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Dear Friends,

We believe in the power of connecting people to nature, and with your financial support and volunteer time and expertise in 2018, we created new ways for people of all ages, abilities, and interests to get outdoors. Thank you!

- As part of the Georges Highland Path, our 60-mile regional trail system, we built the first beginner mountain bike trail in the area. Kids, families, and all adventurous types can now experience the thrill that this fast-growing sport provides.
- Over 1,000 people visited the Langlais Sculpture Preserve from all across the country; it continues to be a popular destination for art and nature lovers. We also shared Blackie's legacy with 85 elementary school children in after-school and summer camp programs.
- We conserved more than 150 acres of productive farmland and forest habitat, bringing our total to 3,935 acres of protected mid-coast Maine landscape.
- Hundreds of people came along on our monthly Walks and Talks, an outdoor lecture series that brings experts to our preserves to share their knowledge. Topics from invasive species control to sustainable forestry enticed people to come out, meet others, and learn more about the natural world.

We love this part of Maine—it is a place of incredible beauty and richness. When people are connected to this landscape, they care what happens to it. We're thankful for your participation in our work to conserve and steward the land, and to create meaningful ways for people to experience it. Together, we build a sustainable, healthier, and happier community.



With thanks for your support,

Meg Rasmussen  
Executive Director

Alvin Chase  
Board President

## SAVING LANDS OF INCREDIBLE BEAUTY AND RICHNESS



With more than 225 square miles in its watershed, Georges River Land Trust wisely invests its resources in conservation efforts that are most valuable to the community, now and in the future.



Faced with changes to our landscape because of rising temperatures, seas, and shifting patterns of vegetation and wildlife, we took a hard look at our conservation priorities this year, with an eye to making sure our next 20 years of conservation practices will complement what we have already accomplished, and support our landscape's resiliency to climate change.



*GRLT intern Amanda Chen*, high school student at the School of Math and Science in Limestone and a member of Trekkers, grew up in Thomaston but had no real knowledge of what land trusts do. Through her one-week internship with us she felt she learned firsthand “how a land trust determines the value of land for conservation.” Thank you, Amanda!



**Georges River Land Trust impacts individuals, families, and the regional community through land and farm conservation and student programming.**



*Farmers Oliver and Kelly Perkins purchased* and conserved 125 acres of fields, blueberry barrens, and woodlands on the slopes of Philbrook Mountain in Hope with the assistance of Maine Farmland Trust and Georges River Land Trust. The mutually beneficial project protected the farmland from development, while ensuring local farming continues in the midcoast area.

*With GRLT's help, eight Walker siblings* added more than 40 acres to their previously conserved 100+ acres of woodland, fields, and streams in Owls Head. The generational commitment of the family is a testament to conservation, protecting history, and ensuring open spaces for future generations to enjoy.



## TRAILS BRING US TOGETHER

Our initiative, *Connecting to Community Forests*, began with installation of the first phase of multi-use trails in the Thomaston Town Forest. The local conservation commission, trail runners, mountain bikers, and Oceanside Middle School joined us to create the first beginner bike trail in the area. This project supports the new *Riding for Focus* program at Oceanside Middle School, for which the school received a grant for 36 mountain bikes, a curriculum, and staff training. The students helped build the trail and can now ride straight from school to the trail for fun and exercise. This trail is open four seasons thanks to the new Snow Dog groomer that has been running all winter.



**Appleton Forestry Trail Opens.** Led by Jim Robbins, the trails committee installed a 20-station educational trail in the Appleton Preserve to teach hikers about sustainable management of our forests. The Appleton Preserve is 124 acres with over a mile of riverfront and year-around access.

**New trail at Cross Cushing Nature Preserve.** Local community members came together to save this land from development. In 2018, the trails committee installed a parking area and a 1.1-mile trail leading hikers through mature spruce forests over Robbins Mountain.





## WALKS AND TALKS

Each month Georges River Land Trust presents an educational and recreational outreach program for its members and guests, inviting everyone to come outside and take a guided hike with us on one of the extraordinary pieces of land they have helped us conserve. Sometimes these programs involve a paddle on a beautiful stretch of the St. George River, or a sail along the coast. Other times we might partner with a school or library or brewery to bring noteworthy speakers to some key audiences upriver in the hill towns that form our middle and upper watershed.



Out scouting for warblers in May.



