



Orleans
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Trust



Annual Meeting 2017



Agenda

- Welcome & Convening of Business
- Election of Trustees and Nominating Committee
- Director's Report
- Land Management Report
- Finance Committee/Treasurer's Report
- Closing Remarks/Recognitions
- Annual Meeting of the Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts, Inc.
- Speaker: Mark Robinson, The Compact: *Moving Forward on Cape Cod Land Conservation Challenges*

Member

- All members who had donated \$25 or more between the period 7/1/2016 through 6/30/2017 were selected from the database, along with all “Life” members. The primary member from each of these records was assigned a single vote. In cases where a second member existed (where a second name had been entered into the database), a second vote was allowed if the total gifts for the period was \$50 or greater.
- “Anyone who has placed a conservation restriction on land in the Town of Orleans, and so advised the Trust, or donated or sold land to the Trust, during a membership year, shall be a member of the Trust for that membership year and shall be entitled to cast one vote at all called meetings or elections of the Trust.” –Article V, Declaration of Trust
- “Family Trusts and other organizations whose donation for the year equals the level set for organizational membership by the Trustees shall be entitled to cast one vote at all called meetings or elections of the Trust. A Family Trust or organizational membership does not preclude the individual members of that Family Trust or organization from becoming individual members as outlined above.” –Article V, Declaration of Trust

Member

- Current members (eligible to vote): **1173**

Election

- **Quorum:** “Only Members in attendance at the meeting shall be counted toward the quorum. For purposes of this article, a quorum shall be met if the number of Voting Members in attendance is equal to or greater than the lesser of **5% of all Members qualified to vote, or 50 members.**” –Article VI, Declaration of Trust
- **Voting:** “As defined in Article V, Members of the Trust may vote in person at a meeting or by absentee ballot, either by mail or online, on any and all noticed matters at any meeting of Members, including the election of Trustees. A valid vote on all noticed matters requires a combined receipt of votes in person, and/or absentee ballots, either by mail or online, equal to or greater than the lesser of **10% of all Members qualified to vote, or 100 members.**” –Article VI, Declaration of Trust

Quorum

50 members needed

Members attending: 62

Votes

Votes needed from **100**
members

Votes Received: 166

Votes

Trustees:

166 Yes / 0 No

Nominating Committee:

161 Yes / 4 No / 1 blank



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Director's Report



A Look Back At 2016-2017

- Land Acquisitions
- Education & Community Engagement
- New Office Space
- New Staff
- Land Management Efforts

Land Acquisition Update

- Fort Hill LLC Gift
- 16 Tom's Hollow Lane
- Olivers Way (Cullen)
- Braddock (White's Lane)



