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For all who love the Lakes Region of New Hampshire

40th Anniversary Edition



LRCT's First 40 Years by the Numbers



other conserved acres 1,372 **conservation easement acres 8,217** **owned acres 18,111**

TOTAL LAND CONSERVATION TRANSACTIONS 155

- donated properties **45**
- purchased properties **47**
- donated conservation easements **43**
- purchased conservation easements **6**

- trail miles **120**
- summits **28**
- stream miles **31**
- shoreline miles **35**
- island properties **32**

towns with conserved land 22

properties open to the public 116

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The Lakes Region Conservation Trust

was founded in 1979 to conserve the natural heritage of New Hampshire's Lakes Region. Our conservation and stewardship work preserves community character, conserves critical wildlife habitat and diverse ecosystems, protects natural landmarks and scenic landscapes, and provides outdoor recreation opportunities for people of all ages.

Together with our dedicated community of supporters, we have conserved more than 150 properties totaling over 27,000 acres. These conserved lands encompass many of the special places that define our unique and spectacular part of New England, affording everyone abundant opportunities to explore and connect with the natural world and establishing a legacy of conservation for future generations.

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Reflections



"Highlights of LRCT's First 40 Years" is the title of the center spread of this issue of The Legacy. We hope these highlights will remind you of the natural heritage and scenic beauty of our region and of the important role that conserved landscapes play in making the Lakes Region such a great place to live, work, visit, and raise a family.

Another highlight of LRCT's first 40 years is the people who have made these accomplishments possible. It is because of you, our supporters, that LRCT is able to fulfill the important role of preserving the natural heritage of our cherished region. Your support has been essential to LRCT's first 40 years of land conservation successes. Your support has enabled LRCT to conserve over 27,000 acres of land—summits and ridgelines, forests and farmland, shorelines and islands, trails and viewpoints, and scenic landscapes for future generations to explore and enjoy. Your support will ensure that we will be able to conserve additional lands and to steward these lands for the benefit and enjoyment of us all.

We will begin LRCT's next 40 years with a new Strategic Plan that will guide us in strengthening and expanding our work to conserve wild lands, valuable habitat, and areas most resilient to climate change, to preserve scenic landscapes and community character, to protect our region's precious water resources, and to provide open space for recreational and learning opportunities.

Your continuing dedication and commitment are essential to LRCT's accomplishments and to ensuring that LRCT continues on with this good work. Your contributions are an investment in this place that we love. Thank you, and congratulations on making possible the accomplishments of LRCT's first 40 years!

Don

Providing for Perpetuity

With ever-increasing acreage and thousands of visitors to LRCT's conserved lands every year, our land stewardship responsibilities are extensive and growing—maintaining trails, kiosks, signs, and boundaries, implementing property management plans, and providing opportunities for people to connect with and learn from the land, learn about LRCT's activities, and increase their appreciation for the natural heritage of the Lakes Region.

In recognition of LRCT's permanent stewardship responsibilities and as part of our 40th Anniversary, we have kicked off an effort to build LRCT's Stewardship Endowment—to ensure that we have the resources to properly care for LRCT's conserved lands into the future. If you are interested in learning more, in making a special contribution beyond your regular support for LRCT, or in arranging for a planned gift, we would be most grateful. LRCT Development Director Anna Boudreau or President Don Berry would be pleased to talk with you further about this initiative.



LRCT Welcomes Two New Staff Members

Welcome Anna Boudreau

We are excited to announce that Anna Boudreau has joined LRCT as our Development Director. Prior to coming to LRCT Anna worked for five and a half years as a land conservation consultant, fundraiser, and grantwriter at Truslow Resource Consulting and before that worked for nine and a half years as the Executive Director for the Strafford Rivers Conservancy (now merged with the Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire). Anna and her husband Dana have two grown daughters and live with her mother-in-law in Dover. She was a founding member of both the Cochecho River Watershed Coalition and the Dover Open Lands Committee, which she now chairs. For over 20 years her family has vacationed in the Lakes Region, where she loves hiking, kayaking, and enjoying the natural beauty of the region.



