

NORTH COUNTY LAND TRUST



Annual
Review
2020-2021

Take a Stand for Local Land

TAKE A STAND FOR LOCAL LAND

EYES ON THE HORIZON



Three years ago, the NCLT board of directors mapped out a strategic plan in which all actions pointed to a primary goal – to increase our impact on the pace of conservation in the region. FY21 rewarded us for the steady hard work, measured growth and bold leadership needed to do just that.

NCLT began the year with the acquisition of 200 acres of Mount Watatic, and the conservation of 160 acres in Gardner – one a key addition to a regional conservation effort and the other, a halted sub-division leaving acres of disrupted natural habitat that we will nurture back to good health. The environmental impact of conserving those properties is profound.

There are times in the arc of an organization's existence when it feels like things are serendipitously falling into place – when the reward of doing good and giving the best of ourselves warrants pause. Those moments are fleeting and are not without extraordinary effort from our staff, board members and supporters. Today it is worth looking up from our lives for a brief moment to celebrate this waypoint, this moment in time, and feel gratitude to all the friends and colleagues who are on the path with us.

Then, it's back to work because the earth and all her species can't wait another minute for our next effort.

Special thanks to our board of directors whose eyes are on the horizon (and whose hands are often also in the dirt).

Lucy Crocker Abisalih, Board Chair

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Wherever you may be, I'd like you to take a moment to consider the ground that supports you. Is it a place you know well? What is your relationship with this place? What is your responsibility to it? These are the questions that can bring us closer in relationship with our homeland and with

ourselves. Decisions about what happens to the land in our communities may look quite different through the lens of relationship rather than of ownership. Saving land from development isn't easy. This continues to be at the core of our mission. However, being responsible to that land, forever, is what we stand for and why your annual support is critical.

This past year, NCLT responded to urgent opportunities, acquiring over 350 acres of land over three projects in four communities. But the work has only just begun. As part of our strategic plan, we have increased our expertise and capacity by adding key staff positions that strengthen the organization and invest in the long-term care of our lands and communities.

Taking a Stand for Local Land means building relationships to that land. We encourage you to join us in connecting, growing, and exploring what it means to be of north central Mass rather than from it.

With appreciation,
Anna Wilkins, Executive Director

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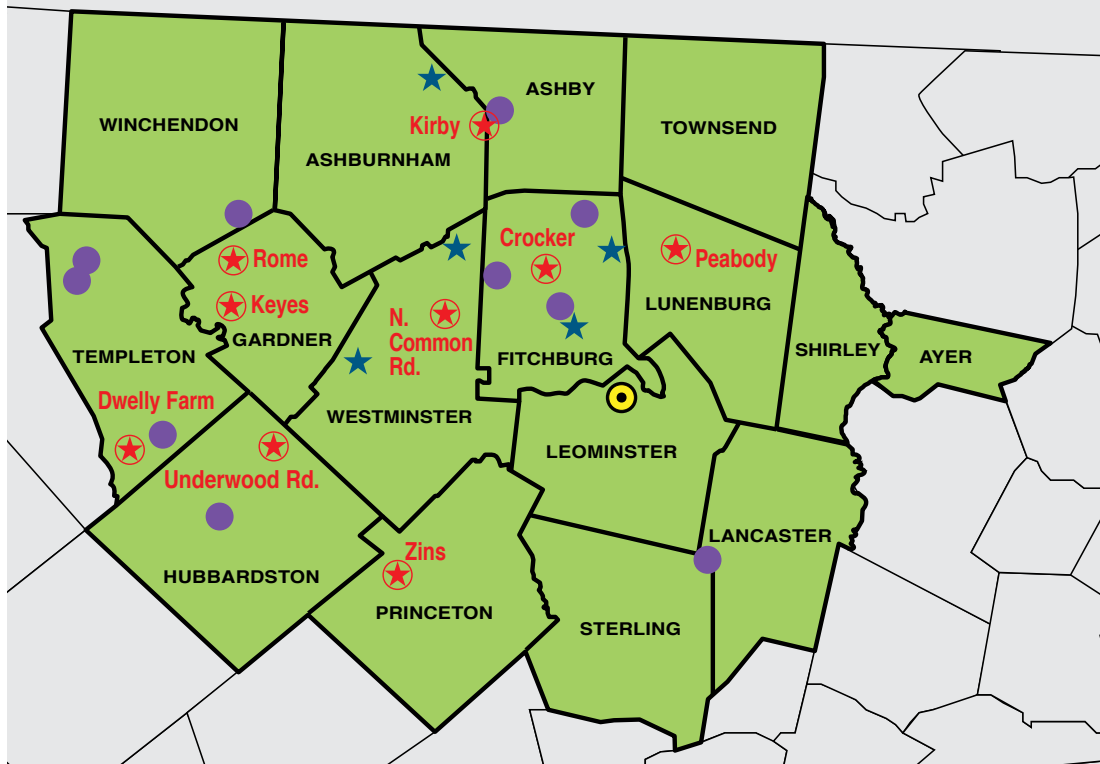
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North County Land Trust works to conserve land in a diverse area of 13 towns and 3 cities in north central Massachusetts for the health and well-being of our citizens, careful management of our natural resources and wildlife, and the sustainability of our planet. The significance of the role of land conservation in addressing a variety of issues from human health and well-being to economic development, to climate change is becoming increasingly recognized as we face, daily, the inescapable value of whole and functioning ecosystems. Because our region is broad and diverse, and our organization is small, we understand the need for the careful planning to identify priorities, partners, and tactics to achieve our goal of increasing land conservation in the region using the resources available to us.