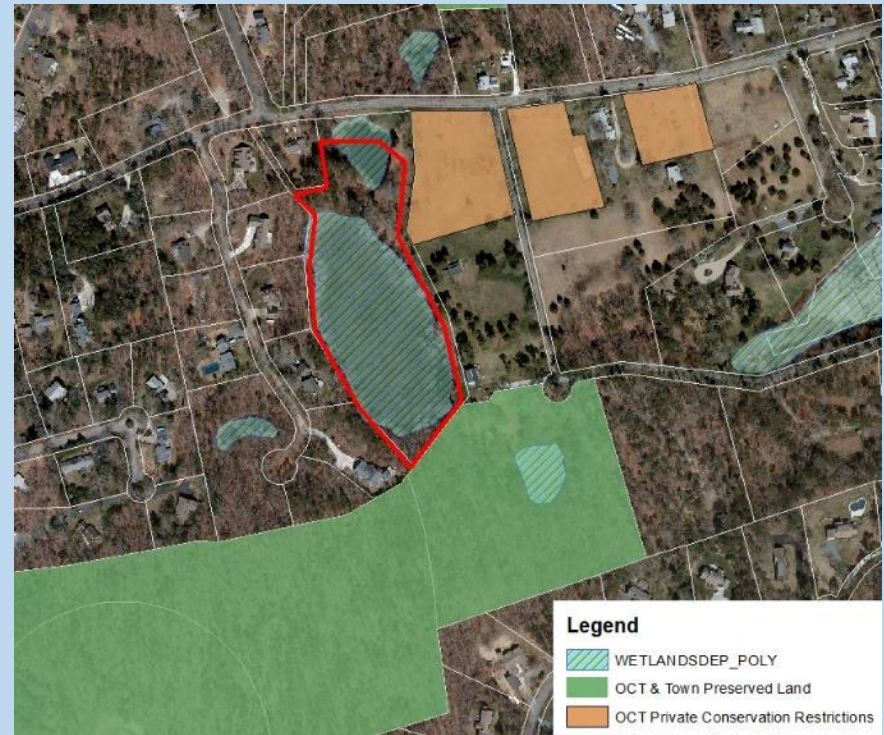
Fort Hill LLC Gift

Fast Facts

- Location- 0 Portanimicut Road
- Preserved on 1/18/2017
- 4.84 acres of pond and vegetated wetland habitat
- Connects to town conservation land

Conservation Value:

- Protects wetlands
- Provides a habitat corridor



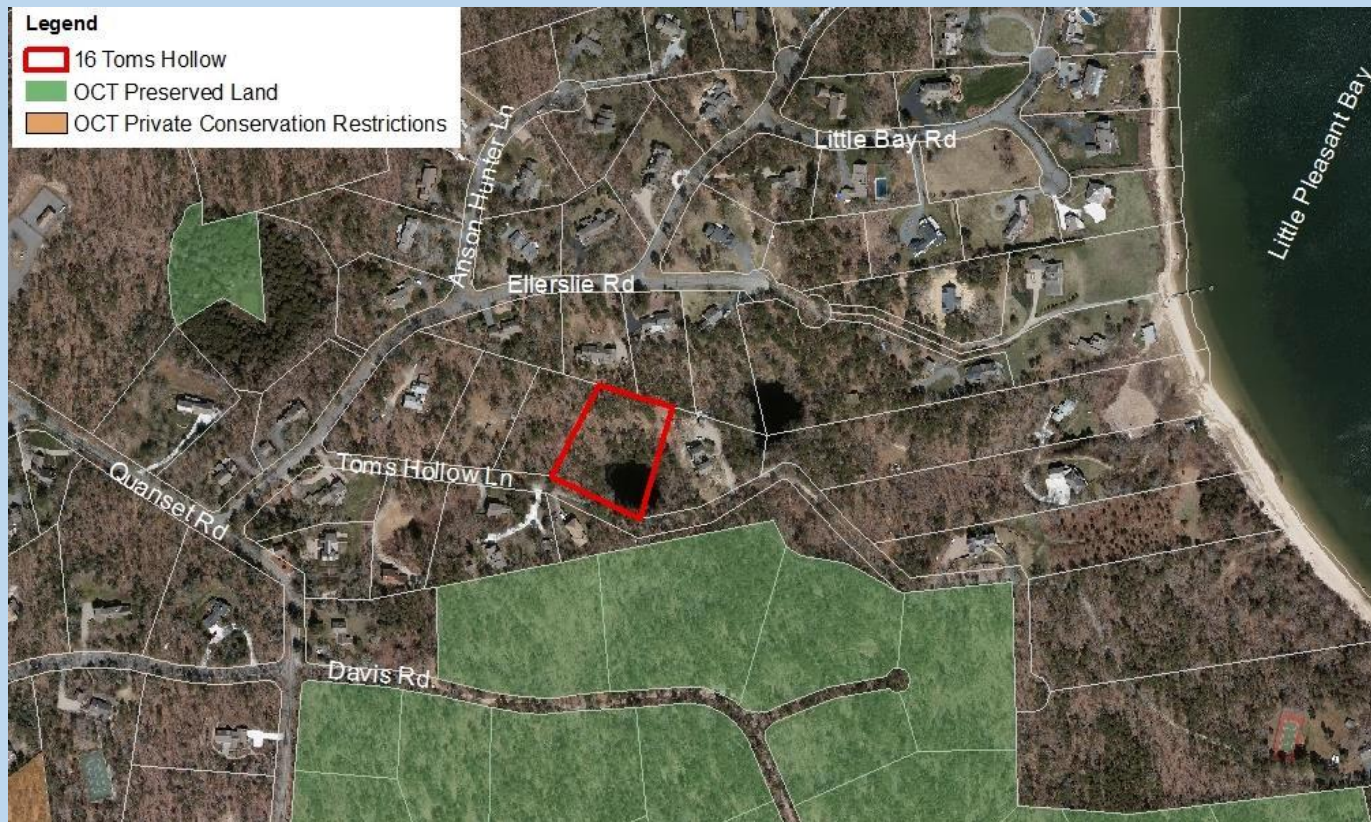
Tom's Hollow Purchase

Fast Facts

- Location: 16 Tom's Hollow Lane
- Preserved on 6/23/2017
- 1.4 acres of developable land
- Wooded upland with a state certified vernal pool

