



# Tracts & Trails

Newsletter of the Scarborough Land Trust

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CONSERVING NATURAL AREAS FOR PEOPLE, FOR WILDLIFE — FOREVER.



*By Andrew Mackie*

It has been a very busy summer and fall for Scarborough Land Trust (SLT). In the last six months SLT has finalized our strategic plan for the next five years (see pages 16-17), moved into a new office space at 25 Plaza Drive, Unit #6

in Scarborough, expanded Pleasant Hill Preserve by 25 acres (see below and pages 3 and 6), joined a coalition of organizations, businesses, and individuals to support the Town's land bond on the ballot this fall (see pages 4-5), and opened a new parking area and trail system at Broadturn Farm (pages 14-15).

We are already carrying out the new strategic plan and becoming an important resource for our community. The new office space is helping to solidify this position with new resources for the public, including trail maps, information on outdoor activities, and more. The space

is also now suitable for a real nature store that provides natural history books, field guides, native landscaping books, nature gifts, SLT logo merchandise, and much more. As we approach the holiday season, please stop in and check out this new space. It is our effort to become a Conservation Hub for the Greater Scarborough community.

All this activity is aimed at protecting and stewarding the tremendous natural and agricultural resources we have here in Southern Maine. I'm thrilled that we are accomplishing so much for our community, today and well into the future. SLT's Conservation Director is currently working on 15 projects. We all know how expensive land is in this region, and we do an amazing job of finding a variety of funding sources for these projects, often including a portion from the Scarborough land bond. These projects benefit our entire community. This is why the town's land bond is so important for our future. I encourage you to vote yes on Question 3. 🐾

## PROPERTY UPDATE: PLEASANT HILL PRESERVE

### Pleasant Hill Preserve Expands by 25 Acres

**W**hat do oak trees, wetlands, habitat for endangered species, 25 acres, and Pleasant Hill Preserve all have in common? They are all part of the new property Scarborough Land Trust (SLT) just purchased!

In a significant win for conservation, SLT recently acquired 25 acres of undeveloped forested land adjacent to Pleasant Hill Preserve, boosting the size of the preserve to 186 acres. The purchase not only enhances the preserve but also connects it to 300 acres within the Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge and 17 acres of town-owned property, creating a remarkable 500 acres of contiguous conserved land. The expansion underscores a commitment by SLT to protecting natural habitats and supporting native biodiversity in the region.

The property, formerly part of 162 Spurwink Avenue, contains towering forests of spruce, fir, pine, maple, and oak trees. Six acres of wetlands form part of a larger 53-acre wetland complex that comprise the headwaters of the Spurwink River. The Spurwink flows into Spurwink Marsh, a saltwater marsh identified as a Focus Area of Ecological Significance by the State of Maine. These freshwater wetlands play a critical role in protecting the marsh as they absorb the impacts of storms, flooding, and drought, helping to make Scarborough more resilient in the face of climate change.

“Safeguarding this property, one of the last undeveloped areas next to Pleasant Hill Preserve, was essential for the long-term vitality of the preserve and the marsh,” said Andrew Mackie, Executive Director of SLT. “It will create additional open space for

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wildlife, support endangered species, enhance climate resilience, and offer more recreational opportunities for Scarborough residents.”