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-  Conservation Area
-  Conservation Area w/Trails
-  Conservation Restriction

NCLT has been facilitating conservation projects for almost 30 years. Successful land conservation depends on relationship building and effective communication. We have been a consistent presence in the region, drawing attention to the role of conservation in our communities. As the global climate crisis intensifies, we continue to advocate for land as a part of the solution to issues we face at a community level. We seek, through partnerships, to break down the silos between human health, economic development, food systems, and environmental health to show that many of the systemic problems we face can only be truly solved if we come together and work on the system as a whole.

Harvard Forest's Wildlands and Woodlands project published its findings in 2017: Massachusetts is losing 65 forested acres a day. Wildlands and Woodlands frames the urgency of conservation in New England, and it does so by discussing the land clearing practices that devastated forest communities while stressing the dire consequences of insufficient planning. It is a conservation report that considers strategies for forest preservation and for working forests, a strategy that holds the possibility of bringing economic benefits as well as ecological ones into the region through conservation work. Perhaps the single most important statement emerging from Wildlands and Woodlands, however, is the revelation that New England's forests, the northern temperate landscape so familiar to this region, is a globally rare, precious biome, a vast forested corridor in a larger continental context, where north central Massachusetts' forested landscape plays a crucial role.

Thank you for standing with NCLT to protect our important lands.

"North County Land Trust honors the Wabanaki Confederacy and the Nipmuc Nation on whose land we reside.

We respect the enduring relationship they have with this land and we seek to better understand our place in that history."

- Land acknowledgement spoken at all board meetings

WITH GRATITUDE

Richelle Brown stepped down from the NCLT board this year after 9 years of service including in the roles of President and Treasurer. She supported NCLT through critical years of challenge and growth and took on every role and assignment requested of her with humility and determination. Her personal integrity and financial expertise, matched only by her wonderful sense of humor, taught us all a thing or two. We are a better organization and a better board thanks to her guidance and leadership.

Thank you, Richelle.





LAND CONSERVATION

Photo credit: Terry Holland

THE MOUNTAIN, THE SUBDIVISION AND THE TRAIL

Achieving diversity benefits everyone, whether it is in the workplace, the classroom or society. It is no less important in nature and conservation. During this challenging year, NCLT seized the opportunity to protect three very diverse conservation areas – the south slope of Mt. Watatic, and two properties that have become our Ebenezer Keyes and North Common Road Conservation Areas – each very different from the other and all containing diverse habitats and various recreational opportunities.

