



FALL 2022



Our Path Forward

Protecting the natural places people love
for present and future generations

Dear Friends,

Here are the questions we are asking ourselves lately:

How much development can our peninsula accommodate? How much is too much— and where and what kind? How do we balance critical development needs, such as housing for people who work here, with the need to preserve the natural resources that support our tourism, our ocean-based economy, and us, with clean air and good drinking water from our sole-source aquifer?

What can a land trust do to help answer these questions?

First and most obviously, we can protect as many priority conservation lands as possible. You can help us do this by letting us know when an important parcel goes on the market, by letting your neighbors and friends know about our work, by supporting a land conservation project (see page 4 for details on the Bowles Field campaign), or by conserving your own land (see page 5 for Felicia Penn’s story). Each project can take a year or longer to accomplish, so we are always looking to build our pipeline of potential conservation lands.

Second, we can weigh in on critical Town decisions, such as the Twin Brooks project and the local comprehensive plan update, which provide an opportunity to consider these questions of development and to create balanced strategies for growth. You can engage as well by responding to their surveys and serving on focus groups. The more people weigh in, the better our information and results will be. A responsible plan locates development in already developed areas, such as underused malls and parking lots. Such plans will also encourage our community to be proactive about saving the places most important to our community and local ecosystems, including farms, camps, golf courses and cranberry bogs.


Third, we can work to share information about how critical our natural lands are to our economic future and overall community. We share information in many

ways, such as through our volunteers, who are trained by staff to help improve and maintain the conservation value of the lands we protect.

Partnerships new and old can also increase the power of our message. This year, events with arts and culture organizations (see page 3) connected us with new friends and members, opening our eyes to new ways for us to build engagement on the land.

However difficult or complicated the question, there is always a path forward, though it’s almost always different than what we anticipate it will be. We look forward to continuing to learn with you and share ideas about the best ways to keep Cape Cod special, beautiful, and thriving.

Sincerely,


Leigh Townes
Board President


Janet Milkman
Executive Director



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Connecting to Community

On and Off the Trail

BLT's programs have been focused on connecting people to the land and to each other in new ways.

Leading a new collaboration called *First Day Hikes Cape Cod*, BLT celebrated the new year with over 150 people at a sunrise hike and open house. Hundreds of others have participated year-round on our birding, plant identification, and nature walks and hikes.

Programming initiatives like *Words in the Wild* (featuring local poets like Cotuit's Diane Hanna pictured right), the *Art Bus*, and the *Flower Pot Music Concert* have also nurtured creative new partnerships including the Cape Cod Art Center, Cotuit Center for the Arts, Cape Cod Symphony, Cape Cod Museum Trail, Town of Barnstable Department of Natural Resources, local libraries, and others.

Next year's 40th Anniversary celebration promises even more opportunities for community collaborations that connect people to the land in inspiring new ways.



Making It Count This Year

1 New Barn at Fuller Farm

45 Land Stewardship Volunteers

69 Acres/8 Conservation Projects in Progress

\$61,338 Value of Volunteer Hours to-date in 2021



Alan Buckley



The Lay of the Land

Fuller Farm Welcomes the Community Once More

True to Barbara Fuller’s wishes, BLT has renewed the community and agricultural history of Fuller Farm. We have constructed a new post and beam barn to store and maintain BLT’s land stewardship equipment and support farm-related workshops and educational programs. We are especially grateful to volunteers Peter Pometti, Beth Odence and Ben Canavan for



Alan Budney

their contribution of time, skills and direction. Through partnerships with Resilient Roots on a permaculture garden, Goat Green Cape Cod, and the Marston Mills Historical Society on researching the farm’s agricultural history, the farm promises to continue growing new roots in the community.



Beth Greeley

Bowles Field To Be Preserved for Future Generations

Since the 1990’s, Barnstable Land Trust has been working with the Brazelton family to conserve large parcels of their once 100-acre farm near Barnstable Harbor.

With the completion next year of the Bowles Field conservation project, this decades-long effort will preserve the last parcels of a 23-acre field of native bluestem grasses that serves as a wildlife corridor extending between Maraspin Creek and the harbor.