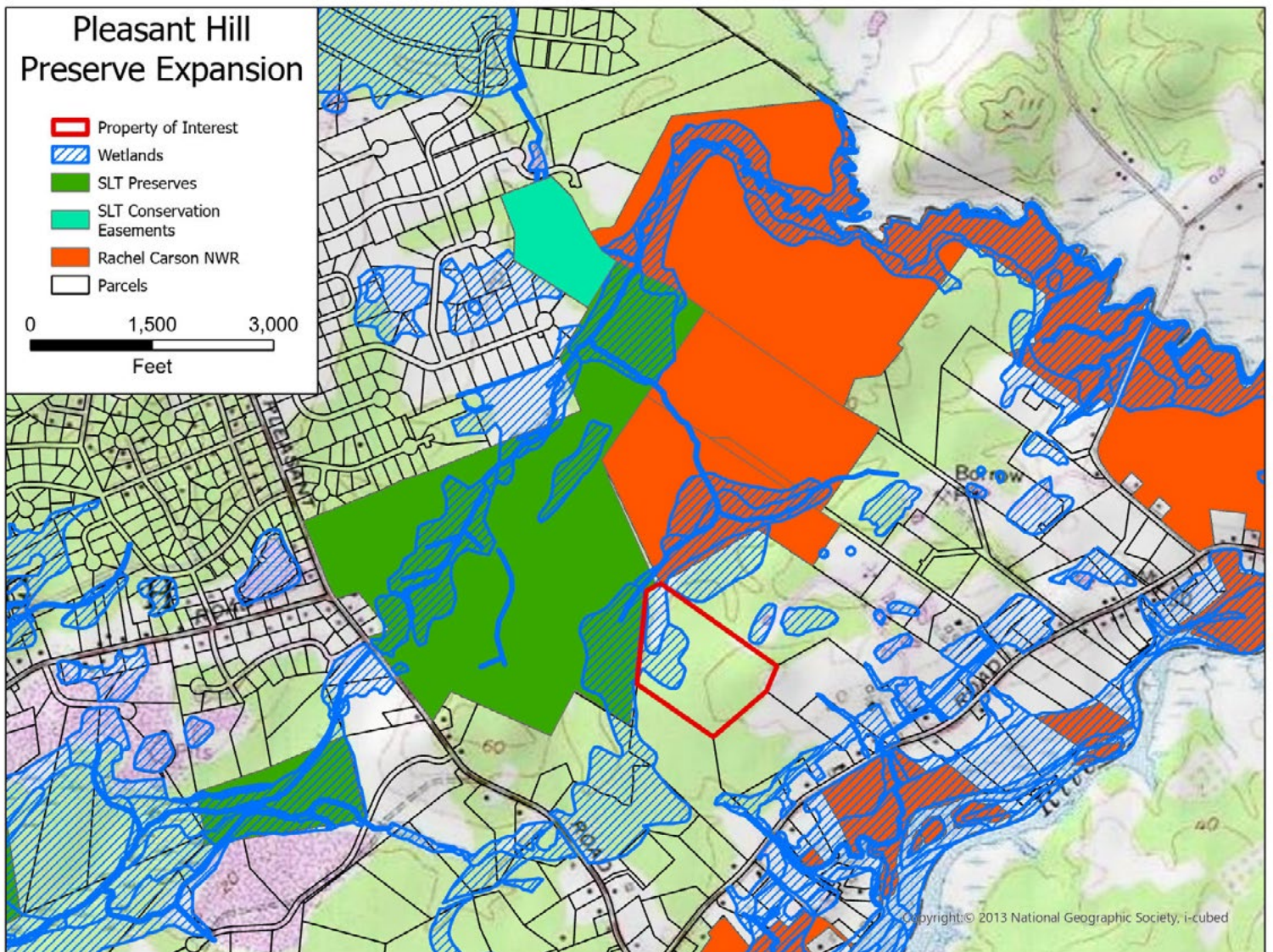
The property is in three national focus areas for landbirds, shorebirds, and waterfowl, and addresses nine National, State, and Local Conservation priorities and plans. The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has identified “state listed animal habitat” on the property for “endangered, threatened, and special concern species occurrences and habitat buffers.” In addition, Nature’s Network, a collaboration led by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, has identified the property as Core Habitat for Imperiled Species. These include the Maine threatened spotted turtle and Maine species of concern the wood turtle.

Jim and Louise Falt sold the property to SLT after it had been in their family for 50 years. Due to its location along

Spurwink Road, the property faced intense development pressure, but they were adamant to see it conserved forever. In addition, the Falts sold it to SLT as a bargain sale, meaning they sold for less than the appraised value. They could have sold the land to developers for a much bigger payday, but instead they chose conservation.

“Louise and I are very grateful to Scott and the Scarborough Land Trust for all of the work they did to make this sale happen; we are happy with the outcome,” said Jim Falt. “We are very satisfied that our 25-acre backland will be conserved forever and knowing that it will be protected and enjoyed by future generations.”

The purchase was made possible through the Town of Scarborough Land Bond funding. This critical financial support enabled the timely purchase of the property, allowing SLT to meet the seller’s timeline, and ensured its protection for future generations. Funding from generous



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# YES on 3

## SCARBOROUGH



### A YES vote on Referendum Question 3 will:

- Protect our drinking water, rivers and streams
- Protect Scarborough Marsh
- Provide access to our beaches
- Protect wildlife
- Protect and expand natural areas
- Save local farms and historic places
- Preserve Scarborough's natural beauty and quality of life

**Scarborough** is one of the fastest-growing towns in Maine.

Our land is very attractive for new development. Referendum Question 3 will protect land now, before our last remaining forests, wetlands and open spaces are lost forever to further development.



**Referendum Question 3** would allow Scarborough to provide \$6 million to protect natural areas, special places, and drinking water in our town.

*A YES vote will protect these NOW while we still can.*

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# A YES vote on Referendum Question 3 will:

## Protect clean water

Nothing is more important than having safe and clean water – especially living so near the ocean. This measure will help protect our drinking water sources and the quality of the water that flows through streams and creeks to Scarborough Marsh and the ocean.

## Protect Scarborough Marsh

By protecting water quality, natural areas, and wildlife habitat, this measure will preserve Scarborough's natural beauty and quality of life for future generations. Protecting our Marsh and wetlands also helps protect Scarborough from flooding and sea-level rise.

## Maintain and expand access to natural areas & beaches

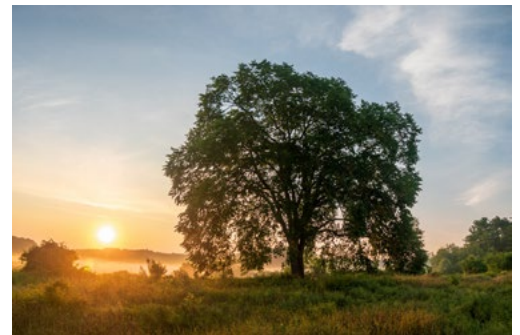
We live in Scarborough because of its beautiful natural areas, forests, marshes, and beaches. This measure protects these important lands, ensuring we can enjoy the views, outdoor access, trails and recreation opportunities that make life here special.

## Preserve open space and wildlife habitat

Scarborough's open spaces are home to diverse species of birds, fish and other wildlife who depend on these natural areas for survival.

## Save working farms and historical places

Our working farms provide fresh, local food, and our historic sites keep us connected to our community's history.