The Mountain – South Slope of Mt. Watatic

The most striking features of the north central Massachusetts landscape are the many hills and hollows that are formed in the transition from the southern end of the Monadnock Plateau to the mid and lowlands of the Connecticut and Merrimack Rivers. The small mountains and big hills that make for interesting hikes and challenging bike rides also host a rich ecological diversity that transition zones are known for.

Mount Watatic, with an elevation of 1832 feet, is perched at the “top” of Massachusetts, on the border of New Hampshire, straddling Ashburnham and Ashby. Rain and snow melt fall from the east side of the mountain into the Souhegan River watersheds, to the Merrimack River, then into the Gulf of Maine. The west side drains into wetlands surrounding the mountain to form the headwaters of the Millers River, flowing to the Connecticut River, then onward into Long Island Sound. When hiking, one can witness the diversity of ecological features, including the bald summit, rocky outcrops, forested slopes, seeps and wet lowlands. The area, connected to other state protected lands, hosts abundant wildlife and the summit is known as one of the best places to view the annual hawk migration. Due to its proximity to Boston, spectacular views and the confluence of the Midstate and Wapack Trails, the mountain is a popular destination for hikers, bird watchers, and other outdoor enthusiasts. Locals of a certain age will remember the ski area that operated from 1965 until 1984 and the old fire tower, open to the public, until its removal in 1996.

The demise of the ski area eventually led to the possibility of development on and around Mount Watatic. This spurred a vigorous effort through private-public partnership that resulted in the permanent protection of almost 300 acres in July 2002, including the summit and trail network well known today. But the mountain's protection was not complete.

Eighteen years later, 201 acres of abutting land, including the south slope and bald south peak of Mount Watatic where hikers relax and enjoy the view, came up for sale. The partners who had been involved in the original effort to save Watatic were eager to see the successful protection of these critical upland acres. With over 1600' of road frontage on both a state highway and local road, the property was prime for development.

When the property came on the market, NCLT moved quickly working with the broker, Keith Ross, at LandVest – structuring the acquisition, engaging partners and reaching out to loyal donors who responded with resounding support. Conservation-minded donors, along with the Fields Pond Foundation, the Ashby Land Trust, and the Ashburnham Land Trust, among many others, were all integral to raising over \$600,000 for the success of the project. The Conservation Fund provided a low interest loan for the balance of the purchase price. It was a powerful community-wide effort.

In the coming months, NCLT will transfer 186 acres of the property to the Department of Fish and Game so that it can be managed for public recreation including hiking, hunting, and other nature-based recreation. NCLT will retain 15 acres and the old farmhouse on Hardy Road in Ashby. The vision for the house site and surrounding fallow agricultural fields is to provide a place for NCLT to host educational, interpretive, and engaging programming aimed at providing opportunities for deeper connection and understanding of nature.

As we enter into this new relationship with the land around Watatic, we invite all to join us in celebrating this significant accomplishment.

The Subdivision – Ebenezer Keyes Conservation Area

Wilder Brook and Perley Brook wend their way through conservation land in the north part of Gardner, including North County Land Trust's Rome Conservation Area, quietly passing behind neighborhoods, filling and then draining from various wetlands, passing under West Street and finally joining together to feed Parker's Pond. At the southern end of the pond, a dam, built originally to power Dr. David Parker's sawmill back in the 1800's, holds back these waters forming the shallow, muddy-bottomed pond. From there the water spills out of the dam and under the railroad tracks to join the Otter River.

Just above this pond Princeton Street ends at a 157-acre parcel that has a checkered past. From the 1950-90's, the land was mostly forested apart from a portion at the end of Keyes Road which was home to the Simplex company recreation area. This recreation area originally included shooting and archery range ranges, a ball field, horseshoe courts, a picnic grove, and a clubhouse for gathering and dining. In later years, the Simplex Horse Club had stables there. Residents fondly recall the family picnics, softball games, and pig roasts hosted by the Watkins family, who started and ran the Simplex company for three generations.

