

Chatham Conservation Foundation, Inc.

Chatham's Land Trust



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

A Message from CCF Leadership

The importance of open space has never been clearer than in 2020 and 2021, when many people sought out nature for solace and connection. Although many aspects of life changed, one thing remained certain, and that is the critical role that connection plays in our lives. The Foundation worked with the community in a number of important ways to connect people to each other and to natural places: students sent home from school found mentors and meaningful learning opportunities through our volunteer internships, people were able to enjoy each other's company during socially distanced walks, and volunteers found tasks they could do to help CCF grow and thrive.

Now that we're seeing the light at the end of the tunnel, we look forward to returning to in-person talks, walks with our staff and members, welcoming the public into the Mayo House, and yes, Annual Meetings at Wequassett. Thank you to our staff, volunteers, members, and local business partners for supporting our work and our organization through the uncertain times.

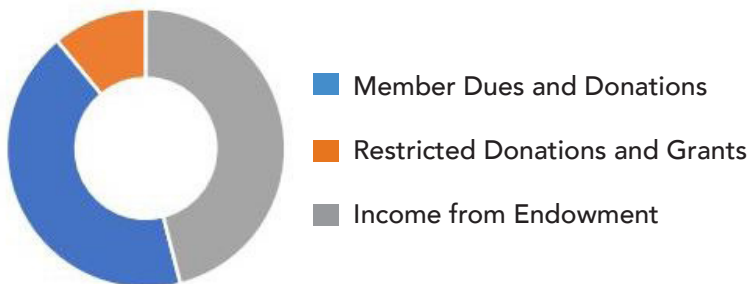
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Financial Highlights

CCF's current fiscal year runs from August 1, 2020 to July 31, 2021. The charts below summarize CCF's sources of income and expenditures, projected through July 31, 2021. 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.

Sources of Funds



Total for Fiscal Year: \$234,231

Uses of Funds



Total for Fiscal Year: \$231,235

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List of Accomplishments

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

OUTREACH AND PROGRAMS

- Continued email outreach including three virtual walks and talks
- Launched a program to create ecological education lessons for local middle school students, with grants from the Ernest E Helides Foundation and the Chatham Women's Club
- Awarded a \$2,000 scholarship to a Monomoy graduate studying environmental science
- Participated in selected community events: Art in the Park, History Weekend, and the Poetry Walk at Frost Fish Creek
- More than doubled our exposure on social media due to dedicated volunteers creating content and the wildlife camera sponsored by My Generation Energy
- Added Plant ID tags to the Frost Fish Creek trail thanks to a generous donor

MEMBERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION

- Continued operations and kept all trails open throughout the pandemic
- Welcomed 5 new board members
- Increased donations by over 10%
- Concluded a successful 2020 Volunteer Intern program with four students and began our 2021 program with two students.

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LAND PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION

Acquisition

- Received a gift of 1.02 acres in North Chatham

Salt Marsh Conservation

- Continued study of the ecological impact on the Frost Fish ecosystem of replacing the culverts on Rt. 28
 - \$75,000 of Community Preservation Committee (CPC) funds were approved by Annual Town Meeting for hydrology and water-quality studies for Frost Fish Creek.
 - Began a collaborative dialogue with multiple governmental and non-profit organizations on this effort.
 - Applied to make the Frost Fish Creek project a MA Division of Ecological Restoration (DER) "Priority Project."
- Commissioned the Association to Preserve Cape Cod (APCC) to conduct studies to assess and document the health of the Cackle Cove / Buck's Creek salt-marsh complex.

Property Restoration

- Continued multi-year restorations of four high visibility parcels – Menekish (Corner of Old Harbor and Shore Road), Barclay Pond (Old Queen Anne Road), Vanderbilt (Corner of Old Queen Anne and Skyline Drive), and the Nickerson archeological dig site (Route 28/Orleans Road)
- Conducted 12 volunteer events to remove invasive plants and hired professionals for large invasive removal efforts
- Developed and tested strategies for ongoing invasive control and restoration plantings

Property Monitoring

- Expanded CCF's volunteer land stewardship program
- Worked with AmeriCorps to relaunch the property monitoring volunteer program and trained volunteers in the use of GPS-based smartphone technology

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