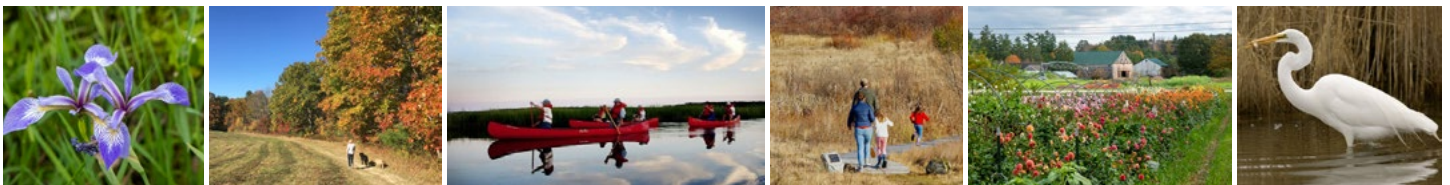
## Keep the quality of life we need

The measure protects the scenic beauty of Scarborough helping to preserve our quality of life so our children and grandchildren can enjoy it for generations to come.

## Provide transparency and accountability

There is full public disclosure for all land bond spending. Funds can only be used for conservation in Scarborough. Each use of the land bond passes through a thorough evaluation by the Parks and Conservation Land Board with a recommendation to the Town Council. The Council makes final decisions on funding after two public hearings.

Question 3 also serves as an important part of Scarborough's growth management strategy, aligns with the town's Comprehensive Plan, and has been endorsed by the Town Council.



*For all of these reasons*

## Vote YES on 3 to support Scarborough's Land Bond

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## Pleasant Hill Preserve *continued from page 3*

private individuals and businesses completed the funding needed for the sale. The project has also been awarded funding from the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA), a federal program that provides funding to protect important wetland habitat for waterfowl and migratory birds.

“We are immensely grateful to the Falts for their decision and support to protect this land,” said Scott Kunkler, Conservation Director for SLT.

“We also appreciate the town’s support in funding the purchase through the Land Bond,” Kunkler continued. “Without the Land Bond, we would not have been able to act quickly enough to secure the property. This public-private partnership created a crucial victory for conservation in our community.”

The purchase will help further the town in meeting two important goals: protecting an interconnected network of

public open space and protecting 30% of land in the town by the year 2030. Advancing these goals has become more important now than ever before as development pressures in Scarborough continue to grow.

The newly acquired land is expected to become a vital resource for both wildlife and community engagement, offering opportunities for outdoor recreation, education, and ecological research. SLT plans to provide for the long-term stewardship of the property to maintain its ecological integrity, as well as create recreational opportunities for hiking, skiing, snowshoeing, wildlife observation, and hunting.

This success highlights the importance of proactive measures in protecting our natural resources and ensuring a sustainable future for the region. For more information on ongoing conservation efforts and how you can get involved, visit [www.scarboroughlandtrust.org](http://www.scarboroughlandtrust.org) or give us a call at 207-289-1199. 🐾

# CONSERVATION IS ON THE LOCAL BALLOT NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>

Here are 4 things you can do to protect our land and water:

- **Vote YES on Question 3 (Land Bond)**
- **Ask 5 Scarborough friends to do the same**
- **Post this message on your social media feed**
- **Like and post a comment on [YesOn3Scarborough Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) sites.**





# SCARBOROUGH LAND TRUST Annual Report

July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024



# The Year in Review, July 2023 to June 2024

## July 2023

- Sadie Gray (stewardship intern) and Henry Gustavson (education and communications specialist) are hired for the summer
- 30 acres are transferred to SLT off Gorham Road; the property is added to Warren Woods Preserve
- SLT volunteers create a trail walk/run for families at Fuller Farm Preserve
- Partnership with the Forest Playgroup provides opportunities for children 2-5 years old
- Volunteer Becky Seel conducts wildflower walk at Warren Woods Preserve
- Mia Ranello is hired to help with education programs



## August 2023

- Broadturn Farm Dinner was a great success with 200 people in attendance
- Brook trout presentation in Scarborough in partnership with Native Fish Coalition
- SLT participates in meetings related to proposed projects with Route 1 and Route 9 where they cross the Scarborough Marsh
- Follow a Raindrop education program conducted
- SLT supports Prouts Neck Audubon's showing of Wings Over Water

## September 2023

- SLT purchases 10 acres at the end of Finch Way to be added to Warren Woods Preserve
- \$174,000 grant award from Land for Maine's Future
- SLT participates with the Scarborough Conservation Commission, Friends of Scarborough Marsh, and Scarborough Library in a series of programs focused on a changing climate in Scarborough
- Autumn and Ales 5K, 10K, Half Marathon proceeds support SLT

## October 2023

- Strategic planning process started
- \$3,000 grant award from Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's for land acquisition

## November 2023

- Trail work is completed on the Bird Trail at Fuller Farm Preserve
- SLT contracts to have habitat management conducted at Warren Woods Preserve
- Crescie Maurer is hired to help write NOAA grant and coordinate with partners
- \$23,000 grant award from Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund
- SLT hosts program on "How the Personalities of Small Mammals Shape Forest Growth"



## December 2023

- Merger with Friends of the Scarborough Marsh is completed
- Four Town properties are transferred to SLT, three added to Warren Woods Preserve and one to Blue Heron Preserve
- 8 acres are donated to SLT off the Nonesuch River and Scarborough Marsh