Welcome Ashley MacMillan

Ashley MacMillan recently joined the LRCT Staff as the Administrative Coordinator and is currently living in Plymouth, NH. Her previous experience includes work in municipal planning and ecological restoration at the Town of Duxbury Planning Department in Duxbury, Massachusetts. A graduate of Plymouth State University with a Bachelor's of Science in Environmental Science and Policy, Ashley is passionate about the preservation of open spaces in her home state of New Hampshire. In her free time, she enjoys snowboarding and hiking in the White Mountains with her Siberian Husky, Eevee.



Congratulations to Ashley and Zac!



We are pleased to share with you another momentous event in the life of one of LRCT's staff members. In early June, LRCT's Membership Director Ashley Clark and Zac Penn were engaged at Funspot at Weirs Beach, to be married near Squam Lake next September. Ashley is originally from the West Coast, and Zac is from Ashland, New Hampshire. They met in 2013 while studying at Plymouth State University in Plymouth, New Hampshire. Ashley started at LRCT in 2015 as an intern and returned as the Membership Director in May 2017, and Zac works as a Sales and Service Representative for New Hampshire Distributors. They live in Campton with their rescue cats, Chester and Oliver, and their rescue dog, Mookie, whom you may have met at the LRCT Office!

Congratulations to Ashley and Zac and best wishes from us all!

Thanks to Center Harbor Inn!

Thanks to the Center Harbor Inn for providing LRCT with a boat mooring for our pontoon boat this year. During the summer and early fall, LRCT AmeriCorps Members use the boat to travel to LRCT's conserved island properties to host, monitor, and steward. We are grateful to the Center Harbor Inn and Steele Hill Resorts of Pathways Hospitality for their generous support for LRCT.

Thank you!



AmeriCorps 2018: Where Are They Now?

In May 2018, LRCT welcomed its first six members of the Lakes Region Conservation Corps (LRCC), an AmeriCorps state service program. Coming from as far away as Michigan, and as close by as Maine, our members embraced the New Hampshire life and were a tremendous help to LRCT's conservation and stewardship efforts over their six months with us. In 2018, the LRCC program was based out of the Squam Lakes Association, with two other host sites—LRCT and the Squam Lakes Conservation Society (SLCS). The program provided hands-on conservation work experience and certifications in a broad range of areas to ensure that LRCC members are capable of independently approaching a variety of responsibilities in the environmental conservation field. Our 2018 members took on a range of projects, from removing invasive vegetation at the Sewall Woods Conservation Area, constructing a trail at the Red Hill River Conservation Area, island hosting at Ragged Island, trail hosting at the Castle in the Clouds Conservation Area, and helping LRCT with office filing to prepare for renewal of accreditation under the Land Trust Accreditation Program. One year later, we check back in with some of our 2018 members to find out where they are and what they've been doing.



Dan teaching for the North Shore Nature Programs

What have you been doing since you graduated from AmeriCorps 2018?

Rachele Mason—After I graduated from AmeriCorps, I worked at an animal hospital at home in New Jersey until I found my current job as an Environmental Scientist with Tetra Tech. I'm working in California on the Wildfire Project, specifically managing biology data.

Tara Wrbelis—I moved to North Carolina and I've been working at a pet resort. I love my job!

Dan Holbrook—I have been employed by North Shore Nature Programs located on the North Shore of Massachusetts. Our mission is dedicated to helping students of all ages fall in love with nature. We work with schools, community groups, and individuals to provide engaging, informative programs that help explain the world around us.

Katie Durkin—I have been working at an urban land trust in my hometown, Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust, which is one of the only urban land trusts in the country, and I have the privilege of working as their Stewardship and Education Manager. I teach after-school STEM based environmental education, manage their conservation land, organize and participate in volunteer clean ups, and assist with membership and fundraising.



Rachele at Lake Shasta, California

How did your AmeriCorps service affect your future?

Rachele—My AmeriCorps service inspired me to always strive to do more to help others. It taught me that the efforts of few can mean a lot to the many. My goal for the future is to always feel as great as it felt to finish all of those water bars on Red Hill!