Conservation Value:

- Habitat Corridor with 58 acre Cochran Gift
- Protects vernal pool



Oliver's Way (Cullen) Purchase

Fast Facts

- Location: 3 & 10 Olivers Way
- From Elizabeth Cullen estate
- 2.08 acres- Developable
- Abuts existing OCT property at 11, 7, 16 Oliver's Way (gifted by Cullens)
- Have raised the funds to purchase two nearby parcels!
- Officially closing in early October, with the placement of CR



Legend

- Town OS/Cons
- OCT-Town Conserved Land
- Conservation Restrictions
- Recent Gift
- Potential Purchase



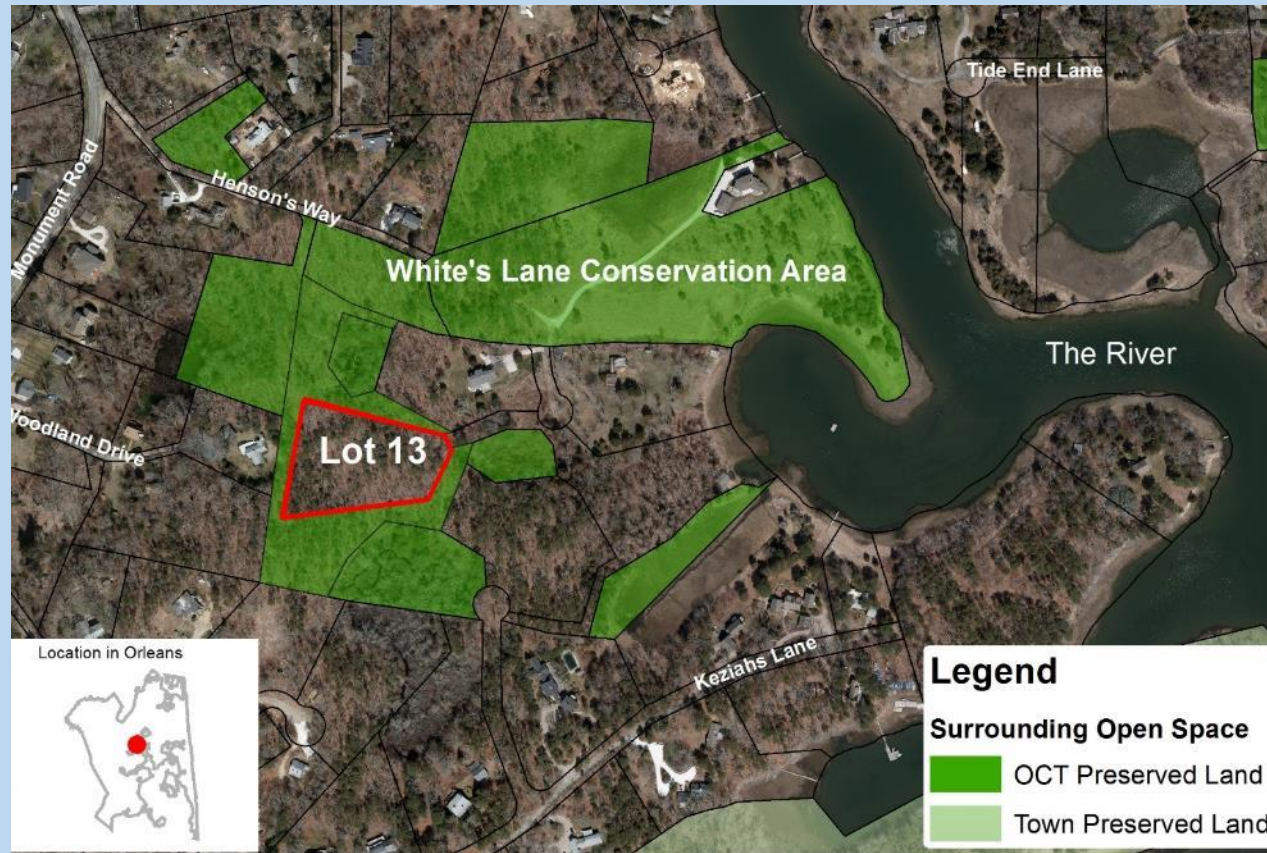
Braddock's Way Potential Purchase

Fast Facts

- Location: 1 Braddock's Way
- Funds needed by January, 2018
- Wooded upland close to wetlands
- 1.7 acres of developable land

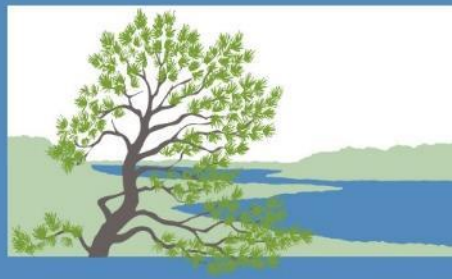
Conservation Value:

- Habitat Corridor with White's Lane Conservation Area (terrapins!)
- Protects water quality of Henson's Cove (Pleasant Bay watershed)



2017 Arbor Day Project





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Land Management



Land Management Update

Intro to Andrew Bagnara

- Land Manager for both Orleans Conservation Trust and Eastham Conservation Foundation
- Served with AmeriCorps Cape Cod and AmeriCorps MassLIFT (2013-2015)
- Previously worked as a utility systems specialist for Davey Resource Group



Land Management Update

Focus of my work / plan for the year for OCT

- Create new land management plans and update current ones
- Seasonal mowing and property/trail maintenance
- Organize property folders
- CR Inspections and organization
- AmeriCorps outreach
- Volunteer land stewardship program

AmeriCorps Placement Update

Summary of Derek's service year