## January 2024

- SLT purchases 18 acres off Hanson Road to become part of Silver Brook Preserve
- SLT partnered with the University of Maine Ash Protection Collaborative Across Wabanakik to help protect ash trees in Scarborough. A presentation was held at the Scarborough Library on the emerald ash borer and threats to ash trees

## February 2024

- SLT cohosts program by the author of Beaver Land at Print! A Bookstore in Portland

## March 2024

- \$10,000 grant award from Casco Bay Estuary Partnership for Silver Brook Preserve



## April 2024

- Volunteer Appreciation Event held at Throttle Car Club
- In a celebration at Scarborough Marsh, NOAA announces a grant award to SLT for \$1.4 million targeted for restoration planning of the Marsh
- In partnership with the Maine State Forest Service and the Scarborough Fire Department, SLT conducts its first prescribed burn at Fuller Farm Preserve
- SLT participates in Scarborough Marsh cleanup
- Bus tours and a program are conducted with Piper Shores
- \$380,000 grant award from the North American Wetlands Conservation Act for wetland protection

## May 2024

- Annual SLT Cleanup day is held across our properties
- SLT enters into a partnership with Piper Shores and Ketcha Outdoors to formalize and create a trail system linking Libby River Preserve through Ketcha to The Meadows at Piper Shores
- SLT participates in Broadturn Farm Mother's Day event
- \$605,000 grant award from Land for Maine's Future



## June 2024

- Henry Gustavson is hired again as SLT's Education and Communications Specialist. Ella Hiebert was hired as the summer Stewardship Intern
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Native Plant Sale and Spring Festival is held at Broadturn Farm
- Water quality testing program begins for Scarborough Marsh
- Becky Seel leads wildflower walk at Warren Woods Preserve
- Several species of native plants are added around the new parking area at Broadturn Farm and along the entrance to Blue Point Preserve



**Total Current Assets:**  
\$2,895,984.50

**Total Fixed Assets:**  
\$5,485,274.22

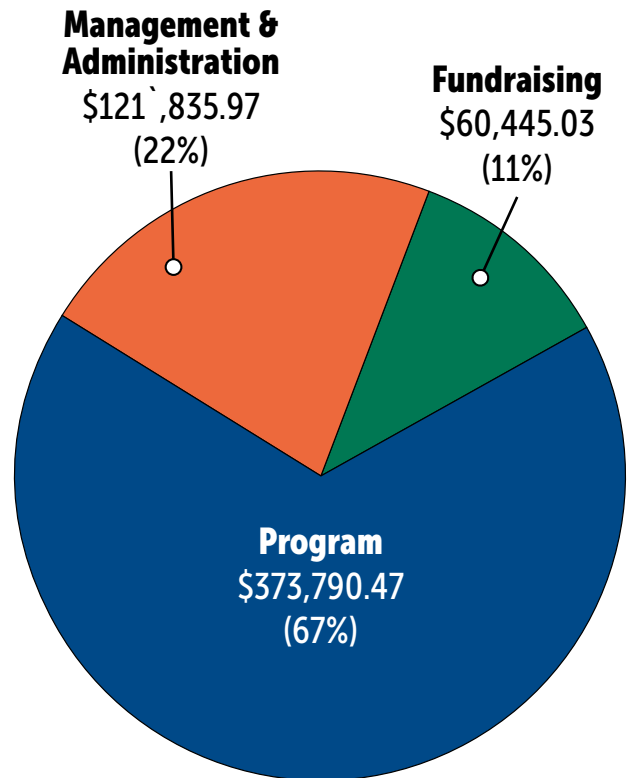
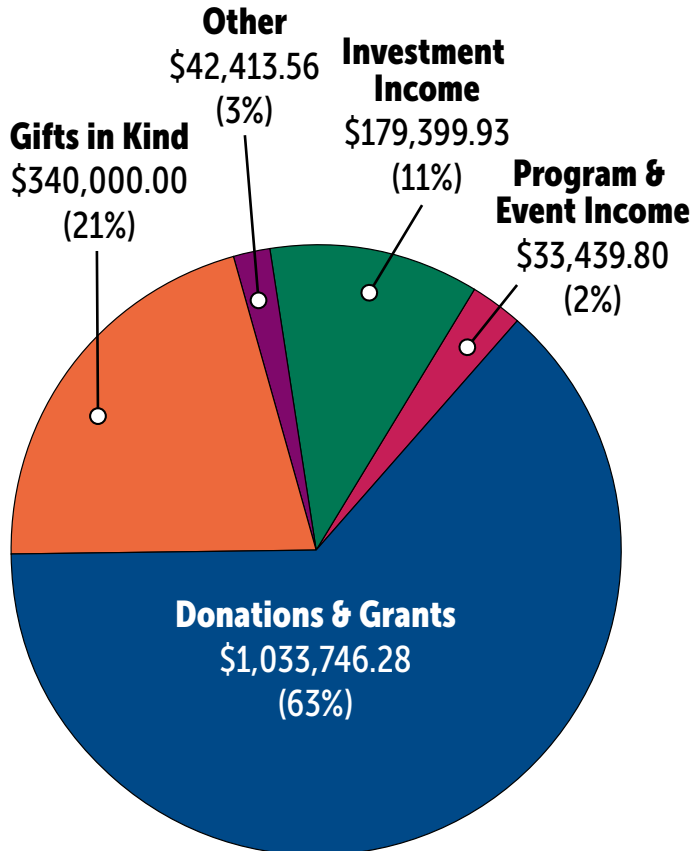
**Total Assets:**  
\$8,381,258.72

**Total Liabilities:**  
\$124,644.01

**Total:**  
\$8,256,614.71

**Total Revenue:**  
\$1,628,999.57\*

**Total Expense:**  
\$566,071.47



\*Includes funds restricted for on-going and future projects

Note: Financial review was in progress and not finalized at the time of publication. Numbers might vary slightly after completion.

# THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024)

## \$50,000+

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Ann & James Hancock  
Charles & Eliza Lee ❄️ ❄️  
Ruggles Family Foundation  
Dana Strong & Billy Hult ❄️ ❄️ 🍂

## \$15,000 - \$49,999

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Sand Dollar Foundation  
Martha & Christopher Smick  
Jeremy & Amy Wintersteen 🍂 ❄️ ❄️

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Humphrey Doermann  
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Christopher Zook

- ✈ = Scarborough Marsh Fund
- ✳ = Charisma Land Acquisition Fund
- ✳ = SLT Strategic Fund
- 🌳 = Warren Woods Fund

## Business Community Partner Program

### Trailblazers \$4000+

Alpha Management  
The Downs  
The Ranello Group – RE/MAX  
Shoreline  
Yokogawa Fluid Imaging  
Technologies

### Stewards \$2,000 - \$3,900

Bass Pro Shops & Cabela's  
Evergreen Credit Union  
Keller Williams Realty – Scott & Sunny Townsend  
Knickerbocker Group  
Marcum Accountants & Advisors  
Mercedes-Benz of Scarborough  
Nonesuch River Brewing  
Oak Hill Beverage  
Piper Shores  
Smith & Wilkinson

### Sustainers \$750 - \$1,999

Broadturn Farm  
Central Maine Power  
Hannaford Supermarkets  
H.M. Payson  
KCV Trailers  
Martin's Point  
Moody's Collision Centers  
Nonesuch Handiwork  
Norway Savings Bank  
O'Reilly's Cure  
Oasis Wellness Center  
Pine Tree Seafood  
Ravin Family Dental Care  
Saco & Biddeford Savings  
TD Bank  
Tree & Stone Landscape  
Construction

### Friends \$250 - \$749

Currier Buchanan  
Fillebrown Family Dental Care  
Market Basket  
Pat's Pizza of Scarborough  
Pride Motel & Cottages

### In-Kind Donations

Applebee's  
Beals Ice Cream  
Broadturn Farm  
Dandelion Catering

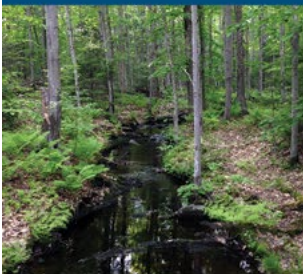
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### Government, Foundation, & Organization Grants

Amphibian & Reptile Trust  
International  
Casco Bay Estuary Partnership  
Fields Pond Foundation  
Friends of Scarborough Marsh  
Land for Maine's Future  
Maine Coast Heritage Trust  
Maine Community Foundation  
Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund  
Maine Natural Resources  
Conservation Program

Margaret Burnham Foundation  
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Wharton Foundation

## Make a Lasting Impact –



## Donate Real Estate to the Scarborough Land Trust

### Property/Lands for Conservation

Discuss whether your property is suitable for a new preserve, protected farm, or conservation easement.

### Benefits:

- Opportunity to leave a permanent legacy in Scarborough
- Avoid capital gains on highly appreciated property
- Charitable income tax deduction
- Reduce estate tax burden
- Support an organization with a long-track record of conservation success
- Foster the protection of watershed and wildlife conservation
- Preserve valuable agricultural land

### Property/Lands for Resale

Donate vacant, residential, or commercial property for resale by the Land Trust to help support conservation projects.

Contact Executive Director, Andrew Mackie to discuss possible real estate donations at [amackie@scarboroughlandtrust.org](mailto:amackie@scarboroughlandtrust.org) or (207) 289-1199.



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## New Trail System Created at Broadturn Farm



**B**roadturn Farm is a destination in western Scarborough, supporting hunting, fishing, nature observation, agriculture, and now, two additional miles of trails for the public. The preserve is a total of 434 acres, with 275 acres of “Forever Farmland” dedicated to mixed agriculture practices. Formerly the Meserve Farm, the farm was purchased by Scarborough Land Trust (SLT) from the Meserve family in 2004. This landmark farm dates to the 1800s. SLT leases the farm buildings and the agricultural land to local farmers, John Bliss and Stacy Brenner. They grow field-grown flowers, some vegetables, and host weddings and other events.

SLT was able to complete a new parking area and additional trails. You can find the new parking area off Hanson Rd, about a quarter mile from the intersection of Hanson Rd and Broadturn Rd. This new parking area allows direct access to two trailheads while freeing up the old parking circle for farm operations, creating an easy distinction between farm and outdoor recreation locations. The parking area can accommodate more vehicles, allowing SLT to welcome organized groups to the preserve. It is boarded by a post-and-rail fence generously donated by Ron Forest & Sons Fence Company, and native shrubs planted by volunteers in the spring of 2024.

