

30th Anniversary Report & Annual Meeting Program



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Dear KLT Members,

October, 2018

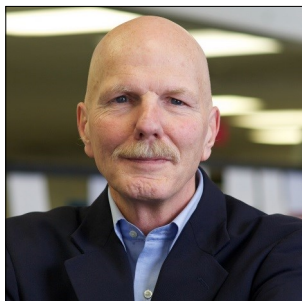
Happy Anniversary!

Over the past thirty years, with your support, we have conserved over 6,200 acres on seventy properties and have constructed 45 miles of trails for everyone to enjoy. Our dedicated staff, board members, advisors, summer interns, and volunteer land stewards monitor these properties, build and maintain trails, and offer programs about conservation and the natural world for residents and visitors to Maine. From the woodlands at the peak of Mount Pisgah to the Davidson Nature Preserve blueberry fields and fen, we have so much to be proud of!

This year we completed a rigorous process to achieve national accreditation from the Land Trust Alliance Accreditation Commission. Early this spring, we received a Source Award from the Portland Press Herald to honor Local Wood WORKS, a KLT inspired partnership focused on keeping forests as forests and promoting sustainable natural-resource based economies. And, this fall the Winthrop Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce presented the Trust with their 2018 Public Service Award and the City of Augusta recognized KLT with the Mayor's Recognition of Excellence Award.

KLT continues to be guided by an impressive Board of Directors and Advisors who are respected community leaders committed to the Trust's mission, sound governance, and financial sustainability. The KLT Board recently met to begin the process of updating our strategic plan, our governing document.

We are grateful every day for your continued and generous support and the beauty of the natural world around us.



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Kim Vandermeulen'.

Kim Vandermeulen, President



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Theresa Kerchner'.

Theresa Kerchner, Executive Director

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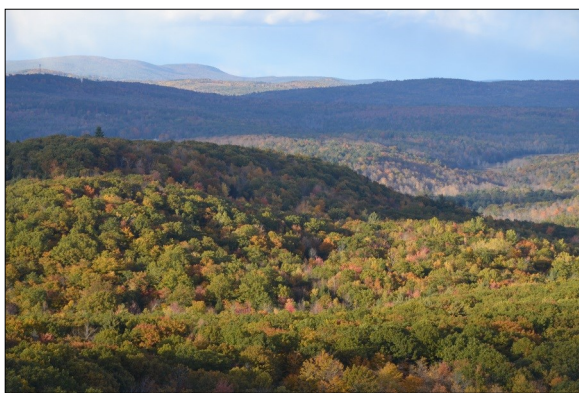
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Hodgdon Island Photo: Norm Rodrigue

Kennebec Land Trust Legacy Society

The Trust's Legacy Society is a group of forward-thinking KLT supporters who care about the future of land conservation in central Maine and have chosen to make planned gifts that ensure our long-term success as a regional conservation leader. We thank the following individuals and families for their contributions to our Legacy Society. If you would like more information about making planned gifts to KLT, please be in touch with Theresa Kerchner, Executive Director, at the KLT office: 207-377-2848 or TKerchner@tklt.org.



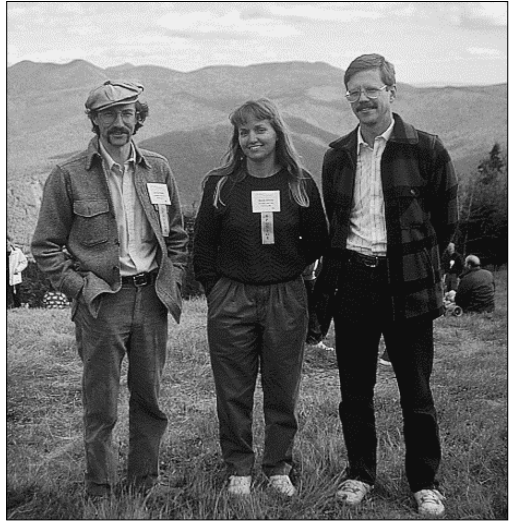
View from Mount Pisgah, Brian Kent

Thank You KLT Conservation Leaders

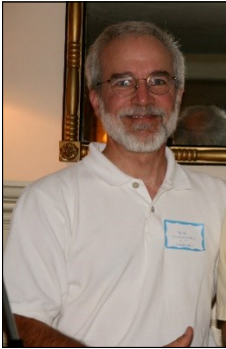
KLT's twenty-eight **Conservation Leaders** are far-sighted members who are able and willing to give \$1,000 or more annually in combined membership dues or in pledge donations. These donors are part of a committed group of members who understand that the Trust's current and future conservation work and financial sustainability depends on larger long-term gifts. We deeply appreciate their support of KLT and land conservation.

KLT Presidents

Jym A. St. Pierre	1988-'91
Wendy Dennis	1991-'93
Howard Lake	1993-'95
Norm Rodrigue	1995-'97
Jeff Pidot	1997-'99
Jim Connors	1999-'01
Andy Fisk	2001-'03
Glenn Hodgkins	2003-'05
Deb Sewall	2005-'07
Bob Marvinney	2007-'09
Cheryl Harrington	2009-'11
Stan Eller	2011-'13
Brian Kent	2013-'15
Mary Denison	2015-'18
Kim Vandermeulen	2018-



*Jym St. Pierre, Wendy Dennis, & Howard Lake
at the 1991 Land Trust Rally in
Waterville Valley, New Hampshire*



*From left: Bob Marvinney - 2009 Annual Meeting
Brian Kent - 2015 Annual Meeting, Photos: Jane Davis.
Mary Denison - 2017 Annual Meeting, Photo: © Jym St. Pierre*

Land Trust Incorporators, 1988

Jym St. Pierre	Harold Blake	Wilbur Foss
Howard Lake	Wendy Dennis	Sen. Charles Dow
Jerry Bley	Aaron Whitcomb	Rep. Omar Norton
John St. Andre	Bob Mohlar	Lloyd Irland
Ken Spalding	Lloyd Brace	Holly Dominie
Claudia Sait	Mark Ishkanian	John Daggett
Allan Toubman	Norman Erickson	

KLT Milestones

30th Anniversary: KLT interns and volunteers work with the City of Augusta to clear invasives and build trails on Howard Hill. KLT receives accreditation from the Land Trust Alliance Accreditation Commission. 6,200 acres conserved!

At 25 Years: KLT purchases and moves to our current building at **331 Main Street in Winthrop**. Our new building has staff offices, a conference room, and parking for visitors. KLT made energy efficiency updates including installing a wood pellet boiler. This move was made possible by generous donor support, and many volunteers that helped us to move and continue to help us maintain the building and grounds.

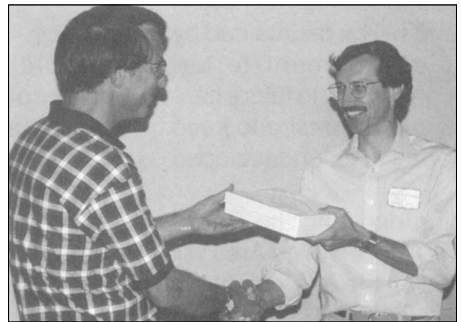
At 20 Years: KLT hosts the **Abigail Holman Farmland Conservation and Education Program**. School children in Fayette, Mt. Vernon, Vienna, Manchester, Readfield and Wayne interviewed farmers and visited local farms to learn about the importance of conserving farmland.

