

Powered by Volunteers, Guided by Love of Place

The Merritt Neighborhood Fund was established in 1999 to honor the late Peter M. Merritt, President Emeritus of AILT. This tribute has become a powerful force for community action, helping neighbors create lasting improvements to the Island we all call home.

Every grant, whether \$100 or \$2,500, has helped neighbors come together to:

- Protect and care for beloved green spaces
- Turn neglected corners into community gardens and pocket parks
- Beautify our Island's streets, paths, and gathering places
- Strengthen the sense of identity and pride that makes each neighborhood unique



Join Us Now in Protecting Aquidneck Island

Your gift demonstrates your commitment to strengthening our neighborhoods and caring for the Island we love. The Merritt Fund is built on all gifts, large and small. Every dollar goes directly to local projects that make an immediate impact on the quality of Island life.

To learn more about The Merritt Neighborhood Fund and make your gift now, visit our website or scan the QR code below.

www.ailt.org/our-work/#outreach-and-education



THE MERRITT NEIGHBORHOOD FUND

SMALL GRANTS. BIG IMPACT.



MERRITT NEIGHBORHOOD FUND

SMALL GRANTS. BIG IMPACT.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF COMMUNITY ACTION

AMPLIFYING IMPACT



Portsmouth Community Playground

“Even the smallest grants spark pride, beauty, and belonging.”



Aquidneck Elementary School Learning Garden, Middletown



- ➔ 220 Grants
- ➔ \$200,000 Invested
- ➔ Countless Lives Touched



Aquidneck Community Table, Newport

These impactful projects are fueled not by large budgets, but by **volunteers, vision, and love of place**. With just a small spark of financial support, entire communities rally to create spaces that nurture connection, beauty, and environmental stewardship.

When you give to the Merritt Neighborhood Fund, you aren't just making a donation. You're planting seeds of change that grow into cleaner air, greener spaces, stronger neighborhoods, and a healthier Aquidneck Island for generations to come.

“We are grateful for the support of AILT’s Merritt Neighborhood Fund, which has helped us repair community garden beds, add educational signage and new plantings to our food forest at Island Community Farm, and purchase materials for a neighborhood sign painting party at our Park Holm Community Garden. Our gardens engage the community in neighborhood green spaces and provide learning and volunteer opportunities; AILT has been an important partner in these efforts to benefit the community and the environment.”

- Mary-Kate Kane, Aquidneck Community Table