All the trail beds are natural, and there are some steep areas. The Maple Sugar Trail and the Stonewall Loop bring visitors along woods roads and rolling forests of eastern hemlock, white pine, red oak, sugar maple, and American beech. At one point the trail makes a brief excursion into Buxton. The Stonewall Loop takes hikers

to the western edge of the preserve, where birdcalls and stillness overtake road noise beside a scenic stonewall. Visitors that are already fond of Sandi’s Silver Brook Trail and the falls will find the new trailhead to the right of the kiosk at the edge of the field. The original Silver Brook Trail loop was created by Eagle Scout Ben Acker in 2009. The new access trail crosses Silver Brook via a handsome hemlock bridge designed and constructed by dedicated volunteers, Tom Nolan and Stephen “Zam” Zamierowski.

The trails highlight the beauty of a second growth New England Forest and showcase wildlife habitat. Along the Stonewall

Loop, visitors can appreciate standing dead trees called snags that serve as important shelter for owls, bats, raccoons, and other woodland species. The stonewalls act as protected highways for small mammals like chipmunks, mice, and voles; and in the spring, visitors can watch for mink, deer, and other animals along seasonal streams.



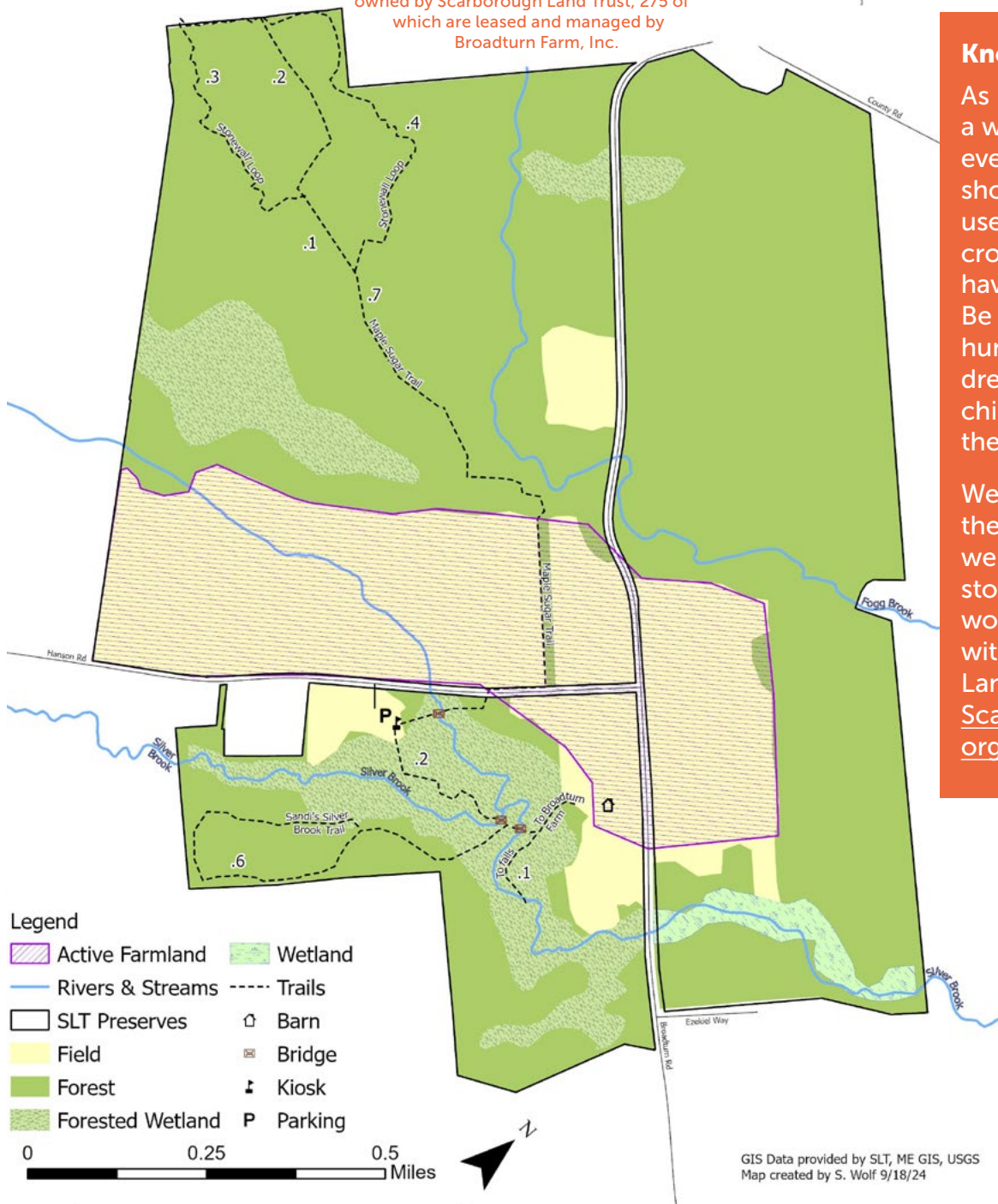
Broadturn Farm is a favorite for hunters and nature observers alike. Hunter and hiker Ryan Mahoney has spent many years enjoying expansive public lands in Colorado and Utah, and when he relocated to Maine, he sought protected land again. “I’ve been able to explore most of the SLT Lands by now just by recreating, as my wife and I enjoy walking and being outdoors,” says Mahoney. “I find [access to open space] is so important for the communities and public to recreate. There are so many opportunities for everybody, and it’s all possible

because of those who have dedicated and donated land to these communities for preservation. How nice it is to have such cherished and well-cared for pieces of land that are open to the public. Thanks again for your hard work and dedication to this trust and allowing it to be fair and equal for all.”