Tara—The AmeriCorps program really strengthened my resume. I had the classes and school knowledge of so much but I really hadn't had that much hands-on experience with conservation, and it gave me so much of that experience.

Dan—My AmeriCorps service has impacted my future in many ways. It has taught me when the going gets tough, put your head down and continue to work. In addition, the certifications we received through the program are invaluable as they boost my skills in the field of conservation.

Katie—AmeriCorps gave me the opportunity to network and improve my hands-on skills before settling down to a career I am passionate about.



Tara and her boyfriend, Shawn, exploring NC

If you had advice for the new Lakes Region Conservation Corps Members, what would it be?

Rachele—My advice for the new members would be to do the things you want to do. Go climb that mountain or go kayaking or go out with your new team. Take advantage of the beautiful place you get to work in all summer. You won't regret a single bit of it. Oh, and if you have a question, just ask! Everyone at LRCT is always willing to help!

Tara—I think the best advice would be to just enjoy every day while you're serving. It goes by so fast. Some days may seem to drag, but it's really just such a great experience and you should appreciate the chance while you have it.

Dan—My advice to incoming LRCC members would be to enjoy your time spent in the Lakes Region. The program lasts for six months but it will go by so fast. On your off days explore the White Mountains or kayak on Squam Lake! Some of my favorite days were spent hiking in the mountains.

Katie—Enjoy all the memories. Soak it all in. Be proud of yourself for all the sweat and hard work you put in. Look at the great work you are accomplishing for the community, and stay in touch with all the wonderful people (and dogs) you meet. Don't be afraid to ask LRCT employees questions about potential career paths, and enjoy being outside everyday. Lastly, take advantage of the local hidden gems- ask everyone about the ice cream stands, swimming spots, best hikes, and local shops.



Katie and her fiancé, Andrew, running a marathon at Disney World

Highlights of LRCT's First 40 Years

1979



LAKES REGION CONSERVATION TRUST
Founding of LRCT—
Incorporators Rawson L. Wood,
Sabra F. VanderWolk, Edward
N. Dane, Arthur McGinnes and
Robert P. Hopewell

1980



Langdon Cove Preserve,
Lake Winnepesaukee
(Moultonborough)—first land
conservation project

1982



Stonedam Island Conservation
Area, Lake Winnepesaukee
(Meredith)—first major land
acquisition campaign

1989



Eagle Cliff Conservation
Easement (Sandwich)



Knights Pond Conservation Area
(Alton)

1990



Langdon Cove Preserve,
Lake Winnepesaukee
(Moultonborough)—first land
conservation project



Butterworth Natural Area, Squam
Lake (Sandwich)

1995



Copples Crown
Conservation Area
(Brookfield)



Trask Swamp Preserve
(Alton)

1997



Page and Glory Hill Conservation Area (Hill)

1998



Ossipee Mountains
Preserve (Tamworth)—
LRCT's largest acreage
purchase as of that date



Five Mile Island
Conservation Area, Lake
Winnepesaukee (Meredith)

1999



Homestead Forest Conservation Area
(Ashland, Holderness)—largest acreage
gift

2000



Red Hill Conservation Area—
Dane property and fire tower
(Moultonborough)—largest acquisition
campaign as of that date



Kusumpe-Intervale Ponds Preserve
(Sandwich)

2002



Castle in the Clouds Conservation Area (Moultonborough, Tuftonboro)—
largest land acquisition and campaign

2004



Pine Hill Conservation Area
(Moultonborough)



Dinsmore Mountain/Sandwich
Notch Conservation Area
(Sandwich)—part of five-parcel
acquisition from Denley Emerson

2005



Jimmy Point Preserve, Squam Lake
(Sandwich)—highest value land gift

2007



Squam Range-Burleigh Land
Conservation Easement (Holderness,
Campton)—second largest land
conservation project and acquisition
campaign



Ragged Island Conservation Area, Lake
Winnepesaukee (Tuftonboro)



