



# ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2017

 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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Cover and side image: Spruce Acres Farm

Dear ALT Friends,

This is a time of great celebration and we are thrilled that you are here to share it with us! Since our last meeting, we have closed on Spruce Acres Farm and raised over half of the funds needed for Little Creek Preserve. Never before has ALT received so many individual gifts in one year for land conservation. Your support has been tremendous and we are very grateful for it.

In the past year, ALT has again engaged thousands of people at events, in the classrooms, on the trails and as volunteers. Our efforts to provide recreational opportunities, educational instruction and significant community improvements span the Island, from Gooseneck Cove on the southern tip of Newport to Town Pond in northern Portsmouth. None of it would happen without your loyal support, and we thank you very sincerely.

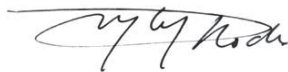
The Board announces that Taylor Rock will be stepping down as Board Chair and that Nancy Jamison, current Vice-Chair, will assume the Chair role. Treasurer Drew Colman has stepped down as Treasurer and Board member Zia Eftekhar has assumed the role. The Board and Staff thank Taylor and Drew for their experience, commitment and enthusiasm and are pleased that Taylor will remain on the Board and Executive Committee, *ex officio*. We welcome three new Board members: Zia Eftekhar, Nancy Parker Wilson and Dwight Sippelle, who replace outgoing Board members Andrew Colman, Carolann Doherty Brown, Michelle Eckhart, Arthur Murphy and Richard Wicks. Many thanks to each of them for their expertise and dedication to ALT.

Our very best wishes to you and yours in 2018. It is due to your unwavering support that ALT continues to conserve the rapidly dwindling open space on our island, a mission born 28 years ago and still going strong. Our shared legacy will be known and appreciated forever in the land that we have conserved.

See you on the trail,



Charles B. Allott, Esq.  
Executive Director



Taylor Rock  
Board Chair



**Staff**

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

# Milestones



**Spruce Acres Farm  
Middletown/Portsmouth**



**The Glen, Portsmouth  
Race for Open Space 5K Run/Walk**

## NOVEMBER 2016

- 260+ people participated in the Race for Open Space 5K Run/Walk.
- ALT advocated for the Green Economy Bond on Election Day, allocating \$35 million for land acquisition and environmental initiatives.
- ALT staff presented to Salve Regina University Biology students on land conservation, using ALT's interactive watershed model to teach students watershed science.

## DECEMBER 2016

- ALT and the Spruce Acres Farm Cabinet hosted a gathering of major donors.
- Executive Director Chuck Allott spoke about ALT's work in Aquidneck Island's drinking supply watersheds at the "The Future of Clean Water: the Island Waters Forum."

## JANUARY 2017

- ALT hired Gretchen Markert as the Communications & Outreach Manager to support the Stewardship and Development Directors.

## FEBRUARY 2017

- Our 27th Annual Meeting was held at the Atlantic Resort. Over 250 ALT members attended and celebrated ALT's achievements.
- ALT and the Town of Portsmouth held the first of three public workshops to plan the design of Mount Hope Park, conserved in 2015.
- ALT hosted a lively event at Spruce Acres Farm as part of the Newport Winter Festival. Visitors enjoyed a scavenger hunt, cider and cookies, and exploring the trails.



**Spruce Acres Farm, Portsmouth/Middletown  
Newport Winter Festival**

- Based on his expertise with zoning and land use policy, Executive Director Chuck Allott moderated a discussion following newportFILM's showing of "One Big Home."

## MARCH 2017

- Executive Director Chuck Allott presented on land conservation at the annual RI Land and Water Summit, a gathering of over 300 local land trust and water professionals.
- Three generous donors enabled us to create the \$100,000 Challenge to conserve Spruce Acres. The challenge raised \$40,000 in March and was fully met in May.
- ALT staff presented to over 200 environmental science high school students on watershed conservation and local water issues.
- ALT sponsored newportFILM's "Forgotten Farms," featuring local farmers Louie and Jane Escobar.
- ALT finished its Aquidneck Island Farmland Conservation Plan, a comprehensive plan establishing conditions, challenges, solutions, resources, and land acquisition priorities for farming and farmland on Aquidneck Island.