At 15 years: KLT holds first **annual stewardship training**. Every year, we invite our volunteer stewards (currently 70 dedicated individuals) to hear a natural resources speaker and to share updates on their properties. For many years, Gloria and Lincoln Ladd have generously hosted our group for a brunch. Our first steward workshop was hosted at one of our conservation easement properties, Camp Bearnstow, on Echo Lake, in Mount Vernon. Tin Smith from the Wells Reserve was the inaugural speaker.

At 10 years: The infamous **ice storm of '98** batters Maine, and the KLT community and our properties are no exception. Many residents lost power for days. Our forests took a hard hit, and the stewardship committee was very busy at our properties such as Vaughan Woods and Wyman Memorial Forest. Maine's forests still show signs of this storm and forestry researchers have taken a close look at the impact of this disturbance and subsequent forest succession.

At 5 years: KLT completes its first major fundraising campaign. The organization reaches its goal to raise \$42,000 to purchase **Sheep (Perry) Island on Cobbossee Lake**.

In 1988: Concerned community members and local municipalities meet to address planning and growth issues in Kennebec County. KLT is incorporated on November 4th.



*Jeff Pidot congratulates Jym St. Pierre on completing his service as a KLT Director
1998 Annual Meeting*

Reflections on Thirty Years

On our 20th anniversary, then chair of the Development Committee, now Lands Committee member, **Norm Rodrigue** wrote the cover story for our Spring 2008 newsletter, exploring what the future held for our organization. Some of his predictions were spot on, but what we did not know then was that we were on the brink of the financial crisis and great recession. This summer, Kirsten Brewer, Director of Membership and Programs, sat down with him to follow up.

KB: Let's go back in time, what were you up to in 2008?

NR: I was still working. Within the KLT world, I was still on the board and we were trying to take a long view of raising funds to make sure KLT was in good financial shape. We were making investments in technology at that time. We were scratching the surface of becoming more professional. It was all volunteer, except for Theresa, who was the Stewardship Director at the time.



Norm Rodrigue at Hutchinson Pond

KB: You wrote, “We will need more professional support and full time staff.”

NR: Pretty much Theresa was doing everything, despite her title. And soon we called her what she was, which was Executive Director.

KB: What is so interesting, is that you wrote this in the winter of 2008, right before the recession, and the organization managed to stay on track with most of the goals you set forth.



Norm Rodrigue (second from left) receiving the Leaders and Luminaries award from the Bank of Maine in 2011 with Theresa Kerchner (second from right) and Stan Eller (right)

NR: Yes, but those were tough times. It was good from the standpoint of the setback in the land development world – it set it back almost a decade. But on the other hand, it was a little bit scary for us in terms of raising funds for KLT. I don't think we ever saw a huge impact. There might have been a year, between 2009 and 2010 where our annual membership fundraising leveled, but I don't think we ever slipped. Otherwise we had been growing steadily. That was in part due to our board's efforts to fundraise and stay in touch with our members and hold onto what we had. Even if you were okay, you held onto what you had because you were worried. People were much more conservative with their giving. We did do well considering the circumstances.

KB: The first line in your 2008 essay is, *development pressures will continue and land values will rise, necessitating a more strategic and focused approach to pursuing our objectives.*

NR: It was brief in terms of that trend: the development pressure slowed down, and that helped us a lot. The Board realized that we had to get strategic and focus on how we approached our land conservation work. And that, I think was a major milestone. We invested time and resources in a strategic conservation plan so we could use our limited resources effectively.

KB: What was first in that process?

NR: We did a broad survey of the members, and then we spent more time with the key players - the board, the advisory board, and others - to get input. We used existing resources that the state and other organizations offered.

KB: You wrote, “We will only see demand on recreation areas increase.” Do you think that's happened?



*Mort Libby and Barbara Libby, KLT Advisors,
and Cheryl Harrington, past President,
2008 Annual Meeting.*



*Norm Rodrigue and Howard Lake
2015 Annual Meeting Photo, © Jym St. Pierre*

NR: Yes, I think people are getting out. We keep worrying about kids and screens, but there is a lot of stuff going on outside. It's not huge crowds, but people are getting out. Not just trails, but people are paddling on lakes, streams, and ponds.

When people move into an area, the first thing they ask is, “Where are the trails?” Take the rail trail, for example. My wife Lynn and I use it several times

a week, mostly by bicycle. And I can remember when the trail advocates tried to build it. It was controversial, and they had to fight for several years for approval. I can't imagine Augusta, Hallowell, Farmingdale, and Gardiner without it. Likewise, Vaughan Woods is a destination for hundreds and hundreds of people. That's what Howard Hill will be in a couple of years when the trail system is complete.

KB: You also wrote about education.

NR: Parents want to get their kids involved in outdoor programs. Well-planned educational programs are really attractive. I think we could do more. The key is to do it in an organized way with schools like what we do at the Curtis Homestead Conservation Area. I always thought we should offer more programs for less privileged kids who might not have summer camp opportunities and are stuck inside. We would need additional staff and equipment, but these programs would help kids get out in nature.

KB: You also wrote about the importance of partnerships?

NR: Yes, I think we've had great success there. In particular, what Theresa has done with Local Wood WORKS. We've essentially taken a small, regional land trust, and parlayed it into having a state-wide influence through our partnerships with major industry groups, state government, and other nonprofits. It's an example of being able to do a lot more than just being a successful, small, local non-profit. We are having a broader impact.

*June, 2018 LWW meeting @ CEI.
Back from left: Harold Burnett, Two
Trees Forestry; Tom Abello, TNC;
Nancy Smith, GrowSmart, Sue Bell &
Theresa Kerchner, KLT; Ken Laustsen,
MFS; Lloyd Irland, The Irland
Group; Keith Bision, CEI; Front:
Ted Wright, TCNF; Lee Burnett,
LWW; Morten Moesswilde, MFS,
Kirsten Brewer, KLT.
Not present: Warren Whitney, MCHT
& Amanda Beal, MFT.
Photo: Kevin Smith, CEI*



*Hallowell Conservation Commission
Effie L. Berry Conservation Area Dedication, 2018
Photo: Kevin Kane*



KLT Awards 2018



SOURCE SUSTAINABILITY

The Portland Press Herald 2018 Source Award highlighted our Local Wood WORKS partnership and our collective commitment to the long term well-being of Maine's forests and waters, wildlife, and communities. Many thanks to the Press Herald staff and the Source Award sponsors!

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD FROM THE WINTHROP LAKES REGION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Gene Carbona, owner of The Barn at Silver Oaks Estate. Brian Ketchen, owner of Dave's Appliance, Inc., & Theresa Kerchner, Director of Kennebec Land Trust. KLT received the Community Service Award for our dedication to preserve land for public use and recreation in Central Maine.



