

ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2020



Aquidneck Land Trust

OUR MISSION

*To preserve and steward
Aquidneck Island's open spaces
for the lasting
benefit of the
community, while
connecting
people with the land that defines
the island's
natural character.*

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Dear ALT Friends,

You have often heard me refer to our supporters as our “Partners in Preservation.” Never have we felt this more strongly than this year, as we navigated our way, together, through an extraordinary time. Before I share details of ALT’s recent accomplishments, I must thank you most sincerely for your unwavering support of our mission, our staff, and ultimately, our island home during this challenging period. Although we haven’t seen you in person for many months, we feel connected to each other and to you, thanks to your calls, emails, cards, and generous support. Even in difficult circumstances, our partnership protects Aquidneck Island’s land and water resources, local agriculture, and wildlife habitat. On behalf of the board and my staff, we thank you!

I am thrilled to report that since March, over 42,000 visitors have enjoyed our public trails. There is a new appreciation for accessible, outdoor places. The 12 miles of trail we maintain have drawn many new walkers, runners, birders, horseback riders, picnic goers, and more. Our 2020 fiscal year saw the launch of two land campaigns: a 7.5-acre section of Glen Farm in Portsmouth and a 5.5-acre section of Sweet Berry Farm in Middletown. We received DEM approval for a new boardwalk at Little Creek Preserve and submitted a successful grant for a new public pavilion at Spruce Acres Farm. Our volunteers and staff resurfaced 1,400 feet of trail and installed 600 feet of new bog bridges. We submitted our reaccreditation application with the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, which was approved this fall. At the end of 2020, two Newport properties were conserved after the landowners generously donated easements to ALT, adding 13.62 acres to our protected lands. Our successes are a direct result of your support of our mission.

At our annual meeting on February 4, we welcomed two new board members, Ellen Bowman and Dr. Martha McConnell, and honored departing board member Karen Menezes. We thank all of our trustees and advisors for their expertise and guidance, and appreciate the time they dedicate to helping us run our small but mighty organization.

Thank you for your continued support – in so many ways! – for our shared goal of further protecting this beautiful island that we call home. We wish you and yours a very happy and healthy 2021.

See you on the trail,



Charles B. Allott, Esq.
Executive Director



Jonathan Gewirz
Board Chair



Photo credit: Jessica Pohl

Staff from left to right: **Alex Chuman** (Stewardship Director), **Gretchen Markert** (Communications & Outreach Manager), **Laura Freedman Pedrick** (Development Director), **Meghan Harris** (Office Manager), **Julia Coll** (Development Assistant), **Martha Curley** (Finance Director), **Chuck Allott** (Executive Director)

Milestones



The new walking trail at Little Creek Preserve on Bramans Lane opened in October 2019.

OCTOBER 2019

- Stewardship Director Alex Chuman attended Rally, the annual national land conservation conference, held in North Carolina.
- Forty friends of the Land Trust joined ALT staff to volunteer at the Newport Marathon. The race sponsor, Gray Matter Marketing, rewarded our efforts with a generous donation.
- We held a ceremony to officially open the trailside park at Little Creek Preserve. The park is adjacent to the Sakonnet Greenway Trail and offers a picnic table and benches.
- ALT began the year-long process of reaccreditation by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission. In November 2020, our application was approved, giving ALT accreditation until November 2025.

NOVEMBER 2019

- Our stewardship team completed the last of over 90 conservation easement site visits for 2019, fulfilling our perpetual obligation to monitor our conservation easements and fee lands.
- Nearly 300 supporters participated in our annual 5K Race for Open Space. The route includes sections of the Sakonnet Greenway Trail, conserved and maintained by ALT.
- A large Christmas tree from Spruce Acres Farm was donated to Bowen's Wharf, where it was decorated and installed for all to enjoy.



ALT's Spruce Acres property supplied a Christmas tree to Bowen's Wharf to decorate the public space there.