## APRIL 2017

- ALT joined a Clean Ocean Access cleanup of Middletown Valley, a permanently conserved property, removing over 700 pounds of trash.
- ALT hosted a rain barrel give-away to the Carriage Drive neighborhood in Portsmouth.
- ALT participated in Earth Day Fairs at Salve Regina University and Portsmouth High School, and taught Pennfield students about land conservation and food systems.
- ALT's role as a leadership organization in Newport Health Equity Zone was renewed for Year 3 of the project, where ALT will continue to serve as a leader on open space and health issues and coordinate the food access working group.
- ALT finished its Maidford River Watershed Conservation Plan, which highlights a combination of Best Management Practice installations and land acquisition outreach in the Maidford River/Paradise Brook watershed. The plan complements existing Maidford River studies by the Town of Middletown and RI Department of Environmental Management.
- Alex Chuman and Chuck Allott participated at the 4th annual Food Summit, sponsored by Aquidneck Community Table and held at Salve Regina University.
- ALT renewed its lease to Aquidneck Community Table for community gardens on a portion of its 8-acre farm off Elizabeth Lane in Middletown. Soon after, ALT forged a new lease with Garman Organic Farm on the rest of the property. This follows a lease renewal with Aquidneck Farms of nearly 25 acres of hayfields at the St. Mary's property in Portsmouth, making 100% of the farmland ALT owns leased for active farming.



**Sakonnet Greenway Trail,  
Middletown  
New trail signs**



**Sakonnet Greenway Trail,  
Portsmouth  
Salve Regina University  
volunteers for a trail clean-up**



**Garman Farm, Middletown  
The Garmans after signing a  
5-year lease**

## MAY 2017

- ALT staff led nature walks for over 200 Gaudet Middle School students along the Sakonnet Greenway Trail.
- On May 12, ALT and partners Preservation Society of Newport County, PreserveRI and U.S. Fish & Wildlife celebrated the undergrounding of power lines along Second Beach on Sachuest Beach Road, restoring one of the island's most scenic viewscapes.
- ALT hosted an Herb Walk at Spruce Acres Farm, led by Jessyloo Rodrigues of Parcel Apothecary.
- Four Trolley Tours were held over the summer, showcasing conserved properties to our supporters. Participants especially enjoyed the stop for wine and cheese at Sweet Berry Farm!
- ALT's Merritt Neighborhood Fund distributed \$14,000 worth of small grants to 15 grassroots organizations for various conservation projects ranging from community garden construction to new signage in Miantonomi Park.
- We presented our 2017 Environmental Leadership Award to two students, Tyler Blake of Rogers High School and Matthew Carlone of Middletown High School.
- ALT's stewardship department began the annual monitoring process for its 80+ conservation easements, spread across 77 properties, via site visits with staff and volunteers. Monitoring ensures that the terms in these agreements are being kept and the land remains as open space.

## JUNE 2017

- ALT hosted its annual Landowner and Volunteer Appreciation Party at the recently conserved Arnow property in Middletown.
- ALT helped lead a tour of green infrastructure across Aquidneck Island as part of the Environmental Council of RI's annual meeting in Newport.
- ALT hosted a table at the outdoor Aquidneck Growers' Market (AGM) at Newport Vineyards several times over the summer.
- As part of the Newport Open Space Partnership (NOSP), ALT and the City of Newport teamed up to open Miantonomi Tower every Sunday throughout the summer. Over 1200 visitors climbed the historic tower on its open days. The NOSP kicked off the summer with an increase in programming in the parks to complement the Open Space Plan developed for the city.
- ALT held its annual golf tournament at Newport National Golf Club. The event raised \$28,000 to support our land conservation efforts.