We kicked off Memorial Day weekend with a paddle on Lake St. George in Liberty, followed by the launch party of our new brew, Headwaters, at Lake St. George Brewing Company.

Picnic pavilion designed by Phi Builders + Architects for future installation on the Bobolink Trail at Riverview Hayfields.



## PROVIDING PUBLIC ACCESS

Twelve years ago we set out to conserve the iconic landscape along Route 131 in South Thomaston. To date we have protected 584 acres of wildlife habitat, traditionally farmed hayfields, and riverfront scenery. In 2018 we put plans in place to add just enough amenities—parking, footbridge over wetland, timely-mowed trail to protect and enjoy the roosting Bobolinks, picnic pavilion, interpretive panels, and a bench or two beside the river—to create an easy-walking community footpath and scenic resting spot for all to enjoy.



Bobolink in flight



Future site of The Bobolink Trail at Riverview Hayfields along Route 131 in South Thomaston.



## LANGLAIS SCULPTURE PRESERVE WHERE ART, NATURE, AND EDUCATION CONVERGE

The Langlais Afterschool Program offers quality arts and environmental programming to students from Cushing Community School, grades 1-5, who arrive by bus, full of exuberance at the magical sculpture preserve, throughout the school year. All children attend free of cost, thanks to grant funding and member donations. This innovative programming inspires local children to be mindful with resources and each other, respectful of the environment, motivated by creativity, and connected by a deep sense of place.

- Our conservation efforts are enhanced by cultivating awareness with a new generation of artists and environmentalists
- Our intent is to be a zero-waste facility, teaching youth about the importance of conserving resources
- Our goal is to illuminate the connection between art and landscape



▲ One of a dozen Tibetan monks who spent a week at Langlais Sculpture Preserve constructing a sand mandala is shown here in a ceremony blessing the St. George River.

▶ Local Girl sculpture by Bernard Langlais



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## GARDENS IN THE WATERSHED

For 27 years Georges River Land Trust has presented its GARDENS IN THE WATERSHED tour to great acclaim. Each July we invite our members and friends to join us on a truly magical journey from woodland to hayfield to coastal ledge, where magnificent plots and vistas await.



### ALL THE BUZZ!

In 2018 the land trust's Wet Paint on the Weskeag annual summer benefit evolved into ALL THE BUZZ! – a wonderful soiree and art auction at Langlais Sculpture Preserve.





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 Maine Authors Publishing  
 & Cooperative  
 Doug and Tanya Fales  
 Tammy and Mark Hilchey  
 Nicole Danczura  
 Jeffrey Jones  
 Jeanne and Paul Klainer  
 Lanphere & Son Stone Work-Mason  
 Lowes  
 Maine Boats, Homes & Harbors  
 Monhegan Boat Line, Inc.  
 Phillip Pratt  
 Joseph and Martha Smith  
 Stonescape, Inc.  
 Richard and Sheila Tasker  
 Bob and Karin Weisert  
 Cellardoor Winery

## GIFTS

*Cars for Conservation*  
 Anonymous  
 Chad Atwood  
 Belinda and Alvin Chase  
 Lindsay Cough  
 John and Davilynn Cowperthwaite  
 Jim and Kathy Cuthbertson  
 Ronald Jackson  
 Anthony Jeffery



Eric Jones  
 Jeff Jones  
 Joanne Kroll  
 LaBranche Land Surveys  
 Steven and Monica Lang  
 Bill and Beth Long  
 Adam Marcus and Linda Novak  
 Jack and Karol McGee  
 Archie McRee  
 Liz Petruska and Andy Benore  
 Renate Rackliffe  
 Jolinda Rockette  
 Anita and Bob Siegenthaler  
 Marianne and William Swittlinger  
 Richard and Sheila Tasker  
 Tim Jackson Salvage