Sewall Woods Conservation Area
(Wolfeboro)—completed

2008



LRCT Headquarters (Center Harbor)

2009



Tewksbury Brook
Preserve (Sandwich)

2011



Patten Brook Conservation
Easements (Alexandria)

2010



Center Harbor Woods
(Center Harbor, Moultonborough)

2013



Fogg Hill Conservation Area (Center Harbor)



Mt. Major/Quarry Mountain/Piper
Mountain Conservation Project, Belknap
Mountains (Alton, Gilford)



LRCT-CPS Partnership

2014



Sugarloaf Ridge-Goose Pond
Conservation Area (Alexandria)—second
highest value land gift



Piper Mountain Summit, Belknap
Mountains (Gilford)

2015



Wonalancet
Conservation Projects
(Albany, Sandwich)

2017



LRCT Accreditation from Land Trust
Accreditation Commission

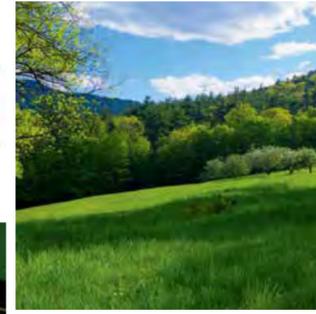


Lake Wicwas Conservation Projects
(Meredith)



Piper Mountain Summit, Belknap
Mountains (Gilford)

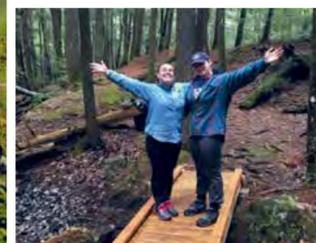
2018



The Farm Trust-Ossipee Mountains
Conservation Easement (Tamworth)—
second largest conservation easement



LRCT Headquarters improvements
completed (Center Harbor)

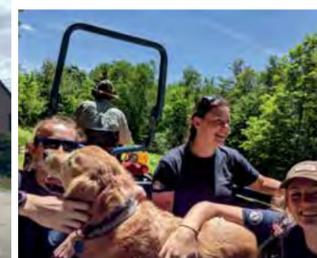


First year: LRCT's AmeriCorps Program,
part of Lakes Region Conservation Corps

2019



LRCT Forest Carbon Offset involving
approximately 8,000 acres of land



LRCT's AmeriCorps Program continues
for second year



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27,700 ACRES
CONSERVED
TO DATE!

AmeriCorps 2019

In May, LRCT welcomed our 2019 Lakes Region Conservation Corps Crew of four members. LRCT has been proud to again be a host site for the LRCC program, based out of the Squam Lakes Association with host sites in 2019 at LRCT, SLCS, the Green Mountain Conservation Group, New Hampshire Lakes, the Newfound Lake Region Association, Camp Hale, and the Lake Winnepesaukee Association. LRCT's 2019 AmeriCorps Crew has contributed tremendously to our land and stewardship work, from creating and cleaning water bars at the Fogg Hill and Knights Pond Conservation Areas, to hosting and greeting visitors at the Ragged Island Conservation Area on Lake Winnepesaukee, to removing invasive vegetation at the Eastern and Western Fields Preserves. Here are profiles of our 2019 Crew:



Alyssa Milo

Hometown: Seattle, WA

Education: Masters in Sustainable Development and Climate Change from Antioch University in Keene, NH

Favorite Place: Pike Place Market in Seattle, WA

Favorite Outdoor Spot: Goat Rocks Wilderness, Mount Rainer, WA



What interested you about serving on an AmeriCorps Crew?

Alyssa—It's an opportunity to play a unique, active role in the Lakes Region community.

Jordin—It gives me the chance to learn and do my part in making our world a better place.

Micaelie—Being able to serve and live in a beautiful and adventurous place while still gaining valuable experience.

Nick—It connects me to a network of equally motivated people that help me give back to my community.



