

ANNUAL REPORT

July 2023 - June 2024



A Note from the President

Over the past year, the Rhode Island Land Trust Council has focused on its two major initiatives to support land conservation efforts at the General Assembly and to support local land trusts in fulfilling their missions. But all of our successes are only possible through working closely with our partners – land conservation is a team effort.



This past year the Board revised its policies and programs to be more inclusive of all people in Rhode Island. This shift was seen as the Council led the efforts of many in adding necessary funding to the Green Bond; and in collaborating with housing organizations in support of a proposed Housing and Conservation Trust Act.

This March, the Council became the sole organizer of the 20th Annual Land and Water Conservation Summit. We were greatly encouraged that we were back to pre COVID attendance levels, capping attendance at 300. And we were gratified that 30% of the attendees were first-timers, and that 27% of attendees were younger than 35!

We greatly appreciate your support over the past year. This coming year, we will work hard to expand our partnerships to build a stronger, broader foundation. This foundation will allow us to articulate and demonstrate our significant role and relevance to expand the resources needed to fulfill our mission.

Tom Rogers
PRESIDENT

Mission and Vision

The Rhode Island Land Trust Council leads efforts to conserve land in both rural and urban areas of Rhode Island to secure thriving farms, resilient forests, healthy watersheds, welcoming shorelines and parks, well-maintained trails, biodiverse habitats, and clean drinking water for the benefit of all Rhode Islanders. The Council supports land trusts and their collaborators through capacity building, convenings, and public engagement, and by advocating for sound land conservation policies.

Our Team



From left to right: Kate Sayles (Executive Director), Virginia Streeter (Program Coordinator), Victoria Antonucci (Development Associate)

Our Board

Tom Rogers, President	Joe Marion
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***Are you interested in making a difference?
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YEAR IN REVIEW

2024 Land & Water Summit

300 **31** **20th**

ATTENDEES WORKSHOPS ANNIVERSARY

This year's Summit was a sold-out success. We were honored to welcome our keynote speaker, Tarshire Battle from Roots2Empower, who delivered an inspiring address on Centering Community in Land and Water Conservation. The summit workshops included a specialized track facilitated by the Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Working Group. The new relationships we've been cultivating were reflected clearly at the Land & Water Summit, making it the youngest and most diverse in our organization's history, reflecting our commitment to inclusivity and broadening our impact.



RI Walks Challenge

1,500+ **16,000+**

PARTICIPANTS

SCANS



In 2023, we rolled out a new rewards program, partnering with local businesses to offer prizes to anyone who completes the challenge. The Challenge has recently been featured in local media, including Hey Rhody Media and WPRI.

Advocacy

87 **\$13M** **500**

BILLS
TRACKED

IN THE
GREEN BOND

POSTCARDS
DELIVERED

This year, the Council successfully advanced two out of three of our legislative priorities. On June 17th, the Governor signed the 2025 Budget including the \$13 Million added to the Green Bond for the ballot in November. Governor McKee also signed the bills prohibiting the practice of captive hunting and the importation of wildlife for that purpose. While we didn't get the amendments to the Housing & Conservation Trust Fund Act over the finish line this year, we've made significant progress in building relationships with important partners in the affordable housing space.

2023 Land Trust Days

7,000+ **70** **12th**

PARTICIPANTS

EVENTS

YEAR



Online Engagement

942 **6,700+**

ENEWS
SUBSCRIBERS

SOCIAL MEDIA
FOLLOWERS

Land Protection Grant

417

ACRES PROTECTED

\$10,000

GRANTS AWARDED

This year Aquidneck Land Trust, the Audubon Society of Rhode Island, Scituate Land Trust, and Westerly Land Trust all received funds from our Land Protection Grant Program in 2024.



