

Appreciate

*:to recognize with gratitude
:to more fully understand
:to increase in value*

Land Conservation

Hidden Meadow - Hubbardston

Fee Simple Purchase:

Nearly 250 acres of woods with a hidden meadow at the top of the hill are now conserved. We continue to care for the 150 acres across from Henry's Grove, and the rest was sold to Mass. Conservation and Recreation. Developing a trail network and invasive plant control are highlighted in the Bird Habitat Management Plan.

Fessenden - Barre

Facilitated Fee Simple Purchase:

The Mass. Dept. of Fish and Game purchased these 90 acres to add to their Prince River WMA. A key supporter held the property for over three years as the conservation strategy evolved.

Thistle Rock Farm - New Braintree

Agricultural Preservation Restriction sale:

The hilltop drumlin hay field and adjoining woods are protected with an Agricultural Preservation Restriction and owned by Thistle Rock Farm. Beautiful hay is cut several times during the growing season to feed local livestock and horses.

Walker Farm CR - New Braintree

Conservation Restriction donation:

The wooded wetland and slopes up Whortleberry Hill are now protected from development by a Conservation Restriction on these 77 acres adjacent to the existing Agricultural Preservation Restriction lands. The woods are part of a silvopasture grazing rotation for the red devon cattle raised on the Walker Farm.

Night Pasture - Hardwick

Donation:

33 acres of pasture along Danforth Brook were donated as part of the transition of the Robinson Farm to the next owners. Having cared for the land over four generations, the Robinsons wanted to ensure that a portion would remain open and available to farmers into the future.

Turbeville - Hardwick

Purchase and Limited Development Sale:

This hundred-acre woods is adjacent to the Patrill Hollow Preserve and offers important opportunities to expand the trail network. A private buyer stepped forward to hold the land for several years until the Conservation Land Tax Credit process can be successfully completed, conserving most of the acreage. A 7.22-acre lot on Czesky Road was subdivided and sold off to raise funds essential for the initial purchase.



Youth Education

- Crayfish were caught, held, and appreciated as integral members of our local ecosystems.
- Storytimes with local libraries and youth centers provided the youngest among us direct learning and interactive experiences.
- A Gratitude Trail at EQLT's office was explored the day after Thanksgiving to encourage gratitude of the natural world that sustains us.

Tree Planting in Ware

70 trees were planted in Ware during the spring and fall planting seasons. Homeowners received additional mailings and information about the benefits of trees to their property and the community at large.

Mass Central Rail Trail

Work to secure the license agreement from National Grid (a.k.a. Mass Electric) continued through 2021. As of early 2022, the formal approval was granted and construction of the 2.3+ miles in Ware began in May. The actual construction is the culmination of more than four years of effort to get the permits and approvals.

THE EAST QUABBIN LAND TRUST

works to foster the sustainable use of our natural and historic resources for the benefit of all through the conservation and stewardship of the farms, woods and waters in our region of Massachusetts.

2021 Financial Review

Unaudited Figures

Income

Category	Amount	Percent of Total Income
Operating Support from		
Morss Property Endowment	\$ 20,000	6%
Grants and Contract	\$ 49,400	15%
Fundraising and Membership ..	\$ 240,975	72%
Property and Other Revenue ...	\$ 26,542	8%
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 336,917	

Expenses

Category	Amount	Percent of Total Income
Program Services.....	\$ 212,630	67%
Advancement	\$ 60,298	19%
General and Administrative.....	\$ 44,430	14%
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 317,358	

Permanent and Capital Funds

Category	Beginning Balance	Year End
Morss Property Endowment	\$ 752,835	\$ 893,945
Conservation Restriction	\$ 132,829	\$ 163,120
Monitoring and Enforcement Fund		
Farms for the Future Fund	\$ 215,199	\$ 224,576
Sustainability Fund	\$ 703,766	\$ 801,225

Education and Events

- Heading out in the snow is a great time to see wildlife tracks along the Ware River as we explored River's Edge Preserve.
- Gathering outside around portable fires pits was a safe way to celebrate the holiday season with EQLT friends on Magi's Lawn.
- A straw bale garden was started at Wendemuth Meadow to demonstrate the benefits of regenerative practices in growing local vegetables. The produce was mostly donated to the North Brookfield Senior Center, at least whatever wasn't eaten on-site!

Leadership Circle Events

- As the pandemic forced us to change the way we carried out our programming, together we thought about the words that best express our values and actions. A word cloud was created.
- Members gathered for a reading of Doris Matthews' "Wendemuth Meadow Haiku," learning about her creative process and dedication of the poetry book to fellow steward, Harrison Achilles.

Property Stewardship

- Trail networks were enhanced across EQLT preserves. Highlights include: at Henry's Grove in Hubbardston the installation of a bench overlooking the East Branch of the Ware River along with forest management interpretive signage, and at Eva's Woods in Oakham the inclusion of a bench and kiosk along with an expanded loop trail.
- A moderately successful year for kestrels, with four kestrel boxes producing 20 fledglings.
- The Seven Acre Preserve pollinator meadow filled out, attracting a wide variety of pollinating insects.
- Monitored 19 conservation restrictions and 20 preserves.



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