## JULY 2017

- The Newport City Council officially endorsed the Master Parks and Open Space Plan for the City of Newport, developed by the Newport Open Space Partnership, the first such plan in over 100 years.
- After nearly a year of fundraising, ALT successfully purchased Spruce Acres Farm! Over 460 individuals, foundations, corporations, the towns of Portsmouth and Middletown, and the State Agricultural Lands Preservation Commission contributed to the \$2.3 million campaign.
- ALT held its annual gala event, "Fiesta Verde," at The Pennfield School, with the theme of "Sakonnet Summer." The event supports



**Sachuest Point, Middletown**  
ALT, The Preservation Society of Newport County, PreserveRI and U.S. Fish & Wildlife celebrated the undergrounding of power lines along Second Beach on Sachuest Beach Road



**Arnow Property, Middletown**  
Landowner and volunteer appreciation party



**Newport National Golf Club, Middletown/Portsmouth**  
ALT Golf Tournament

general operations and land conservation, thanks to our extremely generous donors.

- Jack Harding of Portsmouth Troop 1 completed his Eagle Scout Project in Oakland Forest, constructing and installing two new trail kiosks at the preserve. New trail signage and a bench were also installed with the help of a National Realtors Association grant.
- ALT completed a trail improvement project, including new trail signage, on the Sakonnet Greenway Trail near The Pennfield School, fixing flooding issues and planting various native pollinator-friendly flowering trees and shrubs.

## AUGUST 2017

- ALT organized free exercise sessions at Miantonomi Park as part of its “Fitness in the Park” grant award, received from the Frederick Henry Prince Memorial Fund at Newport Hospital.

## SEPTEMBER 2017

- Largess Forestry led a Plant ID and Plant Medicine Walk and Talk at Oakland Forest Preserve.
- Professor Jameson Chace and his Salve Regina University ecology students led a Bird Banding Walk and Talk in Middletown’s Sweet Flag Preserve.

## OCTOBER 2017

- ALT led a (nearly) full Moon Walk on the Middletown Southern Loop of the Sakonnet Greenway Trail, hiking three miles by moonlight past vineyard, meadow, and woodland.
- Col. Joe McGraw, professor at the Naval War College, led a talk on the Battle of RI at the Memorial Tower in Miantonomi Park. Over 70 in attendance listened to the history of the battle and climbed the tower at the event, part of ALT’s Conservation Speaker series.
- ALT staff led a watershed demonstration for students at All Saints Academy.
- Throughout the fall, ALT staff led tours of Little Creek Preserve. The property will be a trailside passive park, trail extension, and wildlife preserve.



Oakland Forest, Portsmouth  
Plant ID Walk & Talk



Sweet Flag Preserve, Middletown  
Bird Banding Walk and Talk

# Collaboration

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:** <http://www.coyotesmarts.org/>

**Green Infrastructure Coalition:** <http://www.greeninfrastructureri.org/>

**Island Waters:** <http://aquidneckplanning.org/projects/257/>

**Scenic Aquidneck:** <http://www.scenicaquidneck.org/>

**Newport Open Space Partnership:** [www.newportopenspace.org/](http://www.newportopenspace.org/)

**HEZ/Women’s Resource Center:** <https://newporthealthequity.com/>

# 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. Cousens 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. Alvarnas / 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. Vaulcluse 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

**total conserved acres: 2,575.39**





## Landowner Partners

Founded in 1990, the Land Trust's first conservation easement was placed on the historic Slocum estate on Bellevue Avenue. Since that time, the Land Trust has conserved over 2,575 acres with many landowners. 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 for all to enjoy.