*Winthrop Lakes Region
Chamber of Commerce
Annual Meeting September 18, 2018*



*Howard Hill Historical Park
Photo: Norm Rodrigue*

MAYOR'S RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE AWARD CITY OF AUGUSTA

On Thursday, October 4, 2018 KLT was recognized at the Augusta City Council meeting for our work to conserve the 164-acre Howard Hill Historical Park. This award was created to recognize and honor organizations whose efforts have showcased the City of Augusta as a special place to live, work or recreate.

Ronald Joseph Internship Program

During their eight-week internship, our hard-working college students tackle an impressive number of projects: trail building and maintenance; invasive species control; educational programming for school-aged children and property visitors; research focused on important conservation topics; writing press releases and grant proposals; and assisting with routine office work. For more information about KLT's summer internship program and to view past intern research projects, visit tklt.org/internship.

Jack and Jordan - thank you for your dedication to land conservation and for your impressive work for KLT this summer!

KLT Interns

Elizabeth (Beth) Shattuck	2004, 2005	Amanda Lavigueur	2011
Maddy Edwards	2004	Constance Kent	2011
Lauren Kennedy	2004	Teresa Withee	2012
Andy McLeod	2005, 2006	Veronique Vendette	2012
Daniel Perkins	2005	Hannah Caswell	2013
Jon Hillier	2006	Lauren Dryburgh	2013
Kali Abel	2006	Rich Nagle	2013
Emily Perkins	2008	Selena Bachelder	2014
Andy McEvoy	2008	Avery Siler	2015
Bryan Prelgovisk	2008, 2009	Simon Pritchard	2015
Colin Jones	2009	Josh Caldwell	2016
Katie Epstein	2009	Toby Smith	2016
Sam Whittemore	2009	Jane Tekin	2017
Katie Jennings	2010	Anna Hodgkins	2017
Nathalie Woolworth	2010	Drew Perlmutter	2017
Wade Davis	2010	Jack Daley	2018
Aaron Kaplan	2011	Jordan Tanguay	2018

*Jack Daley & Jordan Tanguay
2018 Ronald Joseph Interns
with Jean-Luc Theriault,
Stewardship Director
Ezra Smith Wildlife
Conservation Area,
Photo: Pat Theriault*



Where are KLT interns now?

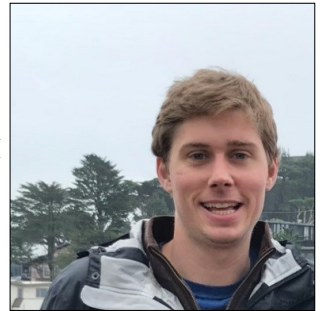
We are proud of our past interns and their accomplishments. Many of KLT's interns have gone on to interesting careers in conservation. We heard recently from three former interns: Avery Siler, our 2015 intern and 2016 conservation assistant, Wade Davis, 2010 summer intern, and Amanda Lavigneur, 2011 summer intern.



Avery Siler: After two amazing summers with KLT, I knew that land conservation and land trusts were the career I wanted to explore. After college, I moved to NE Pennsylvania to work for the Delaware Highlands Conservancy. While there, I worked on conservation easement transactions, especially for agricultural land, wrote

baseline documentation reports, and coordinated outreach and communications for a region-wide grant program providing funding for farmers and forest owners to implement sustainable management practices on their land. Currently, I am about to start a new position with The Nature Conservancy, working on their real estate gift planning team, which handles donations of real estate that are then sold and the profits used to fund mission-related programs. I'm excited for this new challenge, and know that the skills I learned at KLT will serve me well in this and any other future position!

Wade Davis: I am still working in the environmental realm! After graduating from Williams College, I spent three years at The Brattle Group, a consulting firm in San Francisco, where I mostly worked on projects related to time-varying energy pricing. Now, I am beginning my third year of a PhD program in energy and environmental economics at the Yale School of Forestry. My research focuses on economic analysis of policy issues in the electricity industry and private vehicle transportation.”



Amanda Lavigneur: Since graduating from Colby, I've been working as a project manager on the inpatient pharmacy team at Epic, a healthcare software company that provisions Electronic Health Record (EHR) software based out of Madison, WI (fun fact: most hospitals in the US use our software including Maine Health!). At a high level, we discover what workflows we can streamline, where we can capture more revenue, and how we can increase patient safety for our installing organizations. On the day to day, I am managing and guiding a team of analysts at my customer site who are customizing the system for their organization and leading pharmacy operations through the decision making and clinical review processes involved in getting their EHR ready.

Interns' Vaughan Woods Wednesdays

For the second year, KLT interns are supporting our friends at the Vaughan Woods and Historic Homestead. Every Wednesday, Vaughan Woods hosts children from the city of Hallowell's recreation program. Children visit Vaughan Woods for an environmental education or history program, and depending on the weather, get to spend a lot of time out in the woods. They host the youngest children on week one, and every week an older age group joins them until the program ends.

Kate Tremblay, Executive Director at Vaughan Woods, says "The Kennebec Land Trust Interns provide youthful positive role models - its wonderful for our local kids to be exposed to young adults who are pursuing a career in conservation and who genuinely love and care for the natural world. We are grateful for this partnership and truly enjoy getting to know the interns each year!"

This partnership has been a great opportunity for KLT to support the Vaughan Homestead and to help create meaningful outdoor experiences for youth in our community. Jordan Tanguay, one of our 2018 interns, said, "The other day, we walked up through the stream catching eels and frogs, and saw a snapping turtle. The kids also made stick boats, went searching for butterflies in the field, and got a kick out of watching the Vaughan Woods chickens. I think the kids really like learning about local history and the environment in a non-classroom setting and it's a lot of fun for us, too."



*Vaughan Woods & Historic Homestead Directors- Left to right
Geo Gibson, Ellen Gibson, David Gibson, & Andy Fisk, former KLT
land steward and past President, Photo: Theresa Kerchner, 2008*

March Lyceum and Lecture Series

This past March, KLT hosted our 16th annual Lyceum lecture series. We welcomed four professionals to share their research on Maine's amphibians and reptiles. In April we hosted two field walks, first at Rosmarin and Saunders Family Forest, and then at the Gott Pasture Preserve, to explore vernal pools.

The KLT winter lectures are modeled after the early New England lyceums that began in 1826 in Massachusetts. For many years, New England lyceums hosted lectures, debates, and concerts for public audiences. KLT's March Lyceum and the associated field programs are supported by the Ladd Family.