DECEMBER 2019

- ALT staff used an interactive watershed model to educate 200

- Thompson Middle School students on watershed conservation.
- ALT completed the Aquidneck Island Development Impact Analysis with consultant Sasaki Associates. The analysis projected two visions for the island over the next 30 years: One where development trends continue and a second where more land is protected and smart growth planning implemented. If current trends continue, all of the remaining developable open space on the island will either be saved or built by 2050.
 - ALT received a grant from The William H. Donner Foundation to support a unit on climate change for high school science classes. Rogers High School and Portsmouth High School participated. The program included a lecture on climate change by Dr. Kelton McMahon, Assistant Professor in Biological Oceanography at URI.

JANUARY 2020

- The land trust announced a campaign to conserve 7.5 acres of farmland in Portsmouth, part of the historic Glen Farm.
- ALT staff used an interactive watershed model to educate 60 Portsmouth High School students on watershed conservation.
- ALT staff members hosted a visit by the Island Girls, a Middletown girls' group, at Spruce Acres Farm. The group enjoyed a nature walk and discussion about the importance of conserved land.

FEBRUARY 2020

- ALT hosted its 30th annual meeting at the Atlantic Resort. More than 300 ALT members attended and celebrated ALT's achievements from the previous year. We were pleased to announce the winners of the Art & Writing Contest, made possible by sponsor Sixteen on Center. More than 340 school children, grades K-12, submitted entries.
- ALT hosted a free event at Spruce Acres Farm as part of Newport County's Winter Festival. Around 60 people enjoyed a scavenger hunt, face painting, cider and cookies, and trail walk.

MARCH 2020

- Four ALT staff attended the 2020 Land & Water Conservation Summit at URI. Alex Chuman, Gretchen Markert, and Laura Freedman Pedrick conducted three seminars.

APRIL 2020

- A third series of classes on birds, Amazing Birds III, began in April. Board member and professional ornithologist Dr. Charles Clarkson led the four weekly classes, which were held online due to the pandemic.
- ALT awarded seven grants totaling \$13,454 to local community and neighborhood groups through its annual grant program,



PHS students examined the impact that various pollutants have on our drinking water supply, using ALT's watershed education model.



Young Islanders enjoyed sitting on ALT's vintage tractor at Spruce Acres' Family Day in February.



Visitors enjoyed face-painting, nature walks, a scavenger hunt, and refreshments at Spruce Acres.

the Merritt Neighborhood Fund. The Fund supports projects that strengthen community identity and character, and which model the ethic of land conservation and stewardship through community volunteerism. Awards were given to: Calvary United Methodist Church (replacement of six cherry trees); God's Community Garden (improvements to garden); Middletown Tree Association (tree planting on Berkeley Avenue); Newport Tree Conservancy (reforesting project in Miantonomi Park); Norman Bird Sanctuary (improvements to vegetable garden); Portsmouth Dog Park (replacement of shade trees); and St. John the Evangelist Church (improvements to streetscape).

- ALT staff and volunteers planted three new serviceberry trees at the Spruce Acres picnic area in honor of the late George Thurston, who was a former Board member and one of the early landowners to work with ALT to conserve his family farm.

MAY 2020

- ALT staff and volunteers installed over 600 feet of bog bridges at Oakland Forest and along the Sakonnet Greenway Trail. Bog bridges protect soft soils and wetlands, and allow walkers to enjoy trails that are otherwise too muddy to use.

JUNE 2020

- The Spruce Acres Farm Community Garden continued to thrive in its second season, with its nine raised garden beds fully planted by enthusiastic gardeners.
- ALT staff and volunteers re-surfaced over 1,400 feet of hiking trail at Spruce Acres, the Sakonnet Greenway Trail, and Oakland Forest to help improve drainage and wet conditions on the trailbed.

JULY 2020

- The Land Trust announced a campaign to conserve a new section of Sweet Berry Farm in Middletown. The 5.49-acre parcel abuts land that the farm has already conserved, and will be used to grow strawberries and pumpkins.
- ALT created a fundraising event to replace its annual summer party, Fiesta Verde. The new event, Evening at Home, offered supporters an 'evening to go' in the form of a three-course dinner, local wine, local flowers, and a CD of musical selections. Participants picked up their packages at the ALT offices over the course of two evenings, bringing them home to enjoy with family or small groups. We are very grateful to those who helped plan this event and who donated to it, and to McGrath Clambakes and Catering, Newport Vineyards, Greenvale Vineyards, Garman Farm, and Lois Vaughan Jazz.