Anonymous (2)  
 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  
 John Deveau  
 Loren Deveau  
 The Dey Family  
 The Dick Family

Joe and Kristal Dockery  
 Jan and Michelle Eckhart, Sweet  
 Berry Farm  
 The Elshant Family  
 Louis Escobar  
 Roberta Faria  
 The Faria Family  
 Farmlands, LLC  
 Farmscapes Holdings, LLC  
 Greenscape, LLC  
 Green Valley Country Club, Inc.  
 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 Lands 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  
 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  
 Katherine and Michael Waters  
 Mr. and Mrs. James Webster  
 Charles R. Whitehouse  
 The Wicks Family  
 Wild Moor, LLC

# Anniversary Gift Makes Its Mark

*We hope to leave a lasting legacy in ways that would reflect what has brought pleasure and meaning to our lives.*



Each of the 460 donations to conserve Spruce Acres Farm were accepted with great appreciation by ALT staff. One of our favorite contributions was made by **Donna and Bill Richards**, who celebrated their 50th anniversary by giving \$10,000 to conserve the 23-acre property last spring. ALT asked the Richards what prompted their generous contribution and about their own history on Aquidneck Island. Below are excerpts from our conversation, showing the thoughtfulness and commitment behind their inspired gift.

*In this year leading to our 50th wedding anniversary, we wanted to do something that would express our gratitude for the 50 wonderful years we've had together. We hope to leave a lasting legacy in ways that would reflect what has brought pleasure and meaning to our lives. One of those ways has been conservation of irreplaceable undeveloped land... we wanted to help ALT seize this important opportunity.*

*We have taken increasing notice of development that used to be open space, but also areas that are retaining the character of our island – thanks to ALT and others. We have intensified our interest in keeping our island beautiful and environmentally healthy. We particularly enjoy seeing watershed areas protected... (and) spaces that allow the expansion and beauty of walking trails.*

*In our mid-20's, we took our first trip to England and came to appreciate the work of the National Trust to preserve beautiful and environmentally sensitive areas. We began supporting the Trust and made nearly annual trips to the United Kingdom to enjoy their lovely preserved open spaces and historic houses. When we found ALT doing equally valuable work on this island, which we also love, we were happy to support it in its important goals. ALT seems very well managed and skilled at achieving support from a variety of sources, including foundations and government. It is wonderful to have ALT working to enhance our island's future.*

**We are grateful to Bill and Donna, and to all of our donors, whose commitment to land and water protection is manifested in their generosity – and in the open vistas, farmland and protected watersheds conserved on Aquidneck Island, forever.**

# Conserve Aquidneck Now

## A Great Collaboration: Spruce Acres Farm

“This was the Island’s project,” said ALT Executive Director Chuck Allott, referring to the outpouring of support to conserve Spruce Acres Farm. “Local residents, seasonal visitors, foundations large and small, the State of RI, and the towns of Portsmouth and Middletown all contributed to this year-long effort. It is fitting that this beautiful property will soon be open to the public, since it would not have happened without their support.”

The 23-acre property, located on the Middletown/Portsmouth border, has important conservation values due to its location within a watershed area. It abuts other conserved lands, making it a valuable wildlife habitat area, and features nature trails and prime soil farmland. ALT thanks the 460 donors who contributed to this campaign, including: The Gewirz Family, The Loeb Family Foundation, the Rhode Island Agricultural Lands Preservation Commission, the Towns of Middletown and Portsmouth, the van Beuren Charitable Foundation, and the hundreds of individual donors who made this effort a success.

## Little Creek Preserve: A Golden Opportunity

The headwaters of Little Creek originate on a pristine 15.6-acre property on Bramans Lane in Portsmouth, surrounded by wetlands, a pond and a natural spring. Blue herons, great white egrets, muskrats, painted turtles, barn owls, wood ducks and songbirds have been observed on-site. ALT plans to extend the Sakonnet Greenway Trail onto the dry uplands of Little Creek and create a passive recreational park for picnicking, bird-watching and relaxing. “It is thrilling to consider the impact of conserving Little Creek,” said Alex Chuman, ALT Stewardship Director. “To protect these important water assets and the rich biodiversity on this land, and to make it available for all to enjoy, will be a real gift to Islanders now and always.”

At the time of this writing, more than \$200,000 has been raised to conserve Little Creek. \$368,000 in total must be raised by May 1 to purchase the property, with another \$51,000 needed for contingencies and improvements. Donations are gratefully accepted; please see our website ([www.ailt.org](http://www.ailt.org)) or contact Laura Freedman Pedrick at [lpedrick@ailt.org](mailto:lpedrick@ailt.org) or 401.849.2799, ext. 18. Thank you!