Our first "Lyceum" was not yet called the Lyceum. The Spring 2003 newsletter mentions the "Community Ornithology Series...with an inspiring presentation by Ronald Joseph, wildlife biologist, with the US Fish and Wildlife Service." Our 15th Lyceum in 2017, brought Ron out of retirement to again present on Maine Birds and their Habitats. We hope to see you for our 17th annual lecture series:

Maine Insects: Ecology and Conservation

March 14, 21, 28, 2019

Speakers:

Hamish Greig, Charlene Donahue, & Roger Rittmaster



*KLT Director Howard Lake
and KLT Advisor Ron Joseph
Photo: Brian Kent*



*Great Blue Heron
Photo: Phil Downes*

KLT Property Stewards - 2018

Jane Andrews, *Mount Pisgah CA*
Brooke Barnes, *Fogg Farm CA*
Peggy & John Barnes, *Tyler CA*
Tom Bartol, *Cobbossee Islands*
Nancy Birkhimer, *Small-Burnham CA & Samuel Hutchinson CA*
Ian Burnes, *Cobbossee Stream CA*
Susan Burns & John Whitney, *Vienna Woods*
Jim & Susan Caldwell, *Rolling Dam Brook Preserve & Donohoe Preserve*
Stephen Condon, *Webber-Rogers CA*
Jim Connors, *Mount Pisgah CA*
Dave Courtemanch, *Ezra Smith Wildlife CA*
Leslie Burhoe, *Besse Historic CA*
Tom Danielson, *Rosmarin & Saunders Family Forest*
Jed Davis, *KLT Stewardship Committee*
Jane & Stan Davis, *Perkins Woods*
Philip Downes, *Reynolds Forest*
Jim & Muffy Floyd, *McGurdy Stream Preserve*
Sarah P. Fuller, *Oatway Preserve*
Jane Giglio, *Sturtevant Farm Scenic Area*
Nate Gray, *Seawards Mills CA*
Glenn Hodgkins, *Parker Pond Preserve*
Jill Ippoliti, *Oatway Preserve*
Charlie Jacobs, *Gott Pasture*
Jeffrey Janell, *Gannett Woods*
Ann Judd & Ron Giard
Mathews Wildlife Habitat, Echo 1, 11, 111
Kevin & Mary Kane, *Cobbossee Islands*
Brian Kent, *Holman CA*
Brenda & Howard Lake, *Macdonald Woods*
Ed Lake, *Curtis CA*
Charlie and Linda Lincoln, *Mount Pisgah*
Fred Hurley, *Norris Island*
Marc Loiselle, *Peter Miller Woodland*
Jon Lund & Joan Sturmthal, *Cobbossee Islands*
Reed and Penny Markley, *Westman Woods*
Cathy McCue, *Gott Pasture*

John McPhedran, *Torsey Pond Outlet CA*
John & Molly Melrose,
Vassalboro Wildlife Habitat
Paul Mitnik, *Seawards Mills CA*
Cathie Murray & Mike Waters,
Vaughan Woods
Robert Peale, *Rosmarin CA*
Jim Perkins, *KLT office*
Betsy & Nate Poulin, *Davidson Nature Preserve*
Ralph Record, *Gott Pasture Preserve*
Norm Rodrigue, *Hutchinson Pond*
Joe Sanders, *Hutchinson Pond*
Ansley & Janet Sawyer, *Howard Hill*
Amanda Dow-Smith & Richard Smith,
Parker Pond Preserve
Andy Smith, *Hutchinson Pond*
Tim and Luvia Sniffen,
Torsey Pond Nature Preserve
Erin Lloyd & Ben Sturtevant,
Effie L. Berry CA
Andy Tolman, *David Pond Conservation Area & St. Andre Fields*
Andy Walsh, *Peter Miller Woodland*
Milton R. Wright, *Torsey Pond Nature Preserve*

Stewards at Large:

Jed Davis
Mark Reed
Charlie & Linda Lincoln



Camp Bearnston, Photo: Brian Kent



KLT Outing Club visits the Peter Miller Conservation Area, Vienna in 2015.

Photo: Kevin Kane



Bob Kimber, KLT Advisor, Deb Sewall, KLT Director & past President, Elizabeth Davidson, Land Donor & KLT Advisor, Betsy Poulin, Davidson Nature Preserve Steward, Molly Melrose, Vassalboro Wildlife Habitat Steward, Stan Eller, past President, and Theresa Kerchner, at Davidson Nature Preserve

Photo: Ron Joseph

Congratulations to the Competitors!

Since 2014, KLT has hosted a Tri-Sport challenge before our Annual Meeting. Participants swim, paddle, and run, as individuals or in teams. Congratulations to all of our past participants and winners!

2018 Women's Individual: Peggy Barnes **Men's Individual:** Bouker Pool **Under 18 Winner:** Levi Lilienthal **Relay Winners:** Kevin Lohela & Tina-Marie Lohela

2017 Women's Individual: Lauren Jacobs **Men's Individual:** Bouker Pool **Under 18 Winner:** Clayton House **Relay Winners:** Darcy Whittemore, Henry Whittemore, Cheryl Marvinney, & Steve Monsulick

2016 Women's Individual: Peggy Barnes **Men's Individual:** Bouker Pool **Under 18 Winner:** Levi Lilienthal **Relay Winners:** Luca DeAngelis, Tyler DeAngelis, & Mary Erb

2015 Women's Individual: Kendra Emery **Men's Individual:** Nicholas Citriglia **Relay Winner:** Luca DeAngelis, Tyler DeAngelis, & Mary Erb

2014 Women's Individual: Kate Silverman **Men's Individual:** Sean Kerwin **Under 18 Winner:** Kristen Phillips **Relay Winner:** Joshua Keniston, Marty Keniston, Tyler Keniston, & Lindsey May



*2014 Tri-Sport Challenge
Photo: Brian Kent*

Tri-Sport Challenge



swim



paddle



run

Annual Meeting Award Recipients

At past Annual Meetings KLT has recognized leaders in our community. We recognize our volunteers, property stewards, and other conservation leaders in our community.

Member of the Year

1999 Theresa Kerchner

Outstanding Service:

2002 Jym St.Pierre & Jeff Pidot
2004 Mary Sturtevant
2007 Ann Judd
2008 Robert Mohlar
2014 Amy Trunnell

Harry Dwyer Forest Stewardship Award:

2014 Bruce Bell & Nat Bell
2015 Harold Burnett
2016 Vinnie Birtwell
2017 Ken Laustsen

Stewardship Award:

2002 David Stevenson &
Andrew Bosworth
2003 Diana & Steve McLaughlin
2004 Tom & Donna Mickewich
2005 Stan & Jane Davis, Beth Craigie, &
George Viles
2006 Charlie Jacobs & Paul Johnson
2007 John & Molly Melrose
2008 Bob Mulliken & Ian McKinnon
2009 Brooke Barnes
2010 Jon Lund
2011 Phil Downes
2013 Cam Weaver
2014 Nicole Rhodes,
KLT Stewardship Director
2015 Milt Wright
2016 Norm Rodrigue
2017 Jed Davis
2018 Kevin & Mary Kane*

Outstanding Volunteer

2004 Jim Connors
2005 Julie Mecham
2006 Ed Lake & Andy Tolman
2007 Bea Horne
2009 Clyde Walton
2010 Mort & Barbara Libby
2011 Jane Matrisciano & Ann Judd
2012 Ginny Coady
2016 Joyce Rivers
2017 Jane Davis & Donna Buck
2018 Brenda Lake*

Howard Lake* Lifetime Achievement Award Est. 2018



Jon Lund, KLT Advisor & Steward

Please let us know if you see any errors or omissions; our records may be incomplete or inaccurate!

