

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Financial Highlights

CCF's current fiscal year runs from August 1, 2022, to July 31, 2023. The charts below summarize CCF's sources of income and expenditures, year to date and projected through July 31, 2023. CCF expenses were higher than last year, primarily due to inflation. Although member donations increased, we had used retained earnings to supplement donations to preserve our endowment in this year's challenging market.



Total for Fiscal Year: \$331,822 Total for Fiscal Year: \$331,822

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.

A Message from CCF Leadership

We hope this 61st Annual Report provides you with inspiration and hope. As we continue our dedicated efforts to protect and preserve our environment, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to you for your support and commitment. We have had an extraordinary year in terms of increased membership and donations; the funding we receive from you makes possible all of our efforts to carry out our mission of protecting the Chatham community we all share.

With only a very small staff to implement our vision, all of us at the CCF acknowledge that our volunteers and trustees are the driving force behind our organization's success. Their selflessness, passion, and dedication have a lasting impact on our environment and the community we serve. Together, staff, volunteers and trustees, with your financial support, have achieved remarkable milestones and laid a strong foundation for a sustainable future. Some of this year's notable achievements include:

New Strategic Plan:

Our Board of Trustees undertook a three-month strategic planning effort to develop a road map for our organization's future. Their commitment to long-term visioning and farreaching decision-making has ensured that we stay focused on our mission and adapt to the evolving environmental landscape.

Capacity Building:

In alignment with our strategic planning goals, we are pleased to share that the CCF has made significant strides in capacity building, particularly in the area of donor

Retiring Trustees

Paul Chamberlin has served for many years as Vice President and Chair of the Land Stewardship & Management Committee. His knowledge and expertise have been invaluable in mentoring our Director of Land Stewardship and guiding the organization's stewardship efforts in general. Paul's instrumental role in securing a donor's gift of property to CCF, which now houses the AmeriCorps members in West Chatham, highlights his commitment to expanding our impact in the community.

Jack Farrell has been a prominent member of the Acquisition Committee for many years overseeing the acquistions of parcels, Conservation Restrictions and joint efforts with the Town in the acquisition of open space.

Carol Odell has dedicated more than 25 years of service in numerous capacities. She has been a creative force behind our communications efforts, designing newsletters, reports, logos, and contributing her photography and artistic skills. Additionally, Carol has served as Clerk and Chair of the Nominating Committee, playing a crucial role in shaping our organization and ensuring its smooth functioning.

development. We recently were awarded a grant from the Environmental Trust Fund of Cape Cod, the Dolphin Fund for Cape Cod and the Worthington Campbell Jr. Fund of the Cape Cod Foundation for an Organizational Strategic Growth Initiative. The efforts supported by this funding will aim at positioning our organization to be fiscally responsive and sustainable in our preservation efforts.

Membership and Fundraising:

Through strategic fundraising campaigns, cultivation of donor relationships, and diversification of revenue streams, we have been working towards creating a sustainable portfolio that will enable us to continue our vital preservation work. Our membership numbers have increased by 20% and fundraising (as of publication) is up over 17%. We are deeply grateful for the trust and support placed in our organization, and we remain committed to responsible fiscal management to ensure the longevity of our preservation efforts.

A special note of thanks and much gratitude to our retiring trustees Paul Chamberlin, Jack Farrell and Carol Odell for their outstanding service, many years of dedication and contributions to our organization. We express our sincere appreciation to all our volunteers, trustees, dedicated Board members, and most of all, you...our members and donors.

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Bob Lear, President Lauren Arcomano Executive Director

Nominations for Trustees

Adrianne Louvolo is a recent graduate of the University of Maine with a Masters of Engineering in Water and Environmental Resources. She is currently a member of the Land Stewardship Committee and has been a resident of Chatham since childhood.