When the company was sold, the land was eventually sold too. In 2004, despite strong local opposition, the land was

excavated for an approved 100 lot subdivision including earth removal, and installation of paved roadways and underground utilities. After clearing the forest, excavating gravel and sand, and building massive drainage basins, the developer abandoned the project leaving the scarred and partially developed land behind. The bank foreclosed and there were several attempts made at selling or developing the property. Each time the neighborhood resisted. When, last year, the bank approached North County Land Trust to see if a donation of the land was possible, it gave us a pause. We would be taking on a significantly disturbed property with partially implemented infrastructure. In addition, the "abandoned" sandy area was now popular with unauthorized recreational motorized vehicles and had become an illegal party spot. This was not a traditional conservation acquisition, but after listening to the neighbors, we understood this was an ideal community conservation project. While much of the property was critically disturbed, NCLT believed we were the best hope for nature's recovery.

Even with continued disturbance, in those 15 years, the plants and animals have started to return and reclaim parts of the area. Grouse, snowshoe hare, and turkeys are common. Deer and fox tracks crisscross the property. The vernal pools and ponds swell with life. The property is bordered by an adjacent 100-acre undeveloped woodland and Notre Dame cemetery and connects to the City-owned 122-acre Cummings Otter

Emily Merlino led a co-sponsored hike with the Green Mountain Club Worcester Chapter to the summit of Mt. Watatic through the Hardy Rd. property. ▼



LAND CONSERVATION

River Conservation Area. The NCLT stewardship team is exploring options for ecological restoration of the disturbed areas and the development of a long-term management plan that serves both human and wildlife residents.

When looking for a name for the new conservation area, the board settled on highlighting another culturally significant feature of the property, the site of the homestead of Ebenezer Keyes, one of the founding fathers of the City of Gardner. The cellar hole of the house, located at the highest point of the property, is still visible.

The land has a rich history and has long been used for recreation by residents. NCLT is pleased that it will forever remain open to the public for passive recreation. Neighborhood resident Joan Gould has been concerned with the development proposals since 2002 and said, “Knowing that North County Land Trust will be owning the property for conservation purposes is a Godsend.”

In April 2020, many local volunteers showed up to help with a large clean up of trash from the Ebenezer Keyes Conservation Area in Gardner, MA. ▼



▲ *The paved roads of Keyes form the backbone of an excellent trail system with scenic views.*

The Trail – North Common Road Conservation Area

NCLT recently acquired 16-acres in Westminister that will protect three quarters of a mile of the Midstate Trail in perpetuity thanks to the generous donation of Westminister Business Park, LLC and also Marie Auger from the Midstate Trail Committee who was instrumental in coordinating the transfer.

We were pleased to conserve this Westminister acreage to help protect the continuity of the 92-mile, Midstate Trail, a well-known hiking gem that extends from Rhode Island crossing the gentle hills of central Massachusetts and eventually connecting to the Wapack Trail in New Hampshire at Mt. Watatic. The section of the Midstate Trail protected by this acquisition runs parallel to N. Common Rd. Nearby land has been cleared to make way for an adjacent development, but local officials were adamant about protecting the trail from being segmented or diverted to the road asking NCLT for their assistance. This project is a notable example of how landowners, developers, municipalities, trail organizations, and conservation organizations can work together to ensure that land and trail resources are protected while meeting the housing needs of the community.

While the Midstate Trail is well established and has been in continuous use since the 1970s, much of the trail crosses through private land, and it is our hope more of the trail can become permanently protected in this manner in the future.

Strategic Conservation Plan

Three quite different acquisitions, each with its own beauty and challenge. Yet each, in its own way, furthers our Strategic Conservation Plan by connecting conserved parcels, protecting important wildlife habitat and water resources, expanding recreational opportunities, and conserving open fields. This year has shown us the future of our work – preserving the wild, restoring the impacted, and partnering to protect the unique resources in our communities. We are proud to do this work honoring the past, present, and future generations.



▲ The North Common Road section of the Midstate Trail sees local and through hikers in all seasons.