ALT staff and volunteers built 600' of new bog bridges and resurfaced 1,400' of existing trail.



The nine garden plots at Spruce Acres were fully planted.



ALT supporters enjoyed "Evening at Home," a summer fundraiser offering dinner to go for families and small groups.

AUGUST 2020

- Executive Director Chuck Allott and Communications Manager Gretchen Markert presented a Zoom talk to the Newport chapter of AARP. They invited viewers to explore the many trails and parks that have been conserved on Aquidneck Island since ALT was founded in 1990.
- ALT received approval from RIDEM for the construction of a 160-foot boardwalk at Little Creek Preserve. The boardwalk will feature a viewing deck and bench seating.
- A project to remove 77 utility poles and bury overhead wires in the Third Beach area was spearheaded by Scenic Aquidneck, a collaboration between ALT, The Preservation Society of Newport County, and PreserveRI. The effort was funded entirely by private donations and will serve to beautify the historic area and protect it during severe weather events.



ALT is a member of Scenic Aquidneck, a non-profit organization that collected private funds to remove telephone poles and bury power lines along Third Beach in Middletown.

SEPTEMBER 2020

- Seventy-two golfers participated in the 2020 ALT Golf Tournament, an annual fundraiser held at Newport National Golf Club. Although golfers couldn't mingle due to the pandemic, they enjoyed a beautiful day of play and left with gifts, prizes, and a party favor of 'cocktails to go.'
- TerraCorps member Anita Montero joined ALT's staff for a one-year posting as Land Stewardship Coordinator. Anita will work on a number of different stewardship projects, including bolstering our volunteer crew, invasive species management, and conservation easement monitoring.



The annual golf tournament at the Newport National Golf Club took place on a beautiful September afternoon, raising funds for land conservation.

Save the Date!

2021 Golf Tournament: Monday, September 13

*Join us for a fantastic day of play at
Newport National Golf Club.*

Register on our website or call
Laura Freedman Pedrick at 401-849-2799, ext. 18,
for details and sponsorship opportunities.

Collaborations

Aquidneck Land Trust partners with organizations to support clean water, working farmlands, accessible parks and trails, scenic viewsheds, effectively managed wildlife habitat, and smart environmental policy.

Coyote Smarts: www.coyotesmarts.org

Green Infrastructure Coalition: www.greeninfrastructureri.org

Island Waters: aquidneckplanning.org/projects/257/

Scenic Aquidneck: www.scenicaquidneck.org

Newport Open Space Partnership: www.newportopenspace.org

HEZ/Women's Resource Center: newporthealthequity.com



The Sakonnet Greenway Trail provides wildlife habitat for many species, including these pheasants.