Audubon Society of Rhode Island



Aquidneck Land Trust



Scituate Land Trust



Westerly Land Trust

Fundraising

95

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

42

LAND TRUST MEMBERS

\$78k

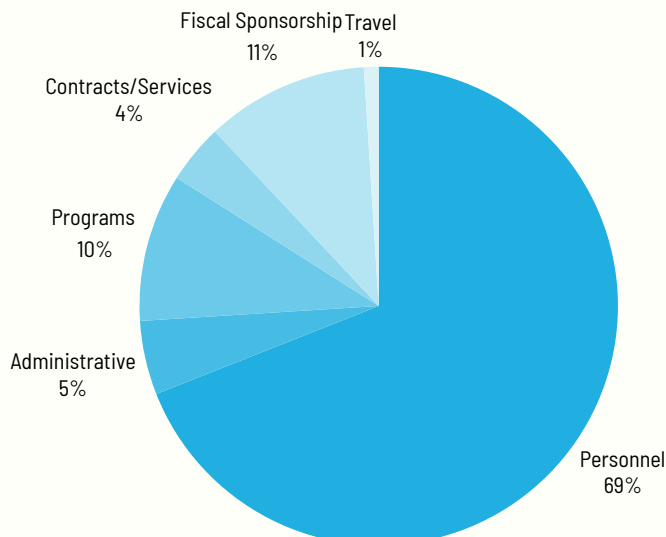
CAMPAIGN DONATIONS

The Rhode Island Land Trust Council saw great successes with our fundraising efforts. We launched an individual membership program that has allowed our community to connect more deeply with our work. The Campaign for Conservation entered its second year with great momentum, more than doubling the donations raised in year one. Additionally, we revamped our Land Trust Organization membership program to offer expanded benefits, ensuring that our member organizations are better supported.

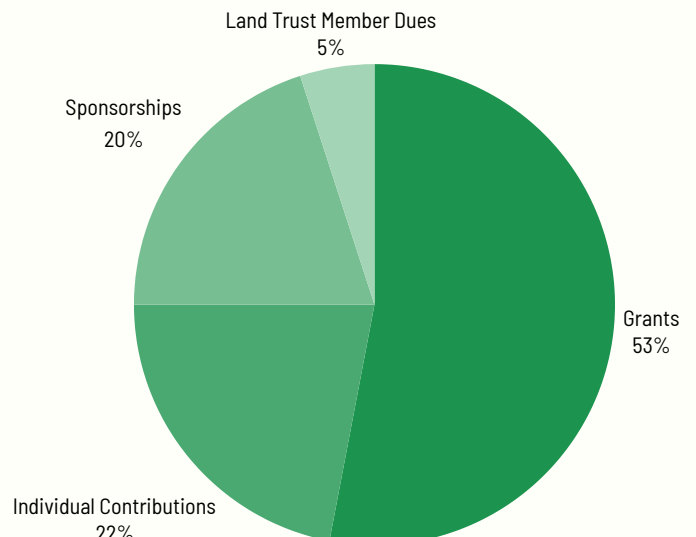


FINANCIAL REPORT

FY 2024 Expenses: \$319,242



FY 2024 Revenue: \$358,761



2024 SUPPORTERS

Organizational Members

Aquidneck Land Trust*
Audubon Society of Rhode Island
Barrington Land Conservation Trust
Block Island Conservancy
Block Island Land Trust
Bonnet Shores Land Trust
Borders Farm Preservation
Bristol Land Conservation Trust
Burrillville Land Trust
Charlestown Land Trust
Conanicut Island Land Trust
Coventry Land Trust
Cumberland Land Trust
East Greenwich Land Trust
East Providence Land Conservation Trust
Exeter Rural Land Preservation Trust*
Foster Land Trust
Friends of Canonchet Farm
Glocester Land Trust
Hopkinton Land Trust
Land Conservancy of North Kingstown*
Little Compton Ag. Conservancy Trust
Narragansett Land Conservancy Trust
Narrow River Land Trust*
Neutaconkanut Hill Conservancy
Norman Bird Sanctuary
North Smithfield Land Trust
Prudence Conservancy
Richmond Rural Preservation Land Trust*
Sakonnet Preservation Association*
Scituate Land Trust*
Smithfield Land Trust
South Kingstown Land Trust*
The Nature Conservancy - RI Chapter
Tiverton Land Trust*
Tiverton Open Space Commission
Warren Land Trust
Warwick Land Trust
Watch Hill Conservancy
Weekapaug Foundation for Conservation
West Bay Land Trust
West Greenwich Land Trust
Westerly Land Trust

*Plus Members

Donors

\$1 - \$100

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\$251 - \$1,000

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\$1,001 - \$5,000

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Hazard Family Foundation
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Kristen and Mike Swanberg
Sand Dollar Foundation

\$5,000 +

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Rhode Island Foundation
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