Broadturn Farm was acquired with support from the Scarborough Land Bond. This is an example of the partnership between SLT and the town benefiting all the residents of Scarborough. 🐾

**Broadturn Farm Preserve**

434 Acres of land protected, managed and owned by Scarborough Land Trust, 275 of which are leased and managed by Broadturn Farm, Inc.



**Know Before You Go:**

As Broadturn Farm is a working farm, for everyone’s safety, visitors should stay on trails, use designated road crossings, and always have dogs on a leash. Be aware of Maine’s hunting seasons, and dress yourself, pets, and children in orange during these times.

We hope that you enjoy these new trails, and welcome your feedback, stories, and photos! If you would like to volunteer with the Scarborough Land Trust, visit [www.ScarboroughLandTrust.org/volunteer](http://www.ScarboroughLandTrust.org/volunteer) to sign up!

GIS Data provided by SLT, ME GIS, USGS  
Map created by S. Wolf 9/18/24

## Scarborough Land Trust Completes New Strategic Plan



Over the last year SLT engaged in a strategic planning process with the help of Hilary Robbins. Hilary has spent the last twenty years working with nonprofits to develop strategies for success and sustainability.

During this time the Board of Directors and Hilary reached out to SLT staff, volunteers, donors, business community partners, local officials, and partner organizations. Through a variety of workshops, retreats, and interviews, we were able to collect input into the strengths and weaknesses of the organization and identifying the key goals and objectives for SLT over the next five years.

### **SLT'S REVISED MISSION STATEMENT:**

**To accelerate the permanent conservation and protection of greater Scarborough's natural areas, and to steward these environments for the benefit of the community and wildlife.**

Each word of both statements was chosen to emphasize the immediate conservation need in the greater Scarborough area and the long-term



## OUR VISION STATEMENT:

Conserving natural areas for people,  
for wildlife—forever.

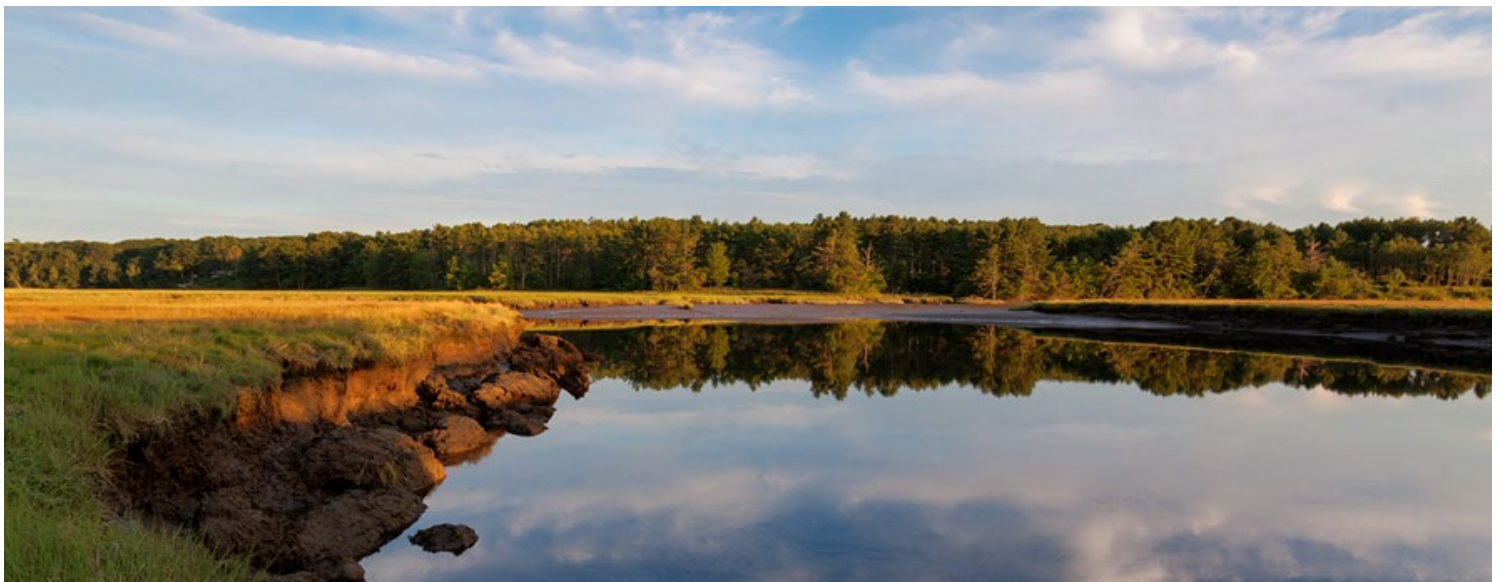


responsibility SLT has in managing these lands for the benefit of the community.

SLT's overarching goal is to conserve and protect natural areas in Scarborough with adequate resources to be responsible to the community, the properties, and the opportunities. This includes protecting open space, slowing sprawl into rural areas, providing places for individuals to get out and enjoy nature, provide for functioning natural systems and connectivity, and preserve local farms.