Dave Potts is an active member of both our Finance Committee and Land Stewardship Committees. Upon retiring from the finance sector in 2019, he has been volunteering for CCF, APCC and Friends of Chatham Waterways. He formerly served on the board of the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless. He and his wife, Lissa, live in South Chatham.

Bonnie Rosenthall has been a lifelong summer resident with multigenerational roots in Chatham, and has been living here year 'round since 2021. She has served on the Boards of Grow Native Massachusetts and the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts and now serves as the Co-Chair of the Chatham Historical Socaiety.

Nominations will be voted on at the Annual Meeting, August 21st, or by proxy if you cannot attend.

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Thank you to our members, donors and volunteers who have contributed to CCF Accomplishments in 2022-2023

Land Stewardship

Monitored 18 town-owned conservation properties and 42 private properties for compliance with conservation restrictions and submitted corresponding reports.

Managed CCF owned properties, discovered and successfully resolved numerous encroachment issues, had multiple CCF parcels surveyed and placed boundary markers on several of them.

Opened the Mill Pond Overlook Trail.

Completed the final restoration planting at the Nickerson Young Meadow & archaeological dig site which included 15 trees and over 400 shrubs.

Continued invasive plant removal at ten properties and continued native plant restoration, installing 15 trees, 10 shrubs and native grass mixes.

Supervised over 47 volunteer stewardship projects where 23 individual volunteers put in over 260 hours of service. Volunteers have contributed over 175 additional hours to stewardship outside of group projects. Additionally, we hosted five AmeriCorps service projects.

Participated in regular project meetings with Mass DOT and other state and local officials for the Frost Fish Creek Wetland Restoration project, a Mass DER-designated priority project. Began water quality studies of Frost Fish Creek.

Supported researchers from UMass and Northeastern conducting salt marsh studies on CCF properties at Red River Marsh and Muddy Creek.

Published an updated map of CCF and Town of Chatham conservation properties.

L. to R. Paul Chamberlin, Dave Potts, Scott Tappan and Julie Baca hold a 40 foot long invasive porcelain berry root cleared from the Barclay's Pond restoration area.

Programs, Education, and Outreach

Increased our membership by 20% and retained 70% of prior membership.

Conducted 25 guided walks and talks through all four seasons, with over 260 attendees. Held seven online lectures during the winter months for over 200 attendees, presented free of charge.

Celebrated CCF's 60th Anniversary with a donor and volunteer appreciation party hosted by Jay and Christy Cashman, on Strong Island.

Increased our visibility through substantial social media, website and press outreach.

Collaborated with local organizations in sponsoring a townwide Earth Day and Arbor Day celebration, including roadside litter cleanup, children's activities, and guided trail walks.

Continued collaboration with the Eldredge Public Library on the annual Poetry Walk and historical exhibits. Expanded our collaboration efforts with local organizations including the Atwood House, Chatham Orpheum Theater, and neighboring land trusts.

Held 10 open houses at the Mayo House and participated in over 25 community-sponsored events.

Launched a Book Club focused on publications of environmental interest.

Administration

Developed a robust strategic plan that extends our commitment to both land stewardship and education and created two new committees: Climate Action Task Force and Donor Development/ Major Gifts.

Increased donations by over 17% which enabled us to expand our land stewardship and education programs.

Received three major grants:

- Community Preservation funds were approved at Town Meeting for updating our website and publishing maps for CCF and Town of Chatham trails;
- Cape Cod Five granted funds to support the upcoming Environmental Fair;
- Cape Cod Foundation via the Environmental Trust Fund of Cape Cod, the Dolphin Fund for Cape Cod, and the Worthington Campbell Jr. Fund of The Cape Cod Foundation granted CCF a capacity building grant to create a donor development program.

Provided housing for AmeriCorps members at Devine House.

Supervised volunteers who donated 250 hours for outreach and administration at the Mayo House and hosted two summer interns

Renovated office space to provide for volunteers and interns.

Added plants to the Mini-Meadow.

