

ANNUAL REPORT

July 2024 - June 2025



A Note from the President

Over the past year, the Rhode Island Land Trust Council continued to support land conservation efforts throughout the State at the General Assembly, and its support to the 50+ local land trusts in fulfilling their missions. The Council has expanded its partnerships both state-wide and locally – we all have work together! And we moved our office to 50 Sims Avenue in Providence, partnering with the RI Environmental Education Association in May.



This year, the Council hosted the national Land Trust Alliance Rally in Providence – it was the largest in the event's history, welcoming land conservation professionals and advocates from around the country. In place of our annual Land & Water Summit, the Council conducted a mini-summit from municipal land trusts and three networking gatherings around the state.

In a significant departure from traditional approaches, the Board initiated a comprehensive board and committee recruitment strategy by advertising for new members. It was a gratifying effort led and conducted by the Board members and we will welcome three new board members and five new committee members in FY 2025-2026. The Board looks forward to continuing this approach in the future.

Thank you for your support over the past year. It may be a cliché to say that we couldn't do it without you – but it is true! Without all who support land conservation and the Council, we would not be able to build a stronger and more comprehensive foundation to protect the natural jewels of our State.

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

Our Board



Tom Rogers, President
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YEAR IN REVIEW

We moved!

50 Sims Avenue, Space 209
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Rally 2024

2,350

ATTENDEES

18

RI LAND TRUSTS

In September 2024, RILTC hosted the Land Trust Alliance's Rally in Providence! It was the biggest Rally yet, with 2,300 attendees, and nearly 100 participants from RI. Thanks to a generous grant from the Rhode Island Foundation, RILTC was able to assist 15 individuals with scholarships and stipends to participate in the event.

In order to focus on Rally, RILTC did not hold a Land & Water Summit in 2025, but will be back in March of 2026!



RI Walks Challenge

2,000+

PARTICIPANTS

20,000+

SCANS



Advocacy

147

BILLS TRACKED

The Council's priority bill, the Housing & Conservation Trust Fund Act was signed into law by the Governor in June. This bill restructures the Rhode Island Housing and Conservation Trust Fund, increases board membership to 15 members, and reallocates the percentage of the funds for housing, conservation and other goals.

Over the next year, RILTC will be working to ensure that appointments are made and the board starts working together on our mutual goals of a healthy and resilient Rhode Island.

2024 Land Trust Days

2,000+

PARTICIPANTS

46

EVENTS

13th

YEAR



Despite a rainier than average fall, we still enjoyed a successful Land Trust Days, with nearly 50 events across the state.

Outreach

950

ENEWS
SUBSCRIBERS

7,000+

SOCIAL MEDIA
FOLLOWERS

Land Protection Grant

98.5

ACRES PROTECTED

\$10,000

GRANTS AWARDED

This year Aquidneck Island Land Trust, Burrillville Land Trust & Charlestown Land Trust received funds from our Land Protection Grant Program in 2025. Since 2023, RILTC has assisted 9 land trusts in the protection of 815 acres across the state.

Board Recruitment

In 2025, RILTC launched an open board recruitment process, designed to bring new voices and expertise into the leadership team. Through this effort, we will welcome three new Board Members and five new committee members in 2025-2026, strengthening the Council's capacity and fostering the next generation of conservation leadership.

Fundraising

95

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

42

LAND TRUST MEMBERS

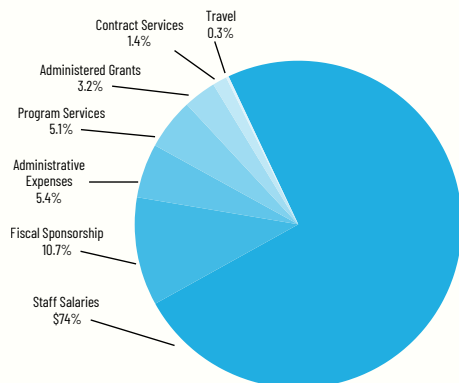
In 2024-2025, the Rhode Island Land Trust Council continued to grow support through individual giving, new sponsorships, events, and creative public engagement campaigns.