Jordin Whyland

Hometown: East Longmeadow, MA

Education: Bachelors in Environmental and Wildlife Biology from Framingham State University in Framingham, MA

Favorite Place: A barn and field with horses and cows

Favorite Outdoor Spot: Tolland State Forest, Otis, MA



Micaelie O'Hare

Hometown: Branchburg, NJ

Education: Bachelors in Environmental Science and Policy from Plymouth State University in Plymouth, NH

Favorite Place: Anywhere with a view of the sunrise or sunset

Favorite Outdoor Spot: Conundrum Trail-Hot Springs, CO



Nick Langlois

Hometown: Marysville, OH

Education: Bachelors in Zoo and Conservation Science and Biology from Otterbein University in Westerville, OH

Favorite Place: The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium in Columbus, OH

Favorite Outdoor Spot: Mt. Tongariro Alpine Crossing, New Zealand

What interested you about serving with the Lakes Region Conservation Trust?

Alyssa—Allows for a range of skill development from wilderness first aid to conservation easement monitoring with a team of like-minded awesome people.

Jordin—I was interested in LRCT because this is an organization that can teach me so much in the area of conservation; they focus on protecting land for generations to come, and this is a non-profit I am proud to support.

Micaelie—Provides a wide range of experiences, with an encouraging group of people, that will help me to feel comfortable working to protect land in years to come.

Nick—The LRCT offers so many opportunities for me to get outside and do the conservation work that I am so passionate about. On top of that, it's in a new setting that I can get to learn more about this summer.

What do you hope to gain through the LRCC Program?

Alyssa—To learn the ins and outs of a conservation trust organization, and to build on my outdoor skills.

Jordin—I hope to gain experience for my future career endeavors, and memories that I will never forget.

Micaelie—Gain professional experience in conservation.

Nick—Valuable experience in forest conservation, and a killer tan.

Munroe Preserve, Ossipee

In 2016, the Dan Hole Pond Watershed (DHPWT) acquired the Charles Norman Munroe Preserve, protecting 177 acres of diverse and highly ranked habitat along the Pine River, in Ossipee. The DHPWT recently conveyed a conservation easement to the Lakes Region Conservation Trust to ensure the protection of this preserve forever.

LRCT will monitor the property regularly to ensure continuing protection of the Munroe Preserve's conservation values, including its extensive wetlands and upland forests that are home to a wide variety of wildlife. The Munroe Preserve includes almost two miles of river frontage along with 28 acres of wetlands, and abuts the 3,244-acre Pine River State Forest, thus adding to a magnificent wildlife corridor. According to Dr. Rick Van de Poll, the diversity of ecosystems on the preserve provide exceptional habitat for a large variety of plants and wildlife.

LRCT and DHPWT have had a long and collaborative relationship in their complementary work of conserving important landscapes in and around the Ossipee Mountains. This is the first official partnership between the two organizations on a conservation property. The two organizations look forward to their partnership in permanently preserving the Munroe Preserve's spectacular habitat and making it available for public benefit and enjoyment.



Belknap Woods Expansion, Center Harbor

For more than 30 years, Belknap Woods has been a favorite place for outdoor recreation, nature observation and enjoyment for people in Center Harbor and surrounding communities. Owned by the Squam Lakes Association (SLA) with a conservation easement held by the Squam Lakes Conservation Society (SLCS), this forested property provides a network of trails for hiking, mountain biking, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing. It also provides an opportunity for carry-in boat access for canoes and kayaks to Dog Cove on Squam Lake.