Aquidneck Land Trust

conservation map

Protected Properties

1993	1. John J. Slocum Estate	2.40
1995	2. Pierce-Anthony Farm	16.37
1996	3. Town of Middletown Soccer Fields	13.98
	4. Sweet Berry Farm	77.57
1998	5. Perry Farm (incl. Newport Vineyards)	82.07
1999	6. Tibbetts Farm	33.25
2000	7. Oakland Forest & Meadow	30.10
	8. Hodges / Pennfield School	6.88
	9. 3S / Town of Portsmouth	48.07
	10. Peters Farm	49.65
	11. Farmlands, LLC	43.17
	12. Newport National Golf Club	299.42
	13. Nunes Farms	51.00
	14. Braman / Olaynack Farm	12.52
	15. Almy Pond Conservation Area	19.66
2001	16. Whitehouse Family	5.10
	17. Newport Country Club	3.33
	18. Cousins Farm	34.97
	19. Bally Machree Farm, LLC	8.16
	20. Greenscape, LLC / Braman's Meadow	10.55
	21. Webster Farm	38.22
2002	22. Sweet Berry Farm / Borges	6.38
	23. Almy-Thurston Farm	16.34
	24. Crystal Spring Water Company	39.66
2003	25. Alvamas / Lacerda Farm	6.48
	26. Greenscape, LLC / North Farm	47.21
	27. Norman Bird Sanctuary / Third Beach	23.87
	28. Dockery Estate	12.57
2004	29. Commonwealth Farm	17.00
	30. Kempenaar Valley	45.80
2005	31. Clubhouse Partners, LP Preserve	1.18
	32. Harrison Farm	2.62
	33. Sullivan Preserve	14.90
	34. State of Rhode Island / Town Pond	45.55
	35. City of Newport / Miantonomi Park	29.78
	36. Silvia Farm	15.30
	37. Escobar's Highland Farm	74.98
2006	38. Elshant Preserve	5.45
	39. Vaucluse East Estate	128.79
	40. Water Reservoir Area	404.21
	41. Brown Preserve	28.76
	42. Sunset Hills	5.47
	43. Sweet Flag Partners	4.53
	44. Paradise Valley Park / Diocese	20.95
2007	45. City of Newport / Gooseneck Cove	58.00
	46. City of Newport / Morton Park	12.10
2008	47. Town of Middletown / Albro Woods	8.65
	48. Town of Middletown / Demery Memorial Park	6.24
	49. Peckham Farm	11.59
	50. Boulevard Nurseries	29.46
	51. Swan Farm	124.38
2009	52. Green Valley Country Club	126.37
	53. City of Newport / Braga Park	8.35
	54. McCormack Estate	2.29
	55. Valley Associates II	6.65
	56. Easy Street Farm	8.67
	57. Salve Regina University / Sulthorne	1.14
2010	58. O'Neill	8.23
	59. City of Newport / Spencer Park	2.46
	60. City of Newport / King Park	8.05
2011	61. Rovensky Park	4.95
	62. Wicks Nursery	37.59
	63. Ocean View	0.70
	64. Dey	18.83
	65. Welch Farm	14.25
2012	66. City of Newport / Coggeshall School Park	0.87
	67. Corey / Sears Farm	28.69
	68. Crump	3.76
2013	69. Randall	10.65
2014	70. Town of Portsmouth / Reposa	4.26
	71. Faria Farm	10.51
	72. Norman Bird Sanctuary / Kenny	5.40
2015	73. St. Mary's Church	72.18
	74. Wild Moor Estate	14.75
2016	75. Arnow	12.49
	76. Town of Portsmouth / Mt. Hope Park	4.90
2017	77. Spruce Acres	22.67
	78. Warner Preserve	5.00
2018	79. Little Creek Preserve	15.28
	80. Hamilton Family Charitable Trust (The Blue Garden)	3.68
2019	81. Allen	6.20
2020	82. EC Properties LLC	3.77
	83. Cushing-Coleman	9.85

total conserved acres: 2,619.17



Landowner Partners

The Aquidneck Land Trust has conserved 2,619.17 acres since its founding in 1990. We gratefully thank these very special individuals, families, businesses, neighborhood associations, municipalities, and other government agencies who have partnered with us to preserve and steward their land in perpetuity. Their vision for the future and appreciation of the past leave a priceless legacy.

Anonymous (2)
Sandra B. Allen
Lewis Arnow
Friends of Almy Pond
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Alvarnas
Edythe Anthony
Muriel Anthony
Armory Revival Company
Manuel J. Borges
Mrs. Jean I. Braman
Joe Brito, Jr.
Carolann Brown
James F. Carlin
James Chadwick
City of Newport
Clubhouse Partners, LP
Corey/Sears Farm
Denys and Margery Cousens
Henry and Andrea Crump
Crystal Spring Water Company,
The Scott Family
Mary Cushing Coleman
John Deveau
Loren Deveau
The Dey Family
The Dick Family