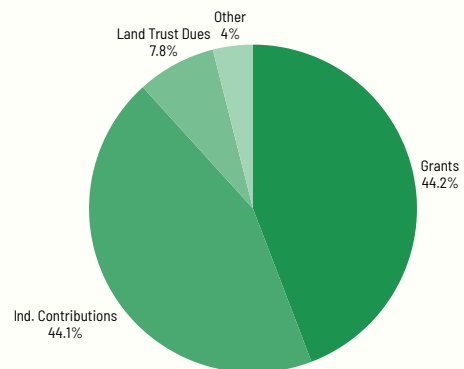
This year's 401Gives Creature Clash energized supporters across the state, with Thistle taking home the championship while helping raise critical support for the Council's work. As RILTC wound down its Campaign for Conservation, we remain focused on building long-term sustainability and strengthening its community of supporters.

FINANCIAL REPORT

FY 2025 Expenses: \$308,797



FY 2025 Revenue: \$283,119



Thanks to strong support from foundations, members, sponsors, and individual donors, the Council continued to advance its statewide conservation work throughout 2024-2025 while also evaluating the long-term structure of the Campaign for Conservation. As part of that transition, the organization absorbed a planned \$25,000 operating deficit, which was responsibly covered through previously designated campaign reserves.

2024-2025 SUPPORTERS

Organizational Members

Aquidneck Land Trust*
Audubon Society of Rhode Island
Barrington Land Conservation Trust
Block Island Land Trust
Bonnet Shores Land Trust
Borders Farm Preservation, Inc
Bridgham Farm Land Trust
Bridgham Farm Land Trust
Bristol Land Conservation Trust
Burrillville Land Trust*
Charlestown Land Trust
Clean Water Action
Conanicut Island Land Trust*
Coventry Land Trust*
Cumberland Land Trust
East Greenwich Municipal Land Trust
Foster Land Trust
Friends of Canonchet Farm
Glocester Land Trust
Hopkinton Land Trust
Johnston Land Trust
Land Conservancy of North Kingstown*
Little Compton Agricultural Conservancy Trust*
Narragansett Land Conservancy Trust
Narrow River Land Trust*
Nature Conservancy RI
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*
Southeastern Massachusetts Agricultural Partnership (SEMAP)
Tiverton Open Space Commission*
Warren Land Trust*
Warwick Land Trust*
Watch Hill Conservancy
West Bay Land Trust
West Greenwich Land Trust
Westerly Land Trust*

Supporters

\$1 - \$100

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Maryellen Doherty	Christopher Rooney
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Supporters cont...

\$101 - \$250

Mark Allio	Diane Lynch
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Davy Cutts	Joanne Riccitelli
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Jerry Frechette	Lee Robinson
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Caleb Grant	Christina Sayles
Cheryl Iannotti	Kate Smith
Chris Jenkins	Everett Stuart
Kathy King	Val Talmage
Mark Kravatz	David White
Julia Landstreet	

\$251 - \$1,000

CBIZ	Tyler Maikath
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City Greener Strategies	Craig McCarthy
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Ernest Family	RI AFL-CIO
Charitable Foundation	RI Energy
Shannon Dowling	Kate Sayles
John Gwynne	George Shuster
David Kaufman	Jennifer Suellentrop
Edward Levine	Kristen Swanberg
Carol Lynn Trocki	

\$1,001 - \$5,000

Caldwell and Johnson
Arthur Car Fund
Hazard Family Foundation
Land & Sea Together
Kenneth Payne
Barbara Rich
Allyn Streeter
Shawen Williams

\$5,000 +

Anonymous
Prince Charitable Trust
Conservation Stewardship Collaborative
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Rhode Island Foundation
Thomas Rogers
Christine Ryan
Sand Dollar Foundation
White Pine Fund
Connie Worthington and Terry Tullis

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