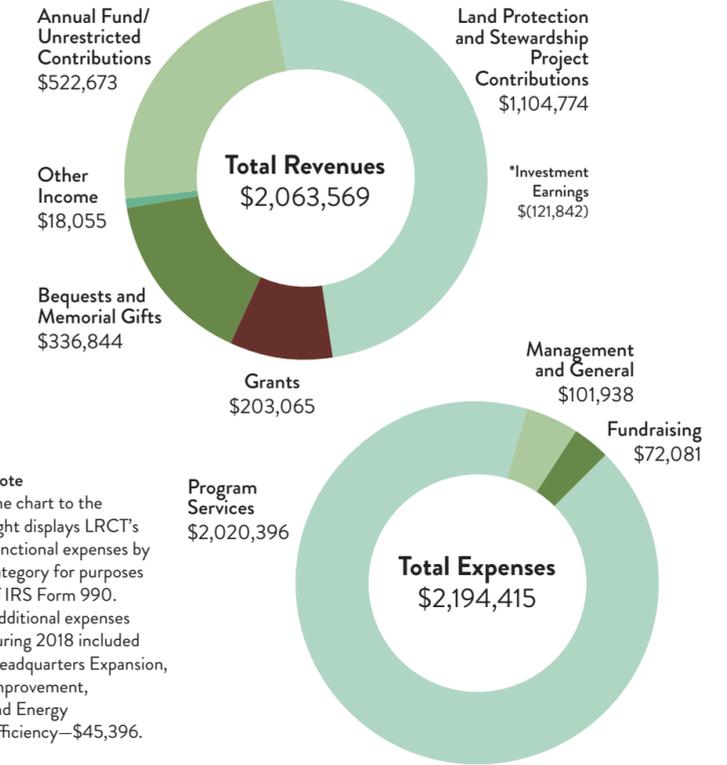
In October, Belknap Woods was substantially expanded to nearly 130 acres through an extraordinarily generous gift of an abutting parcel of land by the Mattson family of Center Harbor. This beautiful property encompasses designated prime wetlands and critical wildlife habitat, including beaver ponds and heron nesting sites. The permanent conservation of this expansion enhances the role that Belknap Woods plays in protecting water quality.

LRCT is proud to have partnered with SLA, SLCS and the Mattsons on this outstanding project. SLA is now the owner of the former Mattson land, the SLCS conservation easement has been expanded to encompass this land, and LRCT holds a backup interest in the conservation easement on the entirety of Belknap Woods. The organizations look forward to working together in stewarding this key property in the Squam Watershed.



2018 Annual Report

Assets	
Unrestricted Funds	\$242,619
Land Protection and Stewardship Funds	\$345,664
Investments—General	\$2,104,236
Investments—Land Protection	\$431,546
Investments—Stewardship	\$488,613
Investments—Special Projects	\$124,100
Conservation Land and Conservation Easements	\$26,006,118
Other Property and Equipment	\$319,841
Liabilities	\$(201,145)
Total	\$29,861,592



Moultonborough Falls Conservation Area, Moultonborough

The Moultonborough Falls Conservation Area is an outstanding community resource, a 37-acre woodland and wetland parcel along the Red Hill River between Whittier Highway (Route 25) and Lee's Pond. The property encompasses significant habitat, including 3,800 feet of shoreline, and protects water quality downstream in Lee's Pond and Moultonborough Bay of Lake Winnepesaukee. It provides a scenic setting for outdoor recreation and learning by people of all ages, and includes historical sites that were part of the thriving village of Moultonborough Falls in the 1800s.

The Town of Moultonborough purchased the land in 2018 after voters at Town Meeting agreed to the acquisition and the Moultonborough Conservation Commission raised necessary funds for the project. Earlier this year, the Town granted a conservation easement to LRCT, to ensure permanent legal protection for the land in perpetuity for the use, benefit, and enjoyment of the community. The Moultonborough Conservation Commission is developing plans for a parking area and trails that will facilitate the use of the property for recreational and educational activities, and LRCT will be responsible for monitoring the conservation easement to ensure that the property's conservation values are protected.

The Red Hill River and its tributaries flow from and through areas, such as Red Hill Pond, Red Hill, and Garland Pond, where significant land has been conserved by the Town of Sandwich, The Nature Conservancy, and LRCT. The Moultonborough Falls Conservation Area is an important addition to the conserved lands in this river corridor. LRCT is proud to work with the Town of Moultonborough, and we are grateful to the generous donors and Moultonborough property owners whose commitment made this project possible and also to realtor Tom Howard for his role in conserving this important property. Finally, we are very grateful to the members of the Moultonborough Conservation Commission for their leadership and dedication, and we look forward to working with the Commission on future land conservation opportunities.





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