# Financial Summary

for the Twelve Months Ended September 30, 2017

## SUPPORT & REVENUE (Unrestricted & Temporarily Restricted)

Grants	\$ 148,621
Donations & appeals	284,102
Membership dues & other income	63,475
Net special events income	111,041
Investment income	690,083
Donations & Grants for Spruce Acres Farm acquisition	2,327,369

**TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUE** **\$ 3,624,691**

## EXPENSES

Program Expenses	
Land Acquisition & Conservation Easements	\$ 216,959
Stewardship	103,644
Membership & Education	120,534
Management & General	283,200
Fundraising	132,712

**TOTAL EXPENSES** **\$ 857,049**

**NET INCOME (INCREASE IN NET ASSETS)** **\$ 2,767,642 \***

**NET ASSETS, beginning of the fiscal year** **\$ 11,468,483**

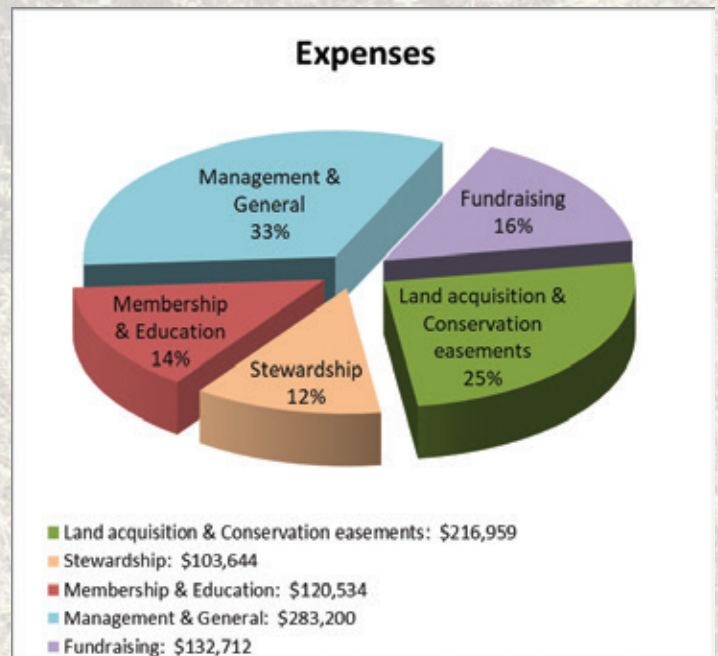
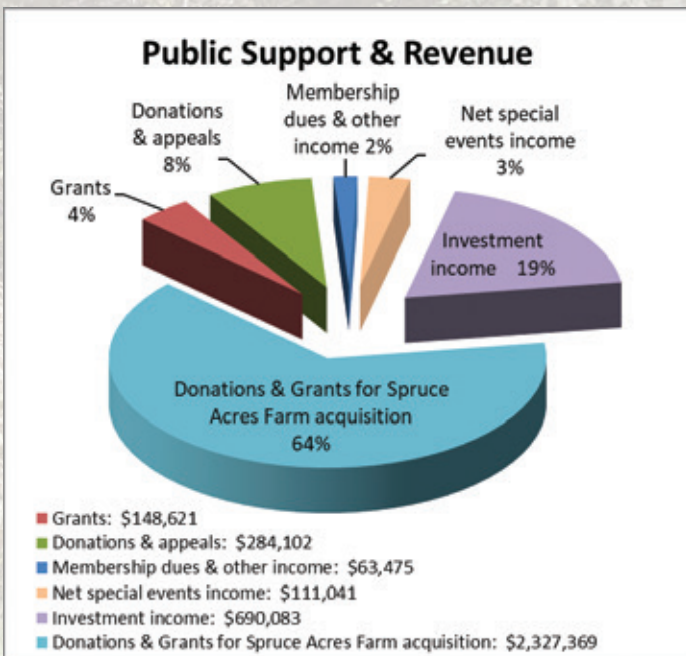
**NET ASSETS, end of the fiscal year** **\$ 14,236,125**