* 2018 Awardees

Property Listings

A fee property is one owned by KLT.

AUGUSTA

Howard Hill Historical Forest Park

164 acres

KLT Purchase in 2015

2017 Fee donated to City of Augusta, with easement held by KLT

Judy Kane Kennebec River Parcel

26 acres, fee

Protected August 2014

Land Donors: Kevin Kane,

Ailene Kane Ettinger & Nolan Kane

CHESTERVILLE

Egypt Pond Conservation Area

(part in Vienna)

238 acres

Protected 2017

Easement Donor: Stewart Myers

FARMINGDALE

Vaughan Woods

29 acres

Protected 1990 & 2012

Easement Donors: George & Diana Gibson

Vaughan Homestead Foundation

FAYETTE

David Pond Conservation Area

67 acres

Protected 2012

Easement Donor: Mary Griffith Lynch

Echo Lake Watershed Preserve III

103 acres, fee

Protected 2009, 2016

KLT Purchase; &

Land Donors: John Orestis &

Barbra Crowley

Mathews Wildlife Habitat

17 acres, fee

Protected 1997

Land Donors: Alice Polis, Jane Brogan & Stephanie Mathews

Meadow Brook Farm

256 acres

Protected 2012

Easement, Bargain Sale/Purchase:

Berndt & Elaine Graf

Parker Pond Headland Preserve

307 acres, fee

Protected 2004, 2008, & 2014

Land Donors: Erika Karp, Tony Diller &

Glenn & Sarah Hodgkins

KLT Purchase

Sturtevant Farm Scenic Area

23 acres

Protected 2002

Easement Donor: Sturtevant Loving Trust

Sturtevant Farm Scenic Area Additon

13 acres

Protected 2012

Easement Donor: Sturtevant Loving Trust

Sturtevant Meadow Brook

67 acres

Protected 2012

Easement Donor: Sturtevant Loving Trust

GARDINER

Cobbossee Stream Conservation Area

15 acres

Protected 1997

Easement Donor: City of Gardiner

Joseph R. & Dorothy M. Donohoe Preserve

11 acres

Protected 2016

Easement Donor: Dorothy Washburne

Rolling Dam Brook Preserve

17 acres, fee

Protected 2016

Land Donor: David E. Lawrence

HALLOWELL

Effie L. Berry Conservation Area

8 acres

Protected 2018

Easement Donor: City of Hallowell

Vaughan Hillside

6 acres

Protected 1994

Easement Donors: Margaret, Theodore,
May & Cecily Vaughan & Sarah Eagle

Vaughan Woods

168 acres

Protected 1990, 1994, 1999, & 2012

Easement Donors: George & Diana Gibson
& Vaughan Homestead Foundation

LEEDS

Brackett-Longley Rare Plant Preserve

40 acres, fee

Protected 2000

Land Donor: Nancy Brackett

Curtis Homestead Conservation Area

360 acres, fee

Protected 2000

Land Donors: Ken Curtis &
Rebecca Curtis Meredith

LITCHFIELD

Carter Pond Scenic Area

13 acres, fee

Protected 2007

Land Donors: Andrew J. Escoll &
Tina S. Snider

Holman Conservation Area

75 acres

Protected 2011

Easement Donor: Helen Holman

Samuel Hutchinson Homestead Conservation Area

142 acres

Protected December 2013

Easement Donors: Mark & Lindsay Nelsen

Small-Burnham Conservation Area

250 acres

Protected 2010

Easement Donors: Ina Small,
Dusty Small & Teague Morris

Webber-Rogers Farmstead Conservation Area

117 acres

Protected 2005

Easement Donors: George & Judy Rogers



Judy Rogers, Bob Mohlar, George Rogers

MANCHESTER

Jamies Pond Conservation Area

110 acres, fee

Protected 1999

Transferred to MDIFW

Bog Pond Conservation Area

90 acres, fee

Protected 2007

Land Donors: Jeffery Timm,
Cynthia Spence & Donna & Tony Mancini

Gannett Woods, (part in Readfield)