FEET ON THE GROUND, HEAD IN THE SKY

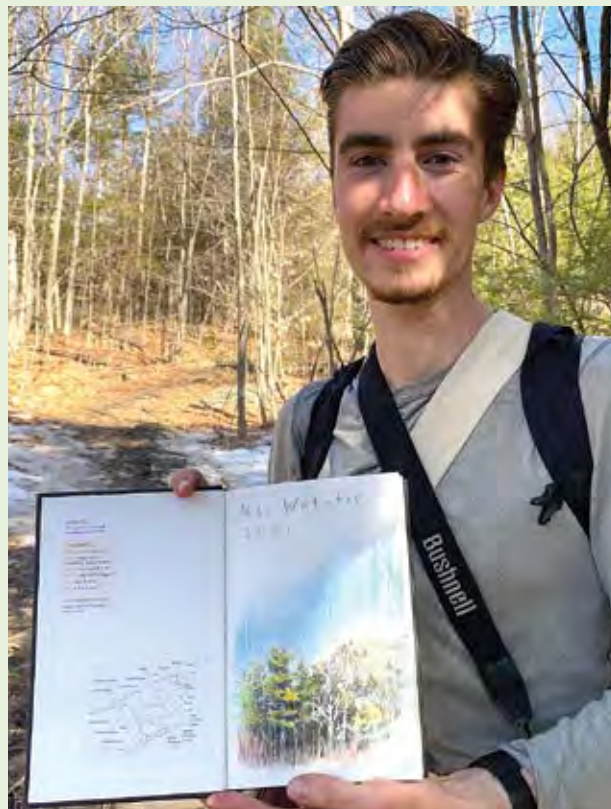
“At the center of my inquiry is a dedication to shift away from the ‘nature versus man’ mindset, to embrace the biome mindset—seeing any community as inclusive of the naturally occurring flora and fauna that presently occupy any respective biome. My work assumes the form of natural history illustration, assemblage, collage, and film, each inviting you to slow down, reconnect, and awaken your awareness.” Will Close



Beginning on the 2021 spring equinox, Will Close joined North County Land Trust as our first artist for our inaugural artist residency. As a graduating senior at Mass College of Art, his thesis revolved around bringing attention to the parts of nature often overlooked. His idea was to

make multiple works of art that depict what is below our feet or right in front of our noses and then, inversely, right above our heads.

Executive Director Anna Wilkins invited him to use NCLT conservation areas for his investigation and subject matter. He has volunteered to use his project and discoveries to raise awareness about NCLT's work and the importance of natural areas. He is personally interested in the educational aspect of teaching people about nature and NCLT anticipates continued collaboration. Integrating the arts into our work helps broaden our reach and engage conversation. His presentation from the Annual Gathering about this project can be seen on the NCLT YouTube channel.



STEWARDSHIP OUTREACH



▲ *Caldwell Street Water Channel* – A volunteer crew worked to divert a stream and clean up the previously unused Caldwell Steet Trail at Crocker Conservation Area which allowed us to use this trail as part of the 2021 Rock and Laurel Trail Race route!

Dwelly Pollinator Meadow Planting – Volunteers helped in planting supplemental native plantings for the pollinator field at Dwelly Farm Conservation Area. ▼



Kirby AMC Workday – Our first workday partnering with the Appalachian Mountain Club Worcester Chapter was spent rerouting and repairing trails at Kirby Conservation Area to prevent erosion and add stepping stones to allow dry passage on the trails. ▼



▲ *Eagle Scout Project* – Andrew Delorme completed his Eagle Scout project with NCLT to build a picnic table at Peabody Conservation Area at the end of the Mulpus Brook Trail. He has created a peaceful place for all to enjoy. Thank you and congratulations Andrew!



▲ *Day of Caring 2020* – Removal of glossy buckthorn brush at Dwelly as part of the invasive species management project on the property.