Joe and Kristal Dockery
Jan Eckhart and Michelle Eckhart,
Sweet Berry Farm
EC Properties LLC
The Elshant Family
Louis Escobar
Roberta Faria
The Faria Family
Farmlands, LLC
Farmscapes Holdings, LLC
Greenscape, LLC
Green Valley Country Club, Inc.
Hamilton Family Charitable Trust
Mrs. Samuel M.V. Hamilton
Diana Harrison
Mr. and Mrs. F. James Hodges, Jr.
The Kempenaar Family
Joe Lacerda, Jr.
Marcella McCormack
Town of Middletown
Middletown Main, LLC
Middletown Open Space and Fields
Committee
Katherine M. Murphy
The Nature Conservancy
Newport Country Club

Newport National Golf Club/Realty
Financial Partners
John and Paul Nunes, Newport
Vineyards & Winery
Newport Water Department
Norman Bird Sanctuary
Larry and Mary Nunes, Anna
Flaherty, and Edna North
Peter Olaynack
Donald and Helene O'Neill
Bill and Barbara O'Reilly, Bally
Machree Farm, LLC
The Peckham Family
The Pennfield School
The Perry Family Partnership
Manuel Peters, George Peters, and
Marie Ney
Town of Portsmouth
The Preservation Society of
Newport County
RI Agricultural Land Preservation
Commission
RI Department of Environmental
Management
RI Water Resources Board
Peter and Ann Randall

The Reposa Family
Carol Rodrigues and Nancy
Cleasby
Saint Mary's Church
Salve Regina University
Dennis Silvia
The Silvia Family
Mrs. John J. Slocum
John J. Slocum
F.M. Sullivan
Sweet Flag Partners
George Thurston
David R. Tibbetts
U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's Natural
Resources Conservation
Service (NRCS)
Valley Associates II
The van Beuren Family
John and Deborah Warner
Katherine and Michael Waters
Mr. and Mrs. James Webster
Charles R. Whitehouse
The Wicks Family
Wild Moor, LLC

Green Island Society

You can help conserve Aquidneck Island for future generations by making a planned gift to the Aquidneck Land Trust. Please let us know if you have included ALT in your estate plan so that we can welcome you to the Green Island Society. We honor this society throughout the year and thank its members for their generosity and foresight.

Thank you to our Green Island Society members:

*Andy Arkway**
Dennis Bristow
*Beth Everett**
Michele Foster
John and Joanne Gorman*
Bruce Hoitt
Nancy Jamison
Paul and Beverly Kelly
Roger and Sandra King
Sanne Kure-Jensen
*Marcella Clark McCormack**

*William Mershon**
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Edwin G. and Catherine S. Singsen
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Drs. Christopher Pargellis and
Denice Spero
Don and Meg Steiner
Sheila Reilly
*Marjorie Ward**

**DECEASED*

Leaving a legacy to protect the island we love.

For more information, contact Laura Freedman Pedrick at lpedrick@ailt.org or 401.849.2799, ext. 18.

Creative Support for ALT!