120 acres, fee

Protected 2004

Land Donors: John & Patricia Gannett

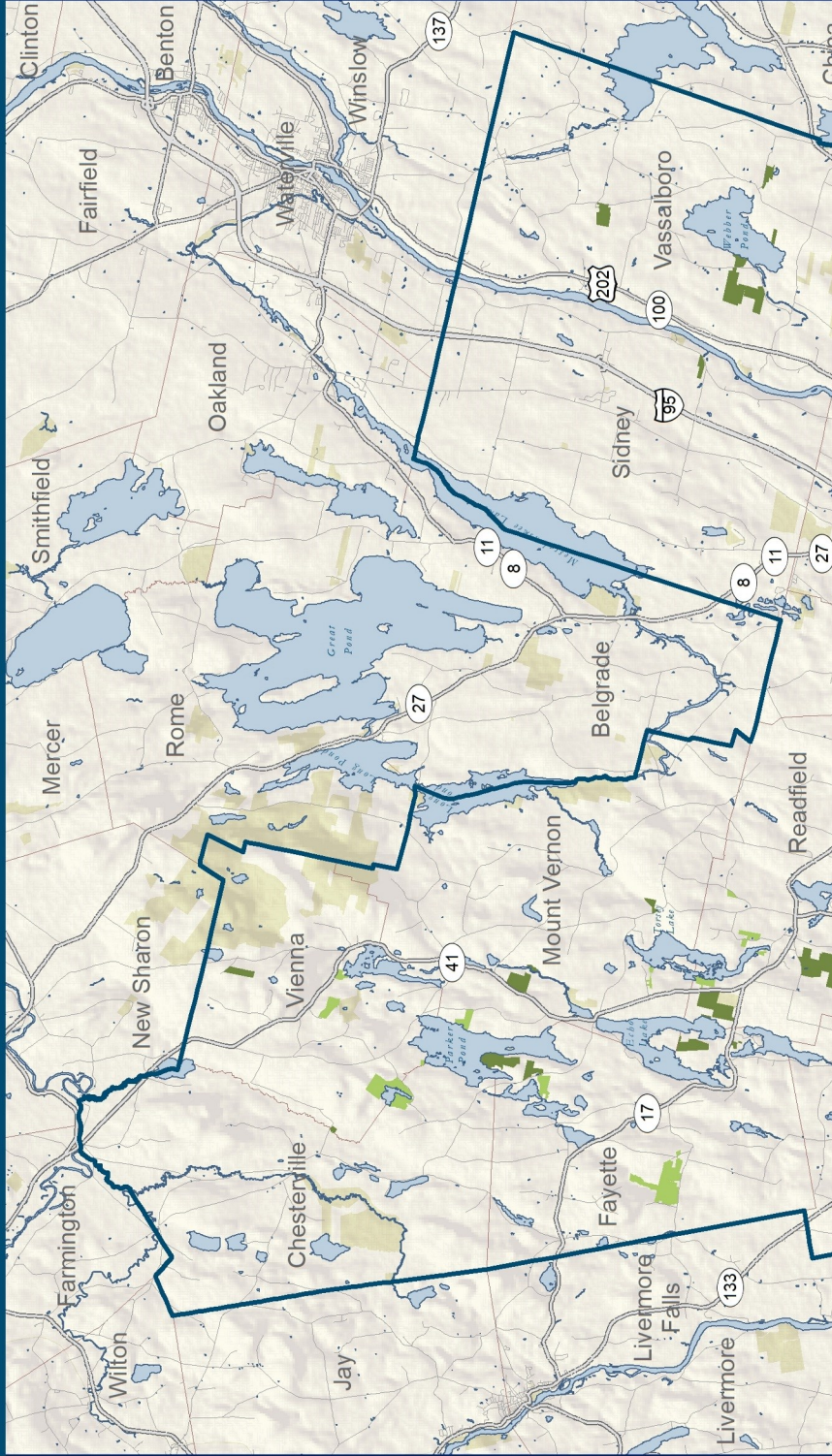
Hutchinson Pond

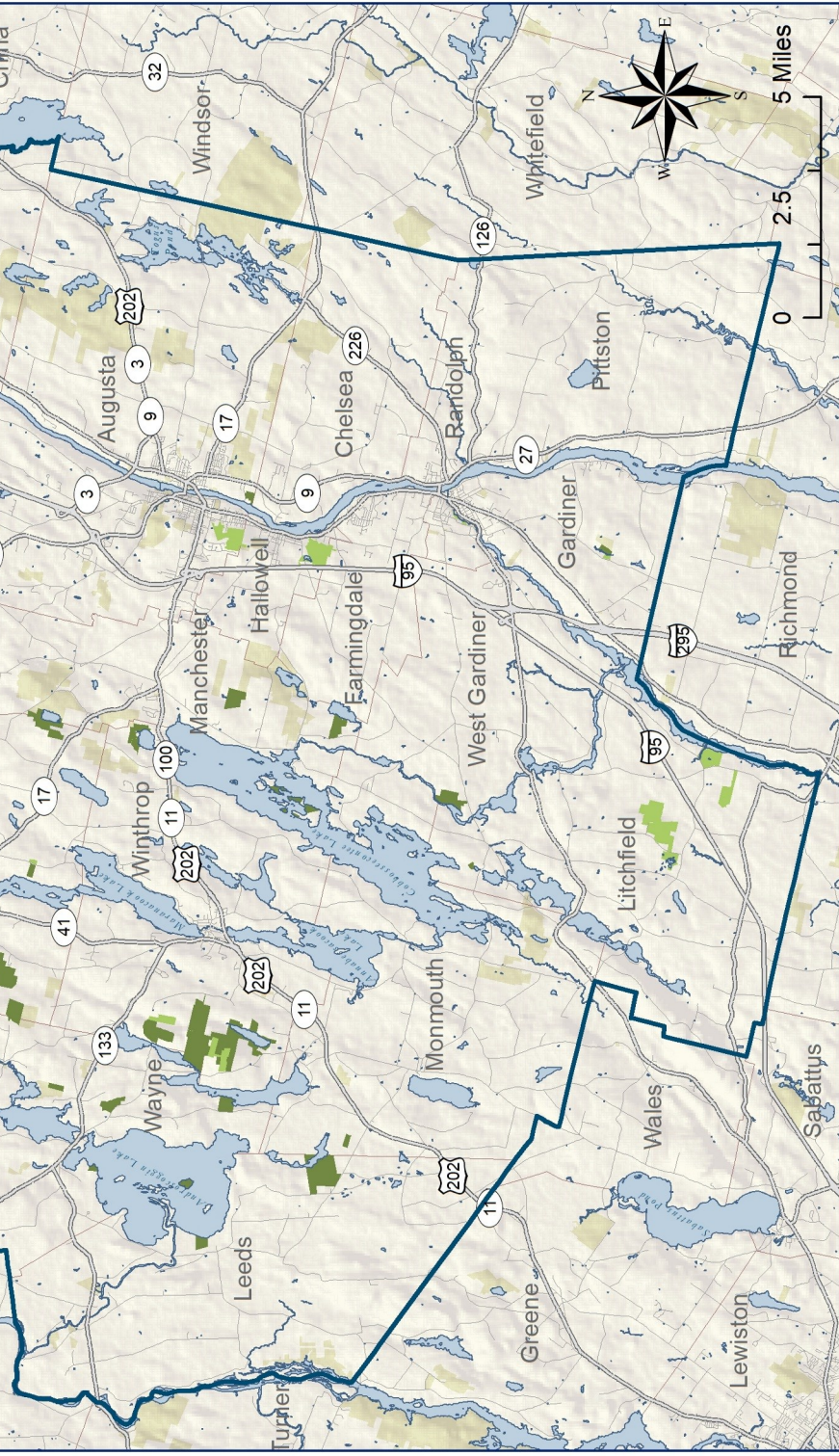
81 acres, fee





Protected 2011

Land Donor: Central Maine Power

This map illustrates the Shenandoah River watershed area in West Virginia. The river is shown in blue, flowing from the north towards the south. Major tributaries include the Potomac River, the Gauley River, and the Cheat River. The map also shows the surrounding landscape, including mountains, valleys, and towns. Key towns labeled include Farmington, New Sharon, Vienna, Mount Vernon, Fayette, and Readfield. Major roads are marked with numbers in circles, such as 17, 41, 27, 8, 11, 100, 95, 133, and 202. The map is oriented with North at the top.





-  KLT Service Area
-  KLT Fee
-  KLT Conservation Easement
-  Other Conserved Lands

MONMOUTH

Monmouth/Leeds Bog

23 acres, fee
Protected 2003
KLT Purchase

MOUNT VERNON

Ezra Smith Wildlife Conservation Area

163 acres, fee
Protected 2018
Land Donors: George and Linda Smith
& KLT Purchase

Torsey Shore Conservation Area

17 acres
Protected 2003
Easement Donor:
Mount Holly Incorporated

Camp Bearnstow, Parker Pond

15 acres
Protected 1994
Easement Donor: Ruth Grauret

Grauret Conservation Area

50 acres
Protected 1994
Easement Donor: Ruth Grauret

Ingham Stream Preserve

30 acres, fee
Protected 2010
Land Donor: Margot Coryell



*Bird walk - Torsey Pond Nature Preserve
2017 Photo: Kirsten Brewer*

READFIELD

Avery-Smith Shore Land

7 acres, fee
Protected 1991
Land Donor: Mary Ellen Avery

Echo Lake Watershed Preserve I & II

204 acres, fee
Protected 2004 & 2007
KLT Purchases

Fogg Farm Conservation Area

15 acres
Protected 1993
Easement Donor: Town of Readfield

Macdonald Woods (part in Wayne)

100 acres, fee
Protected 2003
Land Donors: Douglas & Jessie Macdonald

Rosmarin and Saunders Family Forest

342 acres, fee
Protected 2016
Land Donors: John & Lisa Rosmarin,
Karrie Lykins & Kelly Byron