Keyes Cleanup Volunteers – Cleaning up Keyes is more than a one-day event, but this group of volunteers made quite a dent in the cleanup, filling a 15 yard dumpster in just a couple of hours. ▼





▲ Quarry Lane Garden Build – With our friends at Growing Places in the lead, NCLT and Busy Bees Preschool were awarded a grant from the Amelia Peabody Foundation to activate a place-based healthy eating and active living (HEAL) initiative on our Quarry Lane Conservation Area that abuts Busy Bees Preschool in Fitchburg, MA. Primary components of our project include healthy food access, hands-on learning, and community connection. This first year we worked to establish the garden beds, with improvement planned for next year.

Watatic Parking and Trail Workday – A parking area was created at the old house site at 102 Rindge State Rd, Ashburnham to be used as parking and a trailhead for the NCLT Hardy Rd farmhouse site. We are proud of our committed volunteers who dedicate their time to NCLT! ▼



“ This year our NCLT volunteers really came through for us, long-time volunteers as well as new ones, and we got SO MUCH DONE!! Thank you to all of these dedicated helping hands, we couldn't do this important work without you!”

- Emily Merlino, Stewardship Coordinator

Crocker Trail Reroute – Eagle Scout Liam Buchanan rerouted Roey's Ramble trail at Crocker Conservation Area to reduce erosion and improve the route! ▼



Crocker Kiosk – Our volunteer, Skip Ciccarelli, took on the repair of the Crocker Conservation Area kiosk to replace missing shingles. ▼



ROCK & LAUREL TRAIL RACE

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It was 70 degrees and overcast Saturday morning on the Applewild School campus in Fitchburg, MA. The volunteers were arriving and, though it was early in the morning, they all had smiles and there was a positive energy in the air. After months of planning and anticipation, the day was finally here.

This year, nearly 200 participants and volunteers from age 8 to 70 actively enjoyed the beautiful setting from the Applewild School and around the Crocker Conservation Area trails. Racers joined us from all over: 35 different cities and town around Massachusetts, 8 states (even as far as Oregon), and there were some international folks participating virtually from 5 countries across the globe.

Together with our fabulous sponsors, The Rock & Laurel 5K raised over \$15,000 for NCLT's conservation efforts. The proceeds are being put to immediate use,

maintaining our popular hiking trails, organizing family-friendly educational outings, and supporting land conservation efforts throughout the region.

Our Community Outreach and Engagement Coordinator, Lisa Adams, puts it this way, "It's local supporting local. Having over 30 local businesses pitch in to make this event a success for NCLT on the fundraising side is incredible. They are recognizing the work that we do as important for the communities they live in and serve. Our friends, participants and members see and appreciate that."

All participants kept their own best pace to complete the challenge. We were intentional about using the trails to highlight the work that we do and the benefits to health and wellness. The race provides a social way for supporters to celebrate and support NCLT.

Bemis Associates out of Shirley, MA was our Laurel Crown Sponsor and promoted participation amongst their employees. We can't thank them enough for their enthusiastic participation!

We're already planning ahead for next year and how we can expand this race even more. We can't wait!





“We are proud of the work they [NCLT] do in our communities and happy to be working with them.”

– Alyssa Caddle, Director of Sustainability and Corporate Responsibility, Bemis Associates



Racer photos: Michelle Spofford

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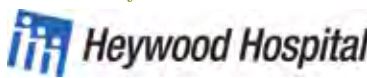


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SUPPORT & PROGRAMS

FISCAL YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

We have been thrilled to see first-hand the vital importance the natural landscape has on our lives as a record number of people explored the outdoors over the last 18 months.