A unique and treasured vista for hundreds of neighborhood walkers, residents, and visitors will continue to be there for future generations. Our community is thankful for the foresight and leadership of the Brazelton family and willingness to work with Barnstable Land Trust in preserving this iconic landscape.

Advocating for Creative Conservation and Development Solutions

After months of community outreach and engagement, BLT presented several creative concept plans developed by urban design and planning firm, Utile, to accommodate open space, housing and environmental goals for the Twin Brooks Golf Course in Hyannis.

BLT and Utile's work has increased awareness about how conservation and housing could work together in a smaller, smarter development that supports a more healthy, active neighborhood.

At the same time, BLT worked with the Cape Cod Commission as the leading advocate for a stakeholder review process on how recreational and working green spaces like farms, ballfields, bogs, and golf courses should be considered for open space mitigation; to date, the Commission's feedback has been inconclusive.

These are just a few examples of how we advocate for creative solutions that balance conservation with other community needs.



Our Home Forever Protected

Felicia Penn has been living in the same house, half a block from Hyannis Harbor, since 1953, when she was 6 months old. She remembers when there was only one ferry, very few businesses on Main Street, and playing on nearby sand dunes on the harbor.

An active community leader, Felicia has been a visible advocate for the region's economic growth and sustainability. And as a lifetime resident with a profound appreciation for protecting and preserving our natural assets, she is partnering with BLT to place a conservation restriction on her property

bordering the Great Marsh in Cummaquid. The restriction will protect the land from development forever.

The land and a neighboring parcel with their parents' house was important to the family. With the death of their parents, Felicia and her sister were looking for a way to maintain ownership of the land but keep it undeveloped.

As Felicia said, "Now is the time to be mindful of how undeveloped land is treated. I think we owe that to the generations that follow us."

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Why Support Barnstable Land Trust?

It has never been more important to protect the natural places that make Cape Cod and the Town of Barnstable so special. Donations and memberships help fund urgent conservation, advocacy, land stewardship, and projects like Fuller Farm.

With Gratitude

Thank you for honoring those you care for and supporting their love of nature

Gift Dedications from September 23, 2021 – September 12, 2022

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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Revenues, Gains and Other Support

For Year Ended December 31, 2021

Contributions & Grants	\$ 774,737
Memberships	\$ 115,171
Investment income, net	\$ 35,095
Realized & unrealized gains	\$ 222,688
PPP grant	\$ 41,528
Other income	\$ 3,891
Fundraising Events, net	\$ 12,020

Total Revenues, Gains & Other Support **\$ 1,205,130¹**

Expenses

Program	\$ 507,950
Administration	\$ 38,829
Fundraising	\$ 69,052

Total Expenses **\$ 615,831**

Changes in Net Assets **\$ 588,299²**

¹ Includes funds for land and other capital projects.

² Consists mainly of funds restricted for land conservation.



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Rachel Carboni.

Teens on the Trails The next generation of land stewards are already planting seeds for our future. William McNamara III, a Cotuit Eagle Scout, recently completed a new boardwalk project at Eagle Pond, and a group of Sturgis Charter Public School seniors performed a service day at Bell Farm. The future looks bright as we plan for more field-based learning projects with local schools.

Hikes and History

Thanks to the support of a generous and visionary donor, we designed and printed 20,000 free copies of three new maps filled with helpful information: the Barnstable Trail Guide, Cape Cod Pathways Trail Guide, and Eagle Pond and Little River Sanctuary Trail Guide.

The Eagle Pond and Little River guide provides natural and human history of the property. The Cape Cod Pathways map includes many “ancient ways” of the indigenous inhabitants from as far back as 10,000 years ago.

Pick up your free copy in local libraries, visitor centers and BLT’s office or access the [digital versions at BLT.org](http://BLT.org).



About Barnstable Land Trust

Barnstable Land Trust (BLT) is a community-support nonprofit whose mission is to preserve the natural resources and special places in the Town of Barnstable and nearby areas. We have conserved over 1,100 acres and supported the Town in protecting over 11,000 more.