## MEMBERS

### *Students We Love \$10*

Laney Fales  
 Alita Higley

### *Rugged Individualists \$25*

Anonymous  
 Roberta Baumann and Bruce Busko  
 Maryann Blaisdell  
 David and Melissa Bronder  
 Richard A. Cleveland  
 Paula Coil  
 John Cooney  
 Joan Duffy  
 Julianne Edmondson  
 Robert Eisenstadt  
 Jeff Epstein  
 Joan and Lowell Freiman  
 Charles Gibson  
 Bill and Karen Goodwill  
 Evelyn Green  
 Jeffrey and Jean Haight  
 Philip and Susan Haines  
 Connie and Tom Hammermeister  
 Douglas Hartley  
 Anne Klafish  
 Stephanie and Alan Kumble  
 Nicole LaBranche  
 Peter Lammert  
 Ron Mattson  
 Patricia McDonald  
 Donna Mercer  
 Gary Monroe  
 Molly Mugler  
 Paula Page  
 Judith Parsons  
 Deborah Pixley  
 Wes Richardson  
 David Rockwell  
 Eleanor Sapko and Sherry Allen  
 Donald Sarles and Carolyn Bryant  
 Bob and Marcia Smith

Eileen and Peter Spectre  
 Christopher and Jacqueline Sullivan  
 Jon and Margo Thurston  
 Virginia Trask  
 Susan Tripp  
 Judith and John Tydings  
 Union True Value Hardware  
 John Walker  
 Dewinton Woodbridge

### *No Device Family Fun Time \$50*

Anonymous  
 Brian Boyd Acadia Center for  
 English Immersion  
 John Allan  
 Paul and Ilene Barr  
 Robert and Lesley Bechtold  
 Tracy Beck  
 Gayle Bedigian  
 Martha Bouchard  
 James Bowers  
 Jane and Skip Bracy  
 Linda and Jim Breslin  
 James and Marilyn Burns  
 Cloe Chunn and David Thanhauser  
 Gary and Ida Clarke  
 Benie and Bill Colvin  
 James Dalglesh  
 Grace Dingee  
 Alethe and Blake Donaldson  
 Richard and Melanie Essex  
 Sarah Fisher and Derek Webber  
 William and Louise Flint Jr  
 Bob Garcia and Kim Young  
 John LeMole  
 Dorrie Getchell  
 Tom and Beth Goettel  
 Daryl Hahn  
 Alice and David Haines  
 Greg and Shirley Hamlin  
 Jean and David Hannay  
 Ron and Judy Hastings  
 Susan Hatch  
 Thomas Hepp  
 Frank Hollis  
 Nancy and Rick Holmes  
 Marilyn Hotch and Jack Brown  
 Tom Johnson  
 Hilary and David Jones  
 Robert C. and Sheri Jorden  
 Anne Kilham Designs  
 Joanne Koenig  
 Kevin and Edna Kuliga  
 Robert and Karen LeGendre  
 Susan and Ross Levett  
 Deborah and R. Craig Lord  
 Mike and Cindy Lucas  
 Charles Mamane and Cathy Painter  
 Angela Maniak and Thomas Preble

Annette Marcoux  
 Maura McCarthy  
 John Meyer  
 Lolly and Jim Mitchell  
 Elaine Montgomery  
 Anne and Dennis Moore  
 Stephen and Diane Nelson  
 Erika Pilver  
 David and Karen Poulin  
 Deborah Rapp  
 Winchell and Carolyn Reber  
 Diana Rigg  
 Paul and Martha Rogers  
 Carol Rohl and Gordon Bok  
 Shawn and Kaly Rumery  
 Job and Ingeborg Sandberg  
 Jeanie and Jim Schaden  
 Audrey Schick  
 Karen Smith  
 Bob Snow  
 Janet Staiano  
 Jane Staman  
 Karin Strong and James Ritter  
 Rebecca and Douglas Thompson  
 Richard Todd  
 Christine Tofani  
 John Tofani  
 Lloyd Van Lunen and Margaret Wilson  
 Fred and Ann Wardwell  
 Mary Weed  
 Rodney and DJ Weeks  
 Nancy Wetzel  
 Richard and Sheila White  
 Wendy and Roger Wickenden  
 John and Stephanie Woodman

### *Headwaters \$100*

Anonymous  
 Robert and Polly Anderson  
 Linda Arnold  
 Marilyn and Peter Barlow  
 Catherine Bendheim  
 Dave and Maureen Bluett  
 Elizabeth Blum  
 Josie Bresnahan  
 Mr. and Mrs. David Brown  
 Sari Bunker  
 Donna A. Busch and John R. Green  
 Camden Maine Stay Inn  
 Karen and Dan Clarke  
 Susan and David Colson  
 Donald Cooke  
 Jim and Kathy Cuthbertson  
 Polly and Denny Davis  
 Patricia Domigan  
 Sara and Michael Drickey  
 East Wind Inn  
 Nicole Gogan and Murray Larrabee  
 Thomas and Barbara Gorrill

