

Chatham Conservation Foundation, Inc.

Chatham's Land Trust



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2022 ANNUAL REPORT

A Message from CCF Leadership

As we celebrate our 60th Anniversary, we wish to acknowledge and thank all the members, trustees, staff, and volunteers who have generously shared their time, talents, and donations to help us sustain our mission of preserving the land for the benefit of the people, plants, animals, and ecosystems of Chatham.

Volunteers have always been an essential part of our success and thanks to the efforts of our Land Steward, CCF members and AmeriCorp we are opening a new trail behind the Atwood house on Stage Harbor Road. The time-consuming process required for property restorations is showing the positive results we've expected and will be even more efficient with the addition of CCF's first truck.

This past year has been one of challenges with the lingering pandemic, but with a change in leadership, hiring a new Executive Director, has led to an increase in our community engagement. In the coming year, we look forward to welcoming more visitors to our trails, the Mayo House, on our guided walks and to special events in collaboration with our community partners.

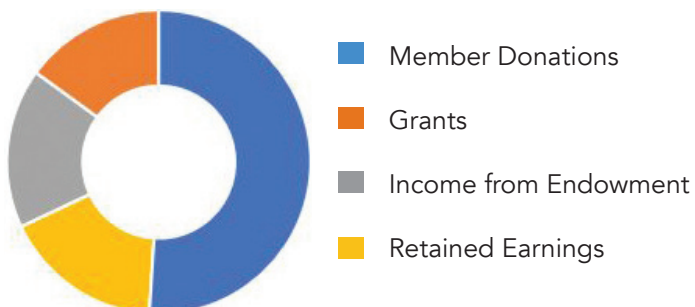
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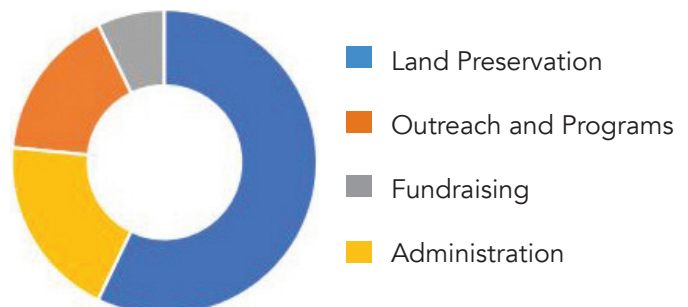
CCF's current fiscal year runs from August 1, 2021, to July 31, 2022. The charts below summarize CCF's sources of income and expenditures, projected through July 31, 2022*. The financial support that we receive from you and so many other partners is central to CCF's ongoing efforts to protect and preserve the natural beauty of our very special town.

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Total for Fiscal Year: \$288,925

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Total for Fiscal Year: \$300,642

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Due to the contributions of many, including our members, donors and volunteers, much has been accomplished by CCF this year including the following:

LAND PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION

- Planted over 65 shrubs and grasses at Menekish (corner of Old Harbor and Shore Roads), as part of Phase 1 of the restoration project and began Phase 2.
- Continued restoration work at sites on Old Queen Ann Road, Barclay Pond, and the Nickerson archaeological dig site.
- Completed study of the health of the Cockle Cove marsh.
- Frost Fish Creek Restoration designated a DER (Mass. Div. of Ecological Restoration) Priority Project. Met regularly with DOT, DER, the Town, and other partners on the project.
- Engaged with 29 land stewardship volunteers through 30 work events and related preservation projects.
- Hosted 8 AmeriCorps service projects
- With our AmeriCorps member Kas, conducted invasive species monitoring on 28 property assemblages. Completed a study of invasive plants at Barclay Pond, including an educational brochure.
- With the help of CCF members, AmeriCorps and dedicated volunteers, created a new trail at the Mill Pond Overlook off Stage Harbor Road.

OUTREACH AND PROGRAMS

- Conducted more than 10 guided walks, including trips to Strong Island, Frost Fish Creek, and a mushroom identification walk and talk.
- Collaborated with Friends of Trees, the Eldredge Library and other Cape Cod Land trusts on walks, including the inaugural First Day Hikes and annual Poetry Walk.
- Increased fundraising by over 12%.
- Awarded our educational scholarship to Charlotte Blute, a Monomoy High School graduate.
- Trustees and AmeriCorps member Kas conducted on-line and in-person education and training sessions on plant identification, invasive species, and pollinators
- Kicked off CCF's 60th anniversary celebrations with a banner at Mayo House and a historical display inside.
- Returned to having an in-person Annual Meeting, the first time since Covid
- Hosted 6 AmeriCorps members who lived at the Devine House in South Chatham for their term of service

ADMINISTRATION

- Welcomed two new Board members
- Welcomed our new Executive Director and Administrative Assistant
- In recognition of her outstanding work, named Julie Baca our Director of Land Stewardship
- Rehabilitated the second floor of the Mayo House for office and workspace for staff and volunteers

Chatham Conservation Foundation, Inc.
You are cordially invited to the
CCF Annual Meeting
 Monday, August 15th at 5:30 PM
 at Weyquassett Inn
 Guest Speaker: David O'Neill
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Volunteers planting along the new Mill Pond Overlook Trail



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