The four major goals SLT will focus on over the next five years are:

1. Acquire and protect more natural areas before they are lost; and once protected, use active management to connect the community to the land and protect wildlife
2. Conserve, protect, and restore the Scarborough Marsh
3. Expand communications and community engagement
4. Continue to maintain financial sustainability



# Becky Warren Seel: Recipient of SLT 2024 Conservationist of the Year Award



Betts Armstrong, Becky Seel, Andy Warren

We were pleased to honor long-time land conservation champion Becky Warren Seel with our 2024 Conservationist of the Year Award. Presented on October 18th at a special ribbon cutting ceremony at the Elaine Stimson Warren Woods Preserve, this annual award recognizes an individual, organization, or business for their significant commitment and outstanding leadership in protecting the natural and agricultural resources of the Town of Scarborough.

Becky has been a strong advocate for land conservation for over 50 years. She was only in her 20s – a recent college graduate and second-year law school student - when she used her strong leadership skills to put her passion for land conservation into action. Concerned with zoning density changes, loss of farm and forest land, and pollution of the Marsh, she looked for ways to make a difference. In 1976, as chair of the Scarborough Conservation Commission, she worked with Tad Dow from the Maine Conservation Commission, as well as the newly emerging state land trust movement led by the Maine Coast Heritage Trust, to establish a land trust here in Scarborough. During this same period (1976-78), she also served on the Scarborough Town Council, the first woman to do so.

After developing the necessary charter and by-laws, soliciting seven or eight like-minded residents to serve as trustees and securing its non-profit, tax-exempt status, the Owascoag Land Conservation Trust was officially founded and incorporated on October 4, 1977. It was so named to reflect the town's Native American history and the importance of the Marsh. Thanks to Becky's initiative, a private, non-profit organization was now in place to help conserve and steward Scarborough's special places.

In 2012, when her father Harvey Warren was interested in conserving the 162-acre family property on Payne Road, Becky was an active partner in helping SLT purchase and preserve it. It is named in memory of her mother Elaine Stimson Warren, who was a long-time SLT Board member. Over the past two years, SLT has acquired 8 additional adjoining parcels of land nearly doubling the size of Warren Woods, creating a 314-acre green oasis in the middle of a highly developed area of Scarborough and providing important additional protection for the Nonesuch River watershed.

A very knowledgeable and largely self-taught naturalist, Becky has led many wildflower walks at the Preserve since it was conserved in 2012, sharing her deep family connections and intimate knowledge of Warren Woods and its wildflowers. She has also spent many hours creating notebooks of photos and facts describing the many wildflowers found on the property, which now reside at the SLT Office for public use.

In presenting the award, SLT President Betts Armstrong said: “Since its founding 47 years ago, the Land Trust has seen exciting change and growth, changing its name to Scarborough Land Trust in 1984, growing its supporters from a few hundred to over a thousand, its total revenue from one hundred dollars to now over a million, and the number of acres conserved from a few acres to, currently, over 1,600 acres. All of this made possible because Becky Warren Seel, and a few other like-minded environmentalists, took action and established the legal infrastructure that has allowed the Scarborough Land Trust to continue its important mission for over four decades. We, and the Scarborough community, are forever indebted to Becky for her outstanding leadership and her life-long advocacy for land conservation.” 🐾



Meg Pickering, Carroll Coyle



Lacey Bell, Stewart Bell, Tom Nolan



Christina Philibert, Jeff Philibert



Anne Butterfield, Sandy Butterfield, Nils Nieuwejaar, Christine Labaree

## Highlights from the Broadturn Farm Bash:

- This year the event was held on August 15, 2024, marking the 12th anniversary of this SLT summer celebration and the inaugural new party format
- SLT revamped the event this year adding food trucks, a live band, and dancing
- This was another sold out SLT summer celebration
- The event raised \$96,470 including \$54,525 for two new land conservation projects
- Guests enjoyed food from food trucks Mr. Tuna, Falafel Mafia, and Pizza By Fire, oysters from Pine Tree Seafood, drinks from Nonesuch River Brewing, SoPo Wines, Round Turn Distilling, desserts from Ivy Hill Baking and ice cream from Beals
- Broadturn Farm, Inc. provided flowers and support with set up
- The new format was a hit with guests and starts a new precedent for continuing this beloved Scarborough event





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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

**Saturday, November 2nd, 10am –**  
Forest Bathing

**Saturday, November 16th, 10am –**  
Women’s Walk

**Sunday, November 17th, 2:30pm –**  
Get Outside & Make GenZ/Millennial Friends

**Tuesday, November 19th, 6:00pm –**  
Sustainable Landscaping and Integrated Pest Management Presentation

### DECEMBER

**Saturday, December 7th, 10am –**  
Women’s Walk

### JANUARY

**Saturday, January 11th, 9am –**  
Coastal Birding

**Saturday, January 11th, 10:00am –**  
Women’s Walk

**Saturday, January 18th, 10am –**  
Snowshoe Tour

### FEBRUARY

**Saturday, February 1st, 10am –**  
Winter Wildlife Tracking

**Saturday, February 8th, 10am –**  
Women’s Walk

### MARCH

**Saturday, March 8th, 10am –**  
Snowshoe Tour

**Saturday, March 15th, 10am –**  
Coastal Birding

### MAY

**Saturday, May 31st, 10 am - 2 pm –**  
Native Plant Sale and Spring Festival

Go to

<https://scarboroughlandtrust.org/events>  
to register for programs

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