Darren Boch. The organization follows best practices in nonprofit governance, financial oversight, and program accountability.

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LOOKING AHEAD

As we move into 2026, HPP is focused on:

- Expanding core programs and community wellness offerings.
- Strengthening financial sustainability and fundraising capacity.
- Advancing construction and activation of the Alexander Hamilton Visitor Center.
- Deepening community partnerships and cultural programming.

The future of the Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park is one of shared stewardship, innovation, and inclusive storytelling; and HPP is proud to help lead the way.

Thank You

We thank our funders, partners, volunteers, educators, and community members for making 2025 a year of impact. Your support ensures that the Paterson Great Falls remains a powerful place of history, learning, and healing for generations to come!