Marion and Harry Grant  
 Donna and Bill Griffith  
 Keith Hammitte  
 John Hayes and Catherine Herridge  
 Wayne and Sharon Hobson  
 Martha Jones  
 Norma Jones  
 William and Judith Jones  
 Maurice Katz  
 Tom and Elizabeth Keller  
 Toby Kenniston  
 Lie-Nielsen Toolworks  
 William and Holly Lombardi  
 James and Jean Matlack  
 Susan McAdams  
 Lawrence McDonnell  
 Thomas Mellor  
 Dan Merrill and Janet Dwelley  
 Nancy and Morris Minton  
 Dr. Herbert and Hannah Nelsbach

North Winds, Inc. / The  
 Waterfront Restaurant  
 Dianne and Ken Oelberger  
 Whitney W. Oppersdorff  
 William Perro  
 Bill and Abby Pettee  
 Philbrook & Associates Bookkeeping  
 Lys McLaughlin Pike and Tom Pike  
 Jane and John Rasmussen  
 Barbara and Walter Reitz  
 Wendy Roberts  
 Steve Roper and Nancy Stack  
 Esther and Donald Ross  
 Marilyn and Ralph Saltus  
 Charles and Arlene Siletti  
 Judy Slovin  
 Katrina Spear  
 Steve and James Sulzer  
 Linda Tatelbaum and Kal Winer  
 Marcia Turner

Deborah and Peter Warren  
 Milton Watson, Jr. and Ruth DeLoor  
 John and Lucy Williams  
 Paul Wisniewski  
 Bette Woolsey  
 Art and Hilje Zur Muhlen

*True North \$250*

Joan Flavin  
 Thomas and Rhonda Gioia  
 Patricia Kamlin and Ann Boover  
 Larry Litchfield and Phyllis Coelho  
 Jane Poshkus  
 Henry and Helen Savage

*Small Businesses Who Care \$250*

Maine Outdoors  
 Mr. Tire Company  
 Rock Coast Plumbing & Heating  
 Wallace Events

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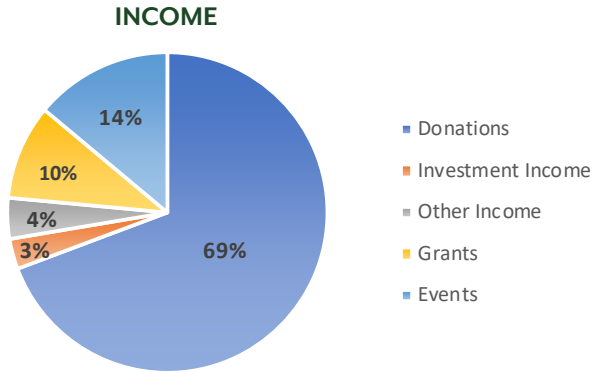
*Ragged Mountain overlooking Mirror Lake, Georges Highland Path, Rockport*



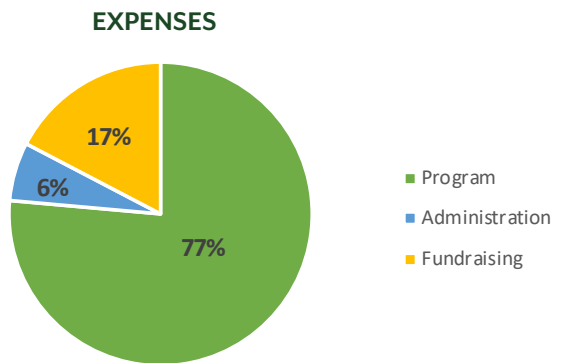


## 2018: INCOME & EXPENSES

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2018</b>
Membership	\$74,354
Fall Appeal	\$122,206
Gifts	\$132,804
<b>Donations</b>	<b>\$329,364</b>
Investment Income	\$14,567
Other Income	\$19,622
Grants	\$45,600
Events	\$66,208
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$475,361</b>



<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>2018</b>
Outreach	\$75,604
Land Acquisition	\$87,682
Conservation Trails	\$94,926
Stewardship	\$103,728
<b>Program</b>	<b>\$361,940</b>
Administration	\$29,562
Fundraising	\$82,159
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$473,661</b>



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