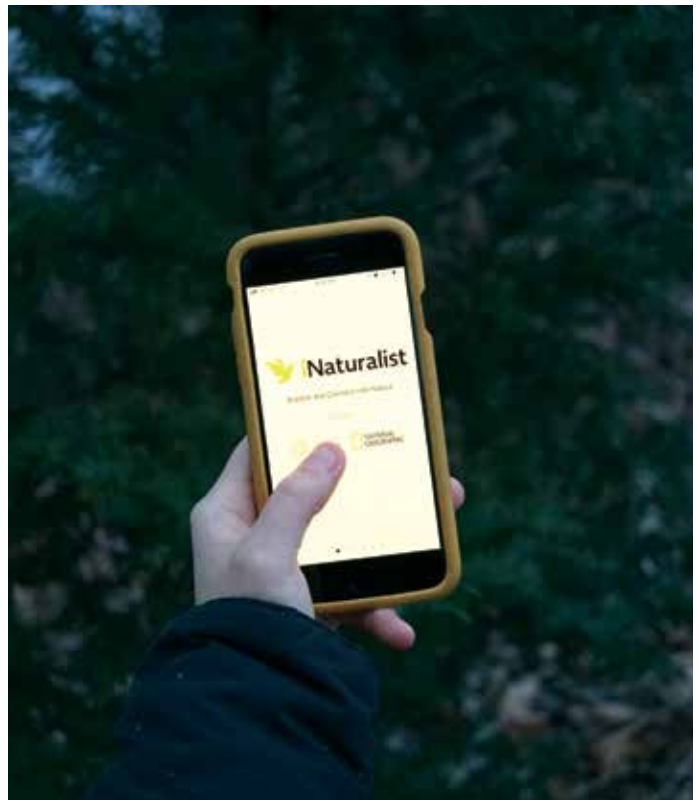


ALT volunteer and supporter Audrey Royer used her creative talents to turn wood from a fallen willow tree into delightful holiday snowmen. She then sold the decorations and donated the proceeds to ALT, ultimately giving \$650 to support our land conservation efforts. Thank you, Audrey!

Anyone Can Be a Citizen Scientist!

This winter, ALT is embarking on an exciting new citizen science project: recording all the species that live and grow alongside our public trails. This project is hosted on iNaturalist, an online platform for sharing observations of the natural world. Visitors to Spruce Acres Farm, Little Creek Preserve, Oakland Forest and Meadow Preserve, and the Sakonnet Greenway Trail can make research-quality species observations simply by taking a picture of a plant, animal, or fungus and posting it to the iNaturalist app on their smartphones. Pooled together, these observations will give ALT a better sense of our properties' biodiversity, which will help us to make better and more informed property management decisions moving forward. We're also excited about this project's potential to increase trail users' knowledge of local ecology and engage volunteers in remote work. More information about the project is available on the volunteering page of our website (<https://ailt.org/ways-to-give/volunteer/>).

- Anita Pilar Montero



Evening at Home: Save the Dates!

Summer is coming and we hope you will save the date for our next “Evening at Home” event! We provide the delicious three-course meals, wine, flowers, and more...you provide the venue for your own special evening with family and friends. Look for registration information soon and select either Wednesday, July 14, or Thursday, July 15, as your “Evening at Home.” Thank you to the many supporters who purchased tickets last year!



Sweet Berry Farm Update

The outpouring of support to conserve a new section of Sweet Berry Farm has been tremendous – thank you! We are very close to completing the campaign; at this writing, we have raised \$252,000 of the \$268,860 needed to permanently protect the parcel, which will be used by the farm to grow strawberries and pumpkins. The property is USDA prime farmland and has been farmed continuously since 1939. It is within the Maidford River/Paradise Brook drinking supply watershed, so its conservation will help protect our drinking supply. It is home to many bird species and, once conserved, will add a vital link in the Sakonnet Greenway habitat corridor of 1,260 acres. Donations of any size may be made on our website (www.ailt.org); thank you for your contribution!







Financial Summary for the Twelve Months Ending September 30, 2020

SUPPORT & REVENUE (for General Operating purposes)

Grants	\$ 229,218
Donations & appeals	162,513
Membership dues & other income	119,061
Net special events income	169,062
Net investment income (available for general operation purposes)	137,404
TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUE for General Operating purposes	\$ 817,258

EXPENSES

Program Expenses	
Land Acquisition	166,563
Stewardship	152,783
Membership & Education	157,268
Management & General	274,612
Fundraising	180,342
Restricted expenses not associated with General Operations	(135,668)
TOTAL EXPENSES for General Operating purposes	\$ 795,900

NET INCOME for General Operating purposes **\$21,358**

SUPPORT & REVENUE (not available for General Operating purposes)

Grants	\$ 20,393
Donations & appeals	121,410
Net investment income (not available for general operation purposes)	729,545
Land Acquisition Donations & Pledges	2,084,832
Restricted expenses other than General Operations	\$ (135,668)

