

Making Waves

Celebrating 30 years of land conservation and caring

Land Conservation

completed in 2024

Pat's Sanctuary - Ware

Fee Simple Donation:

Additional 65 acres of woodland along the Dougal Range are permanently protected from future development. Over 500 feet of vertical gain hosts rich mesic woods. Trail development begins in 2025 creating several loops and connecting with existing trails along the range.

Upper Danforth - Hardwick

Fee Simple Bargain Sale:

Fifty-five acres of woods, wetlands and Danforth brook corridor were donated for conservation. The land will be managed for wildlife habitat, and no public access trails will be built.

Patrill Hollow Extension - Hardwick

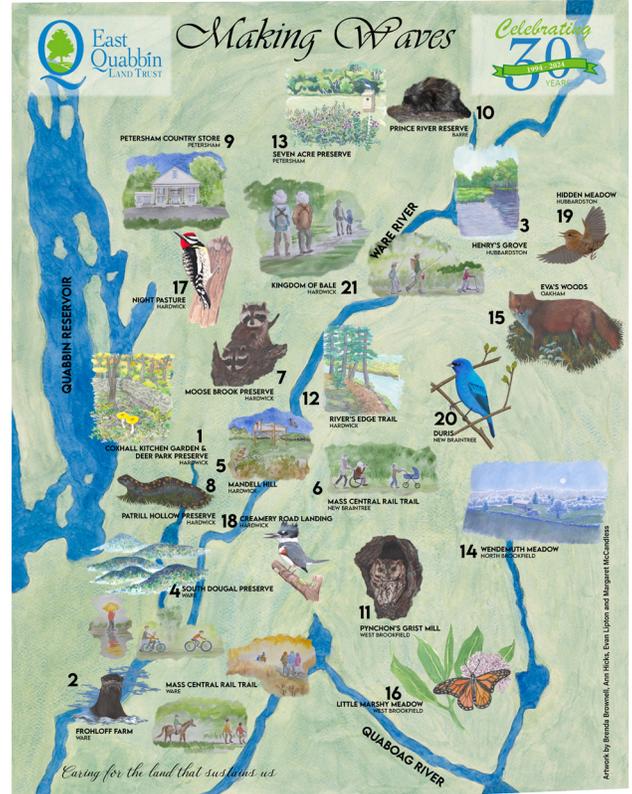
Fee Simple Donation:

Ninety wooded acres are added to the Patrill Hollow Preserve, including the opportunity to expand the trail network and focus on invasive plant control along the seasonal brook corridor.

Moose Brook Extension - Hardwick

Fee Simple Donation:

These 22-acres of woods will be joined with EQLT's existing Moose Brook Preserve, and directly connect to a 65-acre conservation restriction. Thus conserving over 2-miles of the gravel Brook Road.



For the 30th anniversary a map highlighting the major Preserve areas was illustrated by Brenda Brownell, Ann Hicks, Evan Lipton, and Margaret McCandless. Design and layout by Gabriella Henshaw.

Mass Central Rail Trail

The pony truss bridge between Wheelwright and New Braintree received new decking timbers, completing the multi-year repair project of all four bridges in this section.

Our partners, Norwottuck Network, hosted a 100-mile three-day ride along the MCRT corridor to highlight areas completed and others needing additional investment.

Tree Planting in Ware

Culminating a five-year US Forest Service Landscape-Scale Restoration grant, which resulted in planting over 700 trees, over thirty varieties across Ware. The trees will improve air quality, reduce electricity use, and provide wildlife habitat for decades to come. Our partners, Opacum Land Trust, planted a similar number in Southbridge through the same grant funding source.



THE EAST QUABBIN LAND TRUST

fosters a meaningful relationship with the natural world by conserving, connecting with and caring for the farmlands, woodlands and waters in the East Quabbin region of Massachusetts.

2024 Financial Review

Unaudited Figures

Income

Category	Amount	Percent of Total Income
Operating Support from..... Morss Property Endowment	\$ 0	0%
Grants and Contract	\$ 103,472	27%
Fundraising and Membership	\$ 246,364	64%
Property and Other Revenue	\$ 36,948	10%
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 386,784	

Expenses

Category	Amount	Percent of Total Income
Program Services.....	\$ 270,677	72%
Advancement.....	\$ 56,391	14%
General and Administrative ..	\$ 48,872	11%
TOTAL EXPENSE.....	\$ 375,940	

Permanent and Capital Funds

Category	Beginning Balance	Year End
Morss Property Endowment .	\$ 865,504	\$ 968,025
Conservation Restriction	\$ 169,565	\$ 204,164
Monitoring and Enforcement Fund		
Farms for the Future Fund....	\$ 232,225	\$ 235,860
Sustainability Fund	\$ 806,422	\$ 900,534

Education and Events

- Tree and shrub identification workshop highlighted over thirty species found along the 1.5 mile loop trail through fields and woods.
- No-till gardening provides many benefits for weed management, carbon and nutrient retention, and healthy plant growth as explained during a potluck educational gathering.
- Presentation about the land trust's work were given to the environmental science class at Quabbin Regional High School, the Ware Grange, and Women on the Land.
- Book discussion of "Soil: The story of a black mother's garden" by Camille T. Dungy.

Leadership Circle Events

- Spring maple season is a highlight in our area, and we visited long-time supporters, Megan and Joe Raskett from Hardwick Sugar Shack to learn about their process and products.
- Members gathered with supporters of Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust for an artists reception with Bonnie House and Joann Quinn to be Inspired by Nature. Their work was displayed at the Petersham Art Center.

Property Stewardship

- Wendemuth Community Garden continued for its fourth year with nine individuals joining Tom Clough and Ken Abair in growing fresh veggies.
- A gravel parking area, kiosk and picnic table were added to the land on North Brookfield Road, New Braintree, and the Forest Stewardship Plan got underway.
- Eagle scout projects improved trails and signage at Pynchon's Grist Mill Preserve, Mass Central Rail Trail and Duris property.
- Two forestry interns assisted with baseline documentation reports, invasive plant management and property stewardship, funding by Mass. Dept. Conservation & Recreation.
- Monitored 20 conservation restrictions and 24 preserves.



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