St. Andre Fields

9 acres
Protected 1996
Easement Donors: Bep & John St. Andre

Tyler Conservation Area

45 acres
Protected 2003
Easement Donors: Mary & John G. Tyler

Torsey Pond Nature Preserve

92 acres
Protected 2003
Easement Donor: Town of Readfield

Torsey Pond Outlet Conservation Area

13 acres
Protected 2004
Easement Donor: Jean Scudder

Westman Woods Preserve

26 acres, fee

Protected 2006

Land Donor: Ilse Westman

Wyman Memorial Forest

40 acres, fee

Protected 1993

Land Donors: Heirs of Walter S. Wyman

SIDNEY

Reynolds Forest

36 acres, fee

Protected 2003 & 2004

Land Donors: Beatrice Kay Reynolds & Roger Nevells

VASSALBORO

Davidson Nature Preserve

97 acres, fee

Protected 2005

Land Donor: Elizabeth Davidson

Seawards Mills Conservation Area

44 acres, fee

Protected 2011

Land Donor: Elizabeth Cole

Vassalboro Wildlife Habitat

330 acres, fee

Protected 2004, 2007, & 2010

Easement/Land Donor: Anonymous

VIENNA

Egypt Pond Conservation Area

(part in Chesterville)

238 acres

Protected 2017

Easement Donor: Stewart Myers

Flying Pond Farm

40 acres

Protected 2003

Easement Donor: Estate of Ellen Miller

McGurdy Stream Preserve

10 acres, fee

Protected 2003

Land Donor: Town of Vienna



*KLT Outing Club, Peter Miller Woodland
Vienna, 2018 Photo: Marc Loisele*

Peter Miller Woodland

60 acres, fee

Protected March 2013

Land Donors: Holly, Lynette, & Robin Miller

Vienna Woods

72 Acres

Protected 2015

Easement Donors: Muffy and Jim Floyd

Whittier Shore Land

3.5 acres

Protected 2001

Easement Donors: Waine & Millie Whittier

WAYNE

Besse Historic Conservation Area

65 acres, fee

Protected 1998, 2016

Land Donors: Albion Besse & William Granville Besse

Gott Pasture Preserve

75 acres, fee

Protected 2003

Land Donors: Lincoln Ladd, Robert Ladd & George Ladd

Macdonald Conservation Area

(part in Readfield)

100 acres, fee

Protected 2003

Land Donors: Douglas & Jessie Macdonald

Norris Island, Androscoggin Lake,

27 acres, fee
Protected 1997
KLT Purchase

Perkins Woods

14 acres, fee
Protected 2001
Land Donors: John & Pat Perkins

Pickerel Pond Conservation Area

25 acres, fee
Protected March 2011
KLT Purchase

WEST GARDINER

Wakefield Wildlife Sanctuary

115 acres, fee
Protected 2017
Land Donor: Kendra Wakefield Shaw

WINTHROP

**Hodgdon Island Preserve,
Cobbossee Lake**

17 acres, fee
Protected 1994
Land Donors: Elliott & Anne Farr

Sudds Memorial Forest

40 acres, fee
Protected 1996
Land Donors: Heirs of Weston &
Verna Sudds;
Transferred to Augusta Water Dis-
trict

**Horseshoe Island Preserve
Cobbossee Lake**

48 acres, fee
Protected 1997, 2000, 2003 & 2016
Land Donors: Jon Lund,
Robert Peck, Elliott & Anne Farr,
& Anonymous
KLT Purchases

**Little Cobbossee Oatway
Preserve**

90 acres, fee
Protected 2012
KLT Purchase/Bargain Sale

Perry Island Preserve, Cobbossee Lake

6 acres, fee
Protected 1993
KLT Purchase

**Mt. Pisgah Community
Conservation Area**

909 acres, fee,
Protected 1995, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2003,
2005, 2010, 2012, & 2017
161 acre easement, protected 2005 & 2010
Land donors: Robert & Marie O'Malley;
& KLT Purchases
Easement Donors: Michael Simoneau
& Town of Winthrop



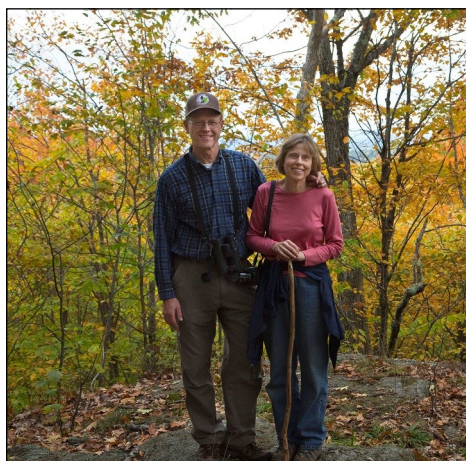
*Theresa Kerchner and Jim Connors, KLT Advisor
& Steward, Mt. Pisgah Community
Conservation Area, 2015*



Vernal Pool Walk at Gott Pasture, April, 2018



*Mount Pisgah Fire Tower
Conservation easement dedication, 2004.
Laura Favreau, Anna Hodgkins, & Ben Hodgkins*



*Howard and Brenda Lake
Cuprak Parcel
Mount Pisgah Community Conservation Area
Photo: Jane Davis*

Notes from the Property Boxes

"Nice view from tower! Dogs loved it!"

-Cooper and Susan

Mt. Pisgah Community

Conservation Area

8/11/17

"Thank you KLT! Keep up the good work"

-Joshua, Norris Island

7/4/16

"I love it here. Great job!"

-Calie Gregoire,

Vassalboro Wildlife Habitat

6/23/15

"Love the new wood duck trail"

-Heather

Hutchinson Pond Preserve

11/7/17



KLT is pleased to announce that we have achieved national recognition – joining a network of over 400 accredited land trusts across the nation that have demonstrated their commitment to professional excellence and to maintaining the public’s trust in their work.

Mary Denison, KLT President, said, “Receiving LTA Accreditation is a huge achievement and we are proud to now be able to display the accreditation seal on our KLT literature. The presence of the seal confirms that Kennebec Land Trust is conducting business at the highest standard. The seal also underscores our continued commitment to honor the intent of our land donors, provide public access to beautiful woodlands, lakes, and streams, and promote sustainable forestry, farming, and local wood economies. We are pleased that we have been nationally recognized as a well-managed land trust. Our members, neighbors, and visitors to Maine can be confident that we are responsible stewards of our conservation lands and that we are focused on the many benefits of natural-resource based economies.”

KLT provided extensive documentation and was subject to a comprehensive third-party evaluation prior to achieving this distinction. The Land Trust Accreditation Commission awarded accreditation, signifying its confidence that KLT’s lands will be protected forever. Accredited land trusts steward almost 20 million acres of land – an area comparable to the entire State of Maine.

“It is exciting to recognize KLT with this national mark of distinction,” said Tammara Van Ryn, executive director of the Commission. “Donors and partners can trust that the more than 400 accredited land trusts across the country are united behind strong standards and have demonstrated sound finances, ethical conduct, responsible governance, and lasting stewardship.”