NET INCOME not available for General Operating purposes **\$2,820,512**

TOTAL NET INCOME (Change in Net Assets) **\$ 2,841,870**

NET ASSETS, beginning of the fiscal year

\$ 15,746,339

NET ASSETS, end of the fiscal year

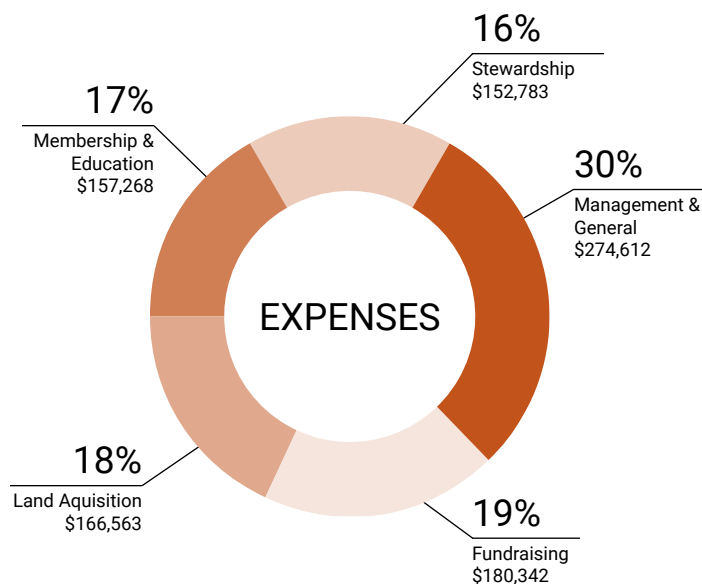
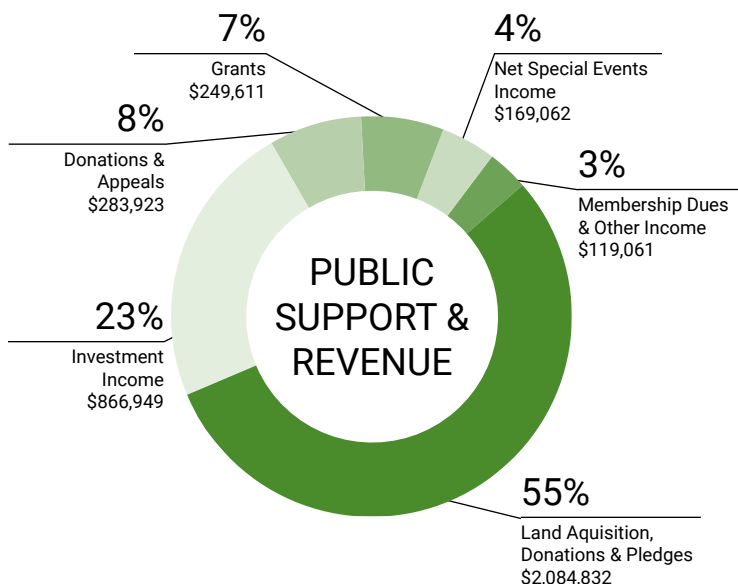
\$ 18,588,209

<i>Land & Land Improvements (owned in fee)</i>	\$ 6,311,313
<i>Land Preservation Fund</i>	2,299,405
<i>Stewardship Investment Funds</i>	8,323,296
<i>Legal Defense Fund</i>	193,725
<i>Other Temporarily Restricted Funds</i>	177,085
<i>Merritt Neighborhood Fund</i>	126,507
<i>Spruce Acres & Little Creek Capital Improvement Funds</i>	146,670
<i>General Operating Fund</i>	561,699
<i>Property & Equipment</i>	448,509

TOTAL NET ASSETS

\$ 18,588,209

If you would like a copy of the Aquidneck Land Trust's audited Financial Statements for the twelve months ending September 30, 2020, prepared by Kahn, Litwin, Renza & Co., Ltd., please contact Martha Curley, Finance Director, at (401) 849-2799 or email mcurely@ailt.org.



As of September 30, 2020, ALT had preserved and protected 2,606 acres at a cumulative cost of approximately \$24,373,000, exclusive of legal and administrative costs related to the purchases.