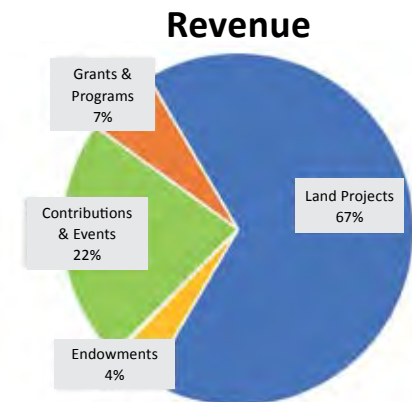
Fiscal Year 2021 was an inflection point for North County Land Trust. Several major property additions including the Watatic South Slope and Keyes Conservation Area galvanized our community to "Take a Stand for Local Land." Our revenue numbers shown here take into account our successful land project fundraising. It is important to note that this land project revenue is property specific and therefore not meant for day-to-day operations or endowment. Our vision for the future includes broadening our fundraising portfolio across all categories and implementing new opportunities. Having a broader mix of support, as well as increased unrestricted dollars year-to-year, will allow us to remain innovative and flexible while planning for land conservation in perpetuity. Thanks to your enthusiastic and constant support, NCLT is a healthy, growing organization and we are so grateful. As we enter our 30th (!) year, our team is excited to make a difference on critical land protection and stewardship initiatives.

Matt Emsley, *Director of Finance and Administration*

REVENUE

Contributions & Events	\$200,219	22.4%
Grants & Programs	\$58,596	6.6%
Land Projects	\$598,248	67.0%
Endowments	\$34,352	3.8%
Interest/Other	\$1,431	0.2%
TOTAL REVENUE*	\$892,846	100.0%

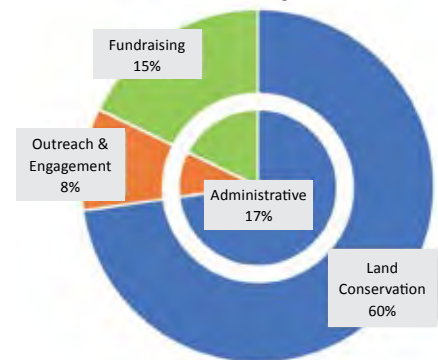
* Excludes non-cash land donations of \$1,025k



EXPENDITURES

Land Conservation	\$165,837	60.4%
Outreach & Engagement	\$21,320	7.8%
Fundraising	\$40,686	14.8%
Administration	\$46,804	17.0%
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$274,647	100.0%

Functional Expenditures



NET ORDINARY INCOME* \$618,199



In a year of socially distanced gatherings, we continued our always popular Weekly Wednesday Walks at Crocker Conservation Area in Fitchburg, MA. We are grateful to volunteers like our walk leaders Mary Cringan and Betty Reid for making these happen nearly every week of the year.





▲ We were lucky to have Russ Cohen, wild edibles enthusiast and author of the book *Wild Plants I Have Known...and Eaten*, for a virtual presentation on species that are ripe for harvesting during the summer and fall months. We followed that with a small group of NCLT members for a hike to find a few wild plants thanks to another cultural grant in Sterling, MA.

“I can attest to the great efforts and works being done to maintain existing and gain additional conservation land for public use.”
- Randy B., Volunteer Trail Monitor

It is our honor to be the recipient of a beautiful granite memorial bench in memory of Sean Magane at our Crocker Conservation Area in Fitchburg, MA. ▼



▲ Because of the support of local cultural council grants, we continue to bring a variety of interesting educational programs to our local towns and cities. Clay Hobart led birders at our Zins Conservation Area in Princeton, MA for an early morning bird walk.



▲ Thanks to the support of a local donor, we were able to bring Laurie Nehring to the 3rd grade classes of the Hubbardston Center School for an owl presentation and dissection of owl pellets. Every year the students look forward to this engaging hands-on event.

CONTINUING THE CONVERSATIONS

Over the last year, North County Land Trust hosted webinars that focused on topics ranging from social justice to green burials to the health of our natural environment. These 6 presentations helped us to continue the successful series “Conservation Conversations”. These conversations aimed at helping our community partners to keep up with the stewardship responsibilities of their existing conserved properties and help landowners learn about resources available to them for land protection and stewardship.



These webinars were made possible with the help of a grant from the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts and MA Department of Conservation & Recreation’s Working Forest Initiative and a through new partnership with the Worcester County Conservation District and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Several of these videos can be viewed by visiting the NCLT YouTube channel.



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- Helping wildlife have the habitat they need to survive
- Educating our communities on the value of conservation and environmentalism
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