Our incoming board president, Kim Vandermeulen, chair of KLT’s accreditation committee, worked with KLT Directors Mary Denison and Bob Marvinney, and staff, Theresa Kerchner and Jean-Luc Theriault, with the support of accreditation volunteers Jane Davis and Donna Buck.



*Kim Vandermeulen
Chair, KLT Accreditation Committee*



www.localwoodworks.org Maine Wood Buyer's Guide is now live!

KLT in partnership with our Local Wood WORKS initiative has launched the new Maine Wood Buyer's Guide. If you are looking for a supplier of Maine Forest Products, this is the place to start. Building project? Home improvements? Furnishings? Reclaimed wood? For all of these projects, you can choose Maine-made products. Maine wood is local, sustainable, and a practical choice. When you choose to build with Maine wood, you are reducing transportation costs, supporting forestlands, and contributing to our local community and economy.

Check out the guide today, and if you know a vendor that should be included, please let us know!

With support from the Elmina B. Sewall Foundation, KLT and its collaborators are working to advance forest-based local economies and to support the long-term conservation and sustainability of Maine's woodlands.

This initiative is pursued with a commitment to:

- sustainable forestry
- land stewardship
- strong and resilient local economies
- conservation of both working woodlands and ecological reserves
- reduced energy consumption and transportation costs based on local products
- providing support to landowners, loggers, processors, manufacturers, d consumers



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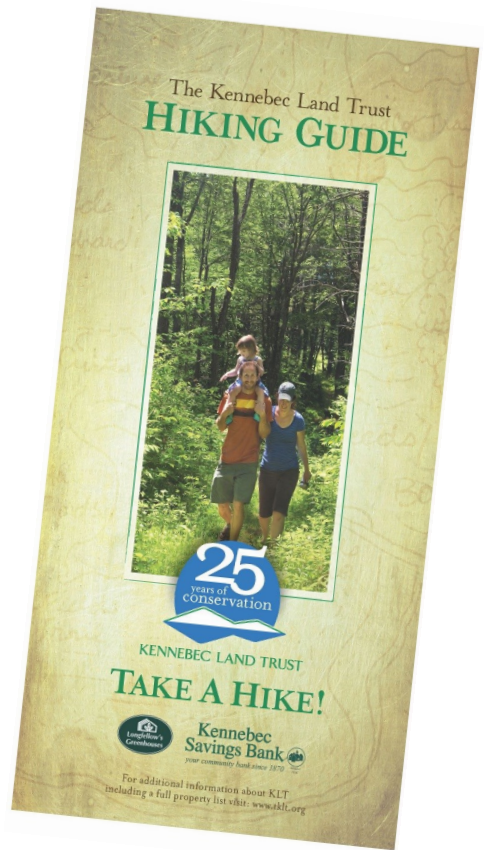
We consider all of our service area municipalities to be valued partners, and we could not achieve our conservation goals without their support. Some communities are able to make a financial contribution or donate land or easements. In 2017-2018 these communities were:

- City of Hallowell
- Town of Manchester
- Town of Monmouth
- Town of Readfield
- Town of Vienna
- Town of Wayne

The Kennebec Land Trust Hiking Guide: Take a Hike!

We are working on adding more properties to our popular hiking guide. You will be able to purchase new pages this winter to add to your guide. Stay tuned for more info.

Additional information and online purchasing are available on our website.



Properties to be added or updated:

- Parker Pond, Sandy River Road
- Cobbossee Stream
- Ezra Smith Wildlife Conservation Area
- Horseshoe Island
- Hutchinson Pond
- Hodgdon & Perry Islands
- Mount Pisgah Community Conservation Area
- Peter Miller Woodland
- Rosmarin and Saunders Family Forest
- Small Burnham Cons. Area
- Vienna Woods Cons. Area

Thirtieth Annual Meeting

Echo Lake, Sunday, August 19, 2018



**Thank you to our
Annual Meeting Sponsors!**



CAMP WINNEBAGO

*Clockwise from top left, Howard Lake, KLT
Director (1) Brenda Lake, Volunteer of the Year
(2), Mary Denison, outgoing board president (3),
and Stewart Myers (4), Egypt Pond conservation
easement donor, photos, Photos 1 & 4: Brian Kent.
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Financial Report

Comparative FY 2017 and FY 2018-CASH BASIS

	<u>FYE 6/2017</u>	<u>FYE 7/2018</u>
	(Reviewed FS)	(Preliminary)
<u>INCOME STATEMENT SUMMARY</u>		
<u>INCOME</u>		
Memberships, Contributions, Gifts	\$ 178,302	\$ 185,529
Conservation Fund donations	60,296	40,050
Stewardship donations	24,730	119,863
Endowment donations	10,050	3,425
Capital Campaigns	699,832	149,652
Land Bequests	355,900	527,600
Grants/Government Funds	134,500	138,309
Realized/Unrealized Gains on Investments	46,841	41,565
Other	10,092	27,338
In-Kind	43,998	TBD
Total Income	<u>1,564,541</u>	<u>1,233,331</u>

<u>EXPENSE</u>		
Land acquisitions costs	83,530	4,447
Stewardship paid to Augusta	92,500	
Programs, Stewardship	188,098	280,795
General Administration	63,745	72,054
Fundraising, incl. campaign costs	30,906	25,861
Total Expense	<u>458,779</u>	<u>383,157</u>
NET INCOME	1,105,762	850,174
Net Assets beginning of year	5,378,264	5,556,955
Transfer HH property to Augusta	(927,071)	
Net Assets end of year	\$ 5,556,955	\$ 6,407,129

<u>BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY</u>		
Cash/Investments by Category		
Operations	\$ 32,716	\$ 33,360
Conservation Fund	235,507	223,866
Temp Restricted	136,914	180,704
Stewardship Fund	412,658	473,871
Restricted Stewardship Fund		100,896
Endowment Fund	105,521	114,150
Total Cash/Investments	<u>923,316</u>	<u>1,126,847</u>
Escrow-deposit for Pisgah	10,000	
Property/Buildings/Easements	4,683,732	5,319,709
Total Assets	<u>5,617,048</u>	<u>6,446,556</u>
Payroll liabilities		645
Mortgage	60,093	38,782
Total Liabilities	<u>60,093</u>	<u>39,427</u>
Net Assets end of year	\$ 5,556,955	\$ 6,407,129

FY18 Significant acquisitions:

Pisgah (2), Wakefield properties, Ezra Smith WCA, Effie Berry CE, and Egypt Pd CE

Operating Budget Comparisons	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2018-19</u>
Adopted Operating Budget	277,283	276,020	284,879
Actual Operating Income	262,137	282,416	



Effie L. Berry Conservation Area, Hallowell

Photo: Brian Kent



*Ezra Smith Wildlife
Conservation Area
Mount Vernon*

Photo: Jean-Luc Theriault



Egypt Pond, Vienna & Chesterville

Photo: Jean-Luc Theriault



*Wakefield Wildlife Conservation Area
West Gardiner*

Photo: Brian Kent