By the Numbers 2020

WATERSHEDS

42

Properties within drinking
watersheds protected

21.5%

Of land within drinking
watersheds protected

EDUCATION

18

Attended the bird class with
Dr. Charles Clarkson

450

Students and adults attended
climate speaker talks



CONSERVATION

2,619.17

ACRES CONSERVED 1990-2020

83

CONSERVED PROPERTIES
1990-2020

13.62

ACRES CONSERVED

10.7%

OF AQUIDNECK ISLAND
CONSERVED BY ALT 1990-2020



RECREATION

835 Acres of recreational land protected

35 Public access properties

2 Golf courses protected

17 Parks protected

12 Miles of free public trail maintained



AGRICULTURE

1,130

Acres of farmland protected

34

Projects with farmland

100% of ALT-owned
farmland is leased

ALT OFFICE

8

Staff

STEWARDSHIP

600 Feet of new bog bridges

5 New interpretive signs

1,400 Feet of new trail surfacing

42,000 Trail visits since March 2020



"Conserving our vital open spaces while keeping the natural character of the island accessible to the entire community and future generations."

Two Newport Properties Conserved in 2020

Two generous landowners donated conservation easements to ALT at the end of last year, permanently protecting another 13.62 acres of land on Aquidneck Island. Mary Cushing Coleman donated 9.85 acres and EC Properties LLC donated 3.77 acres. Both properties are private, but their conservation assures that they will remain as open space forever.

The Cushing Coleman property, located on Ocean Drive, includes the landmark geological formation known as Spouting Rock, which still explodes in high surf. It has 3,000 feet of rocky shoreline, natural vegetation, and lawn areas, jutting into the Atlantic Ocean between Bailey’s Beach and Gooseberry Beach. The property’s natural features, elevation, and topography provide unique scenic views from the east (Cliff Walk, Bailey’s/Reject’s Beach, and Ocean Avenue), the south (the public waters of Rhode Island Sound), and the west (Gooseberry Island, Ocean Avenue, Gooseberry/Hazard’s Beach, and Gooseberry Cove). In addition to the cultural and historic values that its setting provides, it offers other conservations values such as wildlife habitat and water resource protection.

The EC Properties LLC parcel, located on Ledge Road, has 200 feet of coastline and is visible from the publicly-accessible Cliff Walk trail. The site offers scenic views from Ocean Avenue, Bailey’s Beach, and Reject’s Beach, and to boaters and sailors passing by on the ocean. The site has typical Newport rock out-croppings, a scenic feature of the Newport Neck area, and a number of tidal pools.

Both properties are located within the center of the Newport Neck Greenway, which includes over 400 acres of land protected by either conservation easement or deed restriction. The conservation of these properties will help increase contiguity of the habitat and viewshed corridor in the Newport Neck Greenway. ALT is very grateful to Mary Cushing Coleman and to EC Properties LLC for their generosity and their commitment to conservation.



Cushing Coleman Property



EC Properties LLC

Philanthropic Support

Our heartfelt thanks to all those who contributed to the Aquidneck Land Trust during this fiscal year, which concluded on September 30, 2020.

\$100,000 and above

Dwight and Susan Sipprelle
van Beuren Charitable Foundation

\$50,000 to \$99,999

Crescent Porter Hale Foundation
Rita and Jonathan Gewirz
Prince Charitable Trusts
Meg and Don Steiner
The Timken Matthews Family Foundation
The Coll Family Foundation

\$25,000 to \$49,999

EJMP Fund for Philanthropy
Nancy Jamison and Steve McInnis
William and Amelia Medeiros
Jonathan and Bettie Pardee
The Gruben Charitable Foundation
The Loebs Family Foundation
The William H. Donner Foundation

\$10,000 to \$24,999

Richard and Fanchon Burnham
Steven and Katrina Gewirz
Koppelman Family Foundation
George and Sue Petrovas
Susan Ruf and Michael Walsh
Lorna and Jeremiah Shafir

\$5,000 to \$9,999

Anthony and Allison Allott
Patricia and Philip Bilden
Heather and William Burgess
Arthur Daily
Kim and Glenn Darden
Delta Dental of Rhode Island
Zia and Denys Eftekhari
Gray Matter Marketing LLC
Julia Herrick
Elizabeth and William Kahane
M.R. Kidder Charitable Fund
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