

Annual Report 2023



Volunteer, Jane Harrison, records data during a vegetation survey on Swett Marsh in Georgetown.

2023 KELT Volunteers

We are grateful to these people for their help in 2023! We made every effort to ensure the accuracy of this list; please notify us of any errors.

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 Megan Bendson
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 Jeffrey Benton☼☼*
 Roz Benton
 Jon Biehler
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 Juniper Branca-Chamberlain
 Robert Briselli
 Rachel Bryan
 Jenny Burch☼
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 John Chapman
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 Nora Collins
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 Barry Holland
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 Jody Jones
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 Thomas Kessler
 Tad Keyes†
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 Lawrence Kovacs
 Sophia Kovacs
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 Patricia Lad
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 Justin Miers
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 Peter Moulton
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 Maranda Nemeth
 Joan Newkirk
 Robert Nolan
 Blaine Olson
 Blane Olson
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 JR Phillips
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 Kurt Rauch
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 Waypoint Program Students
 Students of Integrity Year Program
 Brightfield School Students
 Bath Middle School Students
 Morse High APES Classes
 Morse High School CPP program
 Morse High School Students
 Six Rivers NEMBA

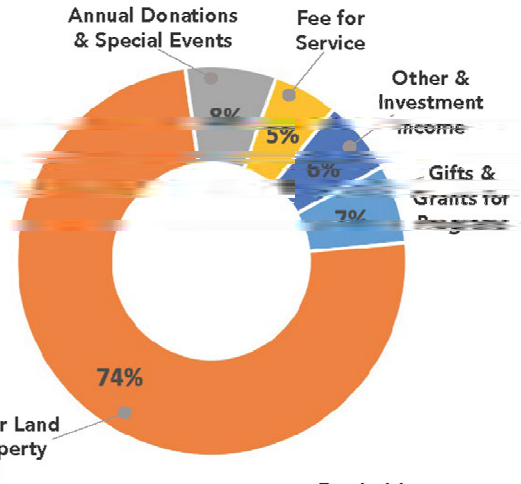
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 † Garden Volunteer

2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

January 1 - December 31

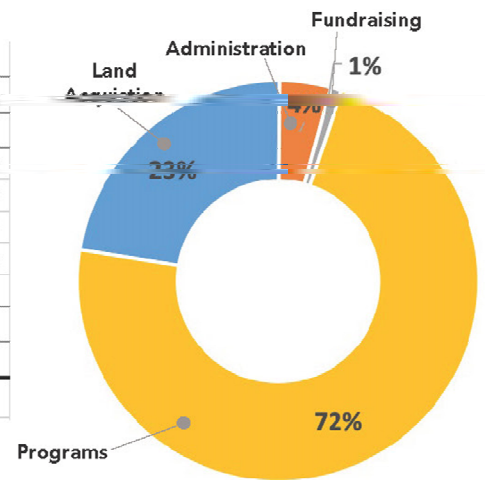
Income

	2023	Percentages	2022
Gifts & Grants for Land Acquisition	\$ 478,190	74%	\$ 252,645
Property Donation	\$ 1,184,900		\$ 344,989
Gifts & Grants for Programs	\$ 146,161	7%	\$ 767,133
Annual Donations & Special Events	\$ 167,910	8%	\$ 120,487
Fee For Service	\$ 121,213	5%	\$ 77,123
Other Income	\$ 16,832		\$ 86,095
Investment Income	\$ 120,433	6%	\$ (92,775)
Total Income:	\$ 2,235,640		\$1,555,697



Expenses

	2023	Percentages	2022
Land Acquisition	\$ 455,188	23%	\$ 50,257
Programs	\$ 1,456,585	72%	\$ 420,974
Outreach & Education	\$ 96,684		\$ 71,377
Land Protection	\$ 973,481		\$ 76,776
Stewardship	\$ 239,860		\$ 161,002
Restoration	\$ 119,949		\$ 62,136
General Programs	\$ 26,611		\$ 49,683
Administration	\$ 82,316	4%	\$ 75,218
Fundraising	\$ 18,118	1%	\$ 8,513
Total Expenses	\$ 2,012,207		\$ 555,062



Assets

as of 12/31/2022	2023	2022
Property for Conservation	\$ 6,880,891	\$ 6,132,550
Investments	\$ 1,242,189	\$ 1,122,368
Cash Unrestricted	\$ 556,953	\$ 662,708
Principal Endowment	\$ 50,600	\$ 50,600
Property and Equipment	\$ 492,901	\$ 510,436
Artwork	\$ 34,500	\$ 34,500
Other Assets	\$ 63,351	\$ 108,608
(Liabilities)	\$ 44,975	\$ 43,981
Total Assets:	\$ 9,321,385	\$8,621,770



An audit was conducted by Purdy Powers & Company of Portland, ME.



Credit: Douglas Robb



Remembering our friends, Bill and Noreen Blaiklock. Bill was a founder and the first Board President.



14,952 alewives were counted in 2023 at the Nequasset fish ladder in Woolwich.

Credit: Julie Ishill

735
alewives counted in one 10-minute block during the annual alewife count - a record!



KELT Kids Summer Day Campers at the Holt Forest outdoor classroom on Sewall Pond in Arrowsic.

