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2017 Annual Report

TIVERTON LAND TRUST

A Non-Profit RI Corporation

Preserving the rural character and scenic beauty of Tiverton
for generations to come

VISION/MISSION

Protect Land in Perpetuity

- Open space
- Agriculture
- Wildlife habitat

Educate & Inform

- the community of the benefits of protecting open space, agriculture, and wildlife habitat
- younger generations to appreciate the rural nature, environment, and ecology of the area
- property owners of tax strategies and advantages to provide open space and/or conservation easements

VALUES

- Commitment to the public good
- Responsible stewardship of resources
- National Land Trust Alliance member
 - Adopted LTA Standards & Practices; accredited 2014
- Recognition of the trust placed in us by our donors, landowner partners and the public by being fiscally responsible
- Effective partner with government, private, and other non-profit organizations



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings and welcome to the Tiverton Land Trust 2017 Annual Report.

Greetings and welcome to your Tiverton Land Trust 2017 Annual Report. Thanks to you, 2017 was another excellent year for the Trust.

Not even a hurricane could put a damper on our highly anticipated annual family event, *A Country Day at Pardon Gray*, which was a rousing success. Hurricane José moved out to sea just in time for our fall celebration, where close to 1,500 folks enjoyed a warm breezy day at Pardon Gray. Be sure to mark your calendars for *Country Day 2018* on September 15.

Conservation doesn't happen quickly, but with committed donors, hard-working volunteers and sustained effort, great things do happen. After more than a decade's work, TLT is set to add an additional 102 acres to the Pocasset Ridge Conservation Area! It provides important habitat for migrating birds and deep-forest creatures, and provides a near-wilderness experience for hikers.

With help from two DEM Open Space grants awarded early in 2018, TLT purchased the 60-acre F&J property and entered into a contract to purchase 42 additional acres once the remaining funds have been raised (DEM grants award up to half the purchase price and associated costs). We look forward to working with our members and friends to make this happen.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The Pocasset Ridge Conservation Area opened to the public last fall, with the first trails on 500+ acres of deep forest seeing much use. We continue to work with wonderful partners at DEM, Tiverton Open Space Commission and The Nature Conservancy to extend these efforts. Our ultimate vision is to link the Pocasset Ridge forest to already protected land at Weetamoo Woods and Pardon Gray Preserve. This will enhance conditions for species sensitive to human disturbance while protecting groundwater quality and moderating effects of climate change.

Also in 2017, a generous and far-sighted landowner donated a conservation easement to protect a scenic, 60-acre residential property from further development. A conservation easement is a voluntary legal agreement between a landowner and a land trust or government agency that permanently limits use of the land to protect its conservation values. Landowners retain the right to own and use the land, sell it, and pass it on to their heirs. With this donation, the Tiverton Land Trust has now protected more than 600 acres since 1997. If you would like more information about saving your land for the future, Trish Sylvester, chair of our Land Protection Committee, would be more than happy to talk with you.

Finally, I sincerely hope that you take personal pleasure in these successes. We are a donor- supported volunteer organization, and none of these acquisitions—both past and future—would be possible without the assistance of a generous community. For this you have my thanks and that of my fellow board members. If you'd like to contribute more than financial help to the Trust, we are always looking for folks to volunteer for committees or board service. Information on volunteer opportunities, ways to give, or accessing our many trails can be found on our website at tivertonlandtrust.org or by calling 401.625.1300. In the meantime please enjoy the annual report, our upcoming events, and Tiverton's exceptional outdoor resources.

Thank you all!

Eric Watne, *President*

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

Land Protection

- Pocasset Ridge Conservation Area opened to the public in September 2017, with 500+ acres of unfragmented coastal forest. A joint project of TLT, Tiverton Open Space Committee and The Nature Conservancy, this area provides superb outdoor recreation as well as deep forest habitat for wildlife.
- TLT closed on the F&J property, adding 60 more acres at Pocasset Ridge. Another 42 acres are under contract, with plans for purchase once the remaining funds are in hand. DEM awarded two Open Space matching grants for these properties early in 2018 because of the “variety of forested habitats in excellent condition” and their potential to support rare species.
- A thoughtful Tiverton landowner donated a conservation easement on 60 acres of residential property with scenic meadows, ponds and forested land. Tiverton Land Trust now manages more than 600 acres of protected lands.