Focus :

- Organization of OCT property folders; baseline photos & maps
- Land management plans;
- Invasive species removal projects and native planting projects,
- Educational programs, especially within local schools.
- Plan and lead Arbor Day projects.

New placement starts in October!



Derek Brudahl
2016-2017

Recent Activity at our Properties

Mill Pond Valley Conservation Area :

- Volunteer work day – Repainted part of the bridge going over creek , removed invasive plants
- AmeriCorps work day – Built a bog bridge to go over wet depression on trail , removed invasive plants

Namequoit Bog :

- AmeriCorps Fire Corps burned 5 debris piles this winter
- Continued removal of invasive Phragmites

White's Lane :

- 7 Protected Terrapin nests this year
- Expected to hatch early September

2016-2017 Land Management

White's Lane Conservation Area



2016-2017 Land Management Pictures

Mill Pond Valley Conservation Area



2016-2017 Land Management



Namequoit Bog



Land Management Volunteer Opportunities

Stewardship property monitoring :

- Help be the eyes and ears of some of our properties
- Inspect property trails / boundaries looking for:
 - Encroachment
 - Trash / debris
 - Downed trees
 - Invasive plants to be removed
 - New trails
 - Illegal activity
- Send us reports on your findings at <http://orleansconservationtrust.org/land-stewardship-survey/>
- Together, we can keep our properties healthy and clean!

Special Thanks to OCT Volunteers!

- Bird Box Monitors
- White's Lane Turtle Garden Monitors
- Land/Trail Stewards and photographers
- Fundraising events



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Finance Committee/ Treasurer's Report