70
Forest Playgroup explorers (1-4 year olds at monthly programs)

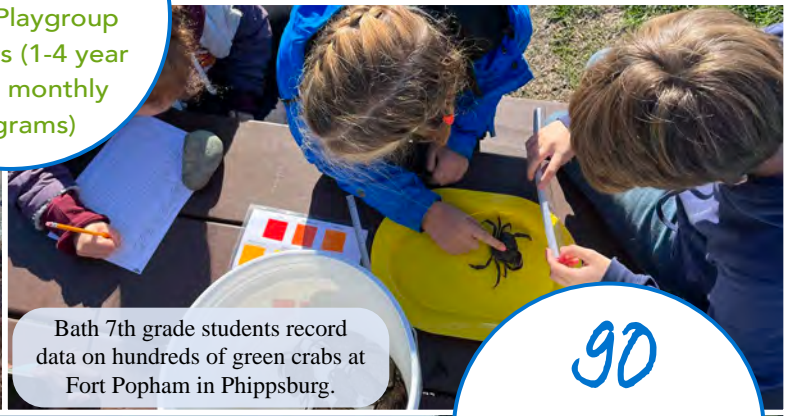


Land & Stewardship Director, Andrew Morgan, chainsaws down trees in Thorne Head Preserve in Bath after a storm.



Staff and volunteers do a controlled burn of a shed on the new Crawford Creek Preserve in Bath.

34
trail workdays powered by volunteers



Bath 7th grade students record data on hundreds of green crabs at Fort Popham in Phippsburg.

90
Bath Middle School students researching invasive green crabs



3,500+
pounds of stone moved and used for trail features

Trail Volunteer, Blaine, quarries stone at a Wednesday Workday in Thorne Head Preserve in Bath.



Preserves Manager, Dillon Mulhern, hikes in Morse Pond Preserve in Georgetown.

39
community events for the public to learn about the estuary



Community Engagement Manager, Emily Pistell, leads a lesson about the inter-tidal zone and seaweeds for middle school students at Reid State Park in Georgetown.



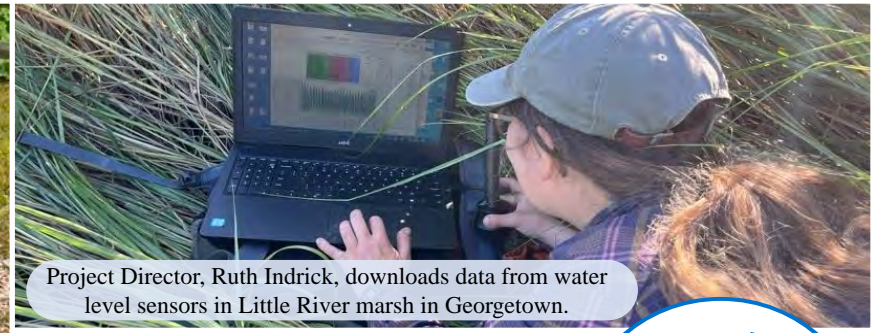
The stupendous Summer Stewards (L to R): Mollie Crosby, Eliza Rowland, and Connor Hovendon.



1,347
pounds of produce harvested at the LOCAL Garden

Garden Coordinator, Laurie Burhoe explains how to ID invasive jumping worms at LOCAL Garden in Bath.

35
acres of preserves managed for invasive plants & insects



Project Director, Ruth Indrick, downloads data from water level sensors in Little River marsh in Georgetown.

25
sites monitored for water levels



Taking in the view at the new 45-acre Beaver Pond Preserve on Westport Island.



Bundled Phragmites, an invasive reed, awaiting treatment in Little River Preserve in Georgetown.

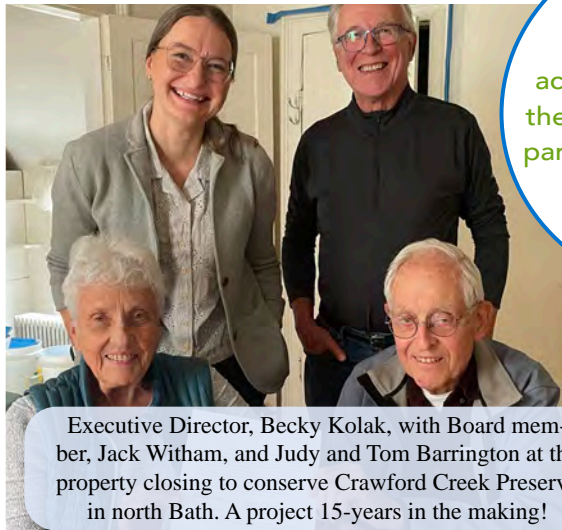


Communications & Operations Coordinator, Haley Campbell, installs a water level sensor in Little River marsh in Georgetown.

74
salt marsh vegetation plots surveyed



Conducting vegetation plot surveys in Swett Marsh in Georgetown as part of an ongoing marsh restoration project.



Executive Director, Becky Kolak, with Board member, Jack Witham, and Judy and Tom Barrington at the property closing to conserve Crawford Creek Preserve in north Bath. A project 15-years in the making!

110
acres newly conserved in the estuary consisting of 6 parcels in Bath, West Bath, Bowdoinham, & Westport Island



The frozen shoreline of the 22.5 acre Center Point Preserve in Bowdoinham. The preserve and Brick Island (8 acres) were donated to KELT thanks to a partnership with the Maine Coast Heritage Trust. In December, Center Point Preserve was added onto by a generous donation of 11 acres by Frank and Susan Burroughs.

1
epic office move during a snow storm



KELT moved to our new home on Washington Street in February thanks to the energy and muscle-power of volunteers!