Land Management

- TLT expanded the kiosk at Pardon Gray Preserve to allow better equipment storage and property maintenance.
- Preparations began for six acres of pollinator habitat at Pardon Gray Preserve. A farmer harrowed the ground four times to reduce weeds, and planted a cover crop of winter rye. Next year we will seed the area with a combination of grasses and wildflowers.
- Students from LEAF (Leaders in Environmental Action for the Future) joined other volunteers to construct trails and bridges through wetlands at Pocasset Ridge. Trail design provides a level of public access compatible with preserving the wilderness quality of the ecosystem.

Community Forum

- Professor Mark Bertness of Brown University presented “How will Salt Marsh Die-Off and Sea Level Rise Get Along?” at our Community Forum on April 23.
- Volunteer of the Year Awards went to:
[Kim Herfert](#), who has managed children’s activities at Pardon Gray Day for many years;
[Dana Sumner](#), an octogenarian who walks the trails every day and reports issues.

Community Outreach and Events

- After an estimated 1,500 people visited Pardon Gray Preserve for *A Country Day* on September 23, the grounds were almost litter free. Thank you for caring.
- Adults and families walked off extra helpings of pie with post-Thanksgiving hikes at Pocasset Ridge and Weetamoo Woods/ Pardon Gray Preserve.
- Families joined good-natured board members dressed as Santa and his elf for holiday photo ops on our newly donated sleigh.

Changes to the Board of Directors

- Greg Jones, an active leader in many local organizations, joined the TLT Board of Directors.
- Bill Gerlach resigned from the Board because of multiple commitments.
- TLT recognized Wayne Browning for his 10 years of exemplary service when he rotated off the Board in December because of term limits. He promises to stay involved with Pardon Gray Day and the Land Management Committee.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW



2017 FINANCIAL SUMMARY PROFIT AND LOSS

OPERATION ACCOUNT

Income		
Donations, Memberships	Donations, Memberships, Memorials, Honorariums	\$ 55,634.23
Grants	Temporarily Restricted Income	\$ 81,558.11
Interest		\$ 1,596.62
Special Event	Pardon Gray Day including sponsorships	\$ 17,341.24
Total Income		\$ 156,130.20
Expenses		
Office and Operations	Utilities, Postage, Rent, Insurance, Office Supplies, Contractors	\$ 58,447.03
Education and Training	Conferences, Meetings, Consultants	\$ 50.00
Public Outreach	Newsletters, Reports, Events, Publicity, Website, Fundraising	\$ 9,056.41
Property Management	Highland Woods, Pardon Gray Preserve, General Property Maintenance	\$ 17,992.72
Property Acquisition**	Appraisals, Surveys, Acquisition	\$ 190,646.31
Total Expenses		\$ 276,192.47
Net Operating Income		-\$ 120,062.27
Gain In Trust	RIF fund (see below)	\$ 15,257.21
Net Income (Loss)**		-\$ 104,805.06

NET ASSETS

Land Acquisition		
	Temporarily Restricted Funds	\$ 0.00
	Unrestricted Funds	\$ 145,572.43
Total		\$ 145,572.43
Operations Account		
	Temporarily Restricted Funds	\$ 81,171.00
	Unrestricted Funds	\$ 125,520.25
Total		\$ 206,691.25
Stewardship Account		
	Temporarily Restricted Funds	\$ 28,237.34
Total		\$ 28,237.34
Other Financial Assets		
RI Foundation – Tiverton Land Trust Fund	Held and managed by Rhode Island Foundation – Principal protected; yearly grants restricted to property management expenses	\$ 150,384.46
Total Net Assets		\$ 530,885.48

LIABILITIES

	Currently none	
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*This financial statement is subject to reviews by an independent CPA.

** \$96,000 of a DEM grant received in 2018 is a reimbursement of part of this expense.

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 50th wedding anniversary:
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 In honor of Ginger Lacy, for Pardon Gray Preserve:
 Roger and Joyce Lacy

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SAVE THE DATES:

Thursday, April 19 at 6:45 p.m.

Community Forum

Dr. Lucy Spelman, DVM and
RISD professor, presents ***Art Can
Save a Panda: Reconnecting the
Arts and Sciences for Animal
Conservation***

Tiverton Public Library
34 Roosevelt Avenue, Tiverton, R.I.

Saturday, September 15

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

A Country Day at Pardon Gray

Pardon Gray Preserve
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