<i>Land (owned in fee)</i>	\$ 5,680,332
<i>Land Preservation Fund (for Little Creek)</i>	42,512
<i>Stewardship Endowment Funds</i>	6,910,208
<i>Legal Defense Fund</i>	161,310
<i>Other Temporarily Restricted Funds</i>	277,008
<i>Merritt Neighborhood Fund</i>	143,371
<i>General Operating Fund</i>	594,238
<i>Property &amp; Equipment</i>	427,146

**TOTAL NET ASSETS** **\$ 14,236,125**

\*Net income of \$2,767,642, less donations restricted to Spruce Acres of \$2,327,369, less Net Investment Income not available for general operation purposes of \$568,088, equals a loss of \$127,815.

If you would like a copy of the Aquidneck Land Trust's Audited Financial Statements for the twelve months ended September 30, 2017, prepared by Kahn, Litwin, Renza & Co., Ltd., please contact Martha Curley, Finance Director at (401) 367-4547 or email [mcurley@ailt.org](mailto:mcurley@ailt.org).



# By the Numbers Fiscal Year 2017

## WATERSHEDS

**40**

Properties within drinking watersheds protected

**21%**

Of land within drinking watersheds protected

## EDUCATION

**400**

Students learned about watersheds

**135**

Attended 'Walk and Talk' and Conservation Speaker series



## CONSERVATION

**2,575.4**

ACRES CONSERVED 1990-2017

**77**

CONSERVED PROPERTIES 1990-2017

**23**

ACRES CONSERVED in 2017

**10.6%**

OF AQUIDNECK ISLAND CONSERVED BY ALT CONSERVATION EASEMENTS



## RECREATION

**438** Acres of recreational land protected

**35** Public access properties

**2** Golf courses protected

**14** Parks protected

**11** Miles of free public trail maintained



## AGRICULTURE

**1,124**

Acres of farmland protected

**33**

Projects with farmland

**100%**

Of ALT-owned farmland is leased

## ALT OFFICE

**7**

Staff

## STEWARDSHIP

**196** Native trees & shrubs planted

**89** Conservation easement monitoring site visits

**25** Adopt-a-trail volunteers

**156** Wooden directional signs on ALT trails



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

# Philanthropic Support

The Board of Trustees is deeply grateful to the hundreds of individuals, families, businesses, organizations, foundations, government entities and landowners who generously support our work each year. Membership dues, targeted appeals and campaigns, special events, planned gifts and bequests, in-kind goods and services, and donations of land and conservation easements all enable those who treasure Aquidneck Island to participate in the work of ALT. Our heartfelt thanks to all those who contributed to the Aquidneck Land Trust during this fiscal year, which concluded on September 30, 2017.

## \$300,000 and above

The Gewirz Family  
Town of Middletown  
Town of Portsmouth  
RI Agricultural Lands Preservation  
Commission  
van Beuren Charitable Foundation

## \$100,000 - \$299,999

Richard C. Loebis, Jr.  
RI Turnpike and Bridge Authority

## \$50,000 to \$99,999

EJMP Fund for Philanthropy  
The Gruben Charitable Foundation  
Prince Charitable Trusts  
Donald and Margaret Steiner

## \$25,000 to \$49,999

1772 Foundation  
BankNewport  
Richard and Fanchon Burnham  
The Coll Family Foundation  
Bernard and Sarah Gewirz  
Jonathan and Rita Gewirz  
Edward W. Kane and Martha J.  
Wallace

## \$10,000 to \$24,999

Anthony and Allison Allott  
Baffin Foundation  
The Bigbird Fund  
Michael J. Blitzer  
Scott and Leslie Deardorff  
Environment Council of Rhode  
Island  
Fields Pond Foundation, Inc.  
Donald and Sylvia Hampton  
William and Elizabeth Leatherman  
Lisa Lewis and Bart Dunbar  
George and Sue Petrovas  
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William and Donna Richards  
James Richardson  
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