Finance Committee Roles/Responsibilities

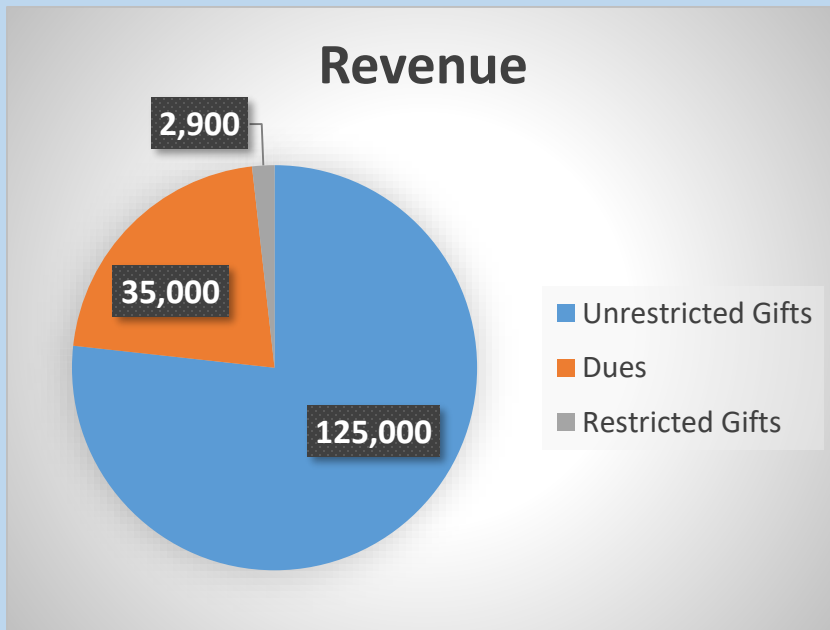
- Review/Update financial policies and procedures
- Maintain effective internal controls
- Monitor and review insurance program
- Recommend investment policies, asset allocation, diversification strategies
- Review monthly financial statements and treasurer's reports

Investments of your Conservation Trust as of July 31, 2017

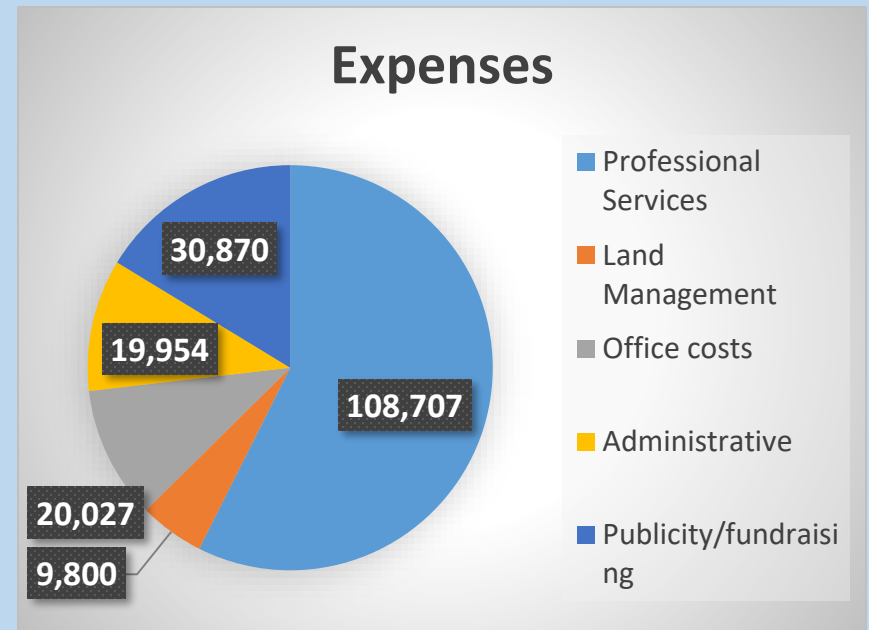
- More than 650 acres of land preserved for the future
- Operating/Unrestricted cash and investments \$680,000
- Restricted funds investments 607,000
 - Land acquisition, land management, conservation restriction defense
- Endowment 96,400
- Cash held for Oliver's Way Purchase 416,000
- Equity in Office Building 75,000

Operating Budget, year ending 12/31/17

Revenue of \$162,900



Expenses of \$189,358



We need your continuing support

- Dues cover less than 20% of our operating expenses.
- We can continue to draw on up to 4% of our savings, but this is not our preferred outcome.
- Gifts to support operating costs support:
 - Our land management efforts
 - A professional organization which can act quickly when opportunities arise
 - Expanding use of our new office to build volunteer efforts, educate the community, and communicate our role in preserving land
- Thank you!

THANK YOU!

Recognition:

Trustee Mon Cochran

