



55th Annual Meeting of the Orleans Conservation Trust
Welcome - Kevin Galligan, OCT President



Agenda

- President Kevin Galligan:
Voting Results and New Trustees
- Executive Director Steve O'Grady:
A Year in Review
- Treasurer Deb Reuman:
Finance Report
- Eamon Caffrey, Mass Audubon:
Diamondback Terrapin Overview



OCT Membership

- Membership Year:
January 1 – December 31
- Membership Dues:
 - \$25 - Associate Member (Under 30 years old)
 - \$50/individual
 - \$100/family



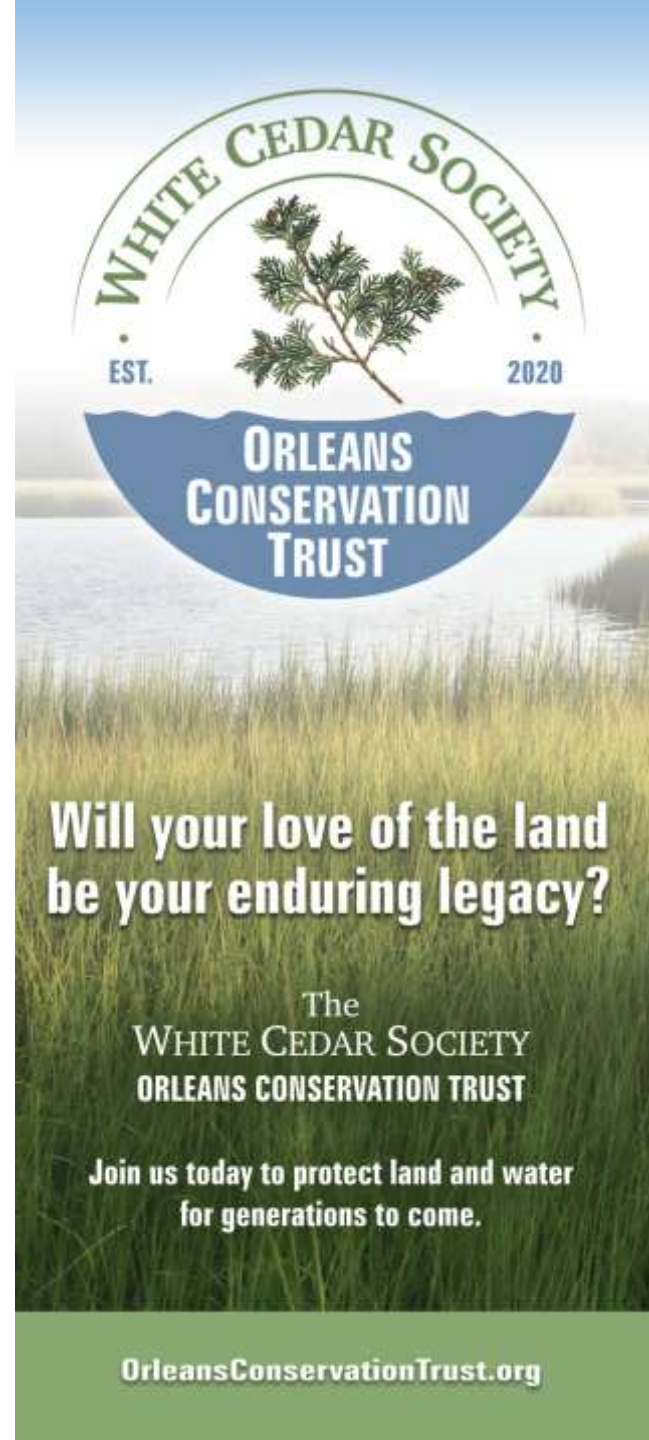
Trustee Election

- OCT has 1387 Members
- Quorum of 50 Members present
- 142 votes received, 140 in favor, 2 opposed
- Trustees elected:
Jamie Demas, Kevin Galligan, Mary Griffin, Ed Hafner, Emily McKhann, Deb Reuman, and Meff Runyon
- Retiring Trustees: Judy Scanlon, Bob Granger



White Cedar Society

- A group of donors who have included OCT in their estate plans – a deeply meaningful way to support OCT's future
 - Make a gift through a will/trust
 - Designate OCT as a beneficiary of a retirement plan, life insurance plan, or donor advised fund
- 32 supporters have joined
- We remember with gratitude White Cedar Society member Nadia Finkelstein





2024-2025 Year in Review
Steve O'Grady, OCT Executive Director

Namequoit Wood Rewilding



Namequoit Bog Eco-Restoration



Window on the Bay Accessible Trail



Growth in Volunteer Programs



Shoal Pond Shore Protection: **SUCCESS!**

- 1.1-acre buildable lot; last undeveloped lot on Shoal Pond
- Expansion of Twinings Pond Conservation Area
- Habitat corridor
- Protects Shoal Pond and Pleasant Bay water quality
- \$940,000 raised!



Land Protection Opportunity: Mayflower Point

- 1.4-acre building lot, plus potential for more nearby acreage
- Pleasant Bay Area of Critical Environmental Concern
- “Habitat island”
- \$740,000 raised, \$245,000 to go!



Land Protection Opportunity: Cedar Pond Shore

- 3.78 acres
- 620 feet of frontage on Cedar Pond
- Preserves habitat and Cedar Pond water quality
- Abuts 12 acres of protected land
- Secure public access to Cedar Pond, proximate to downtown and Environmental Justice area
- \$520,000 purchase price; fundraising underway!



Kids and Families Programming

- Year 3 of Environmental Ed. Grants Program for OES and NRMS
- Preschool Explorers
- Partnership with Snow Library
- Nature Bingo and Storybook Trail
- And more!



Native Collaboration

- OCT funded wetu construction and related programming at Nauset Middle School
- Sponsoring programs to educate our members on local indigenous history
- Building relationships with the Native Land Conservancy and other interested parties
- Self-education, through archaeology and otherwise





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Protecting Nature for Our Community

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At Home with Nature

[What Does "At Home with Nature" Mean?](#)[Why Are Invasive Plants a Threat?](#)[How Do Native Plants Help?](#)[What Makes Good Pollinator/Wildlife Habitat?](#)[Can I Still Have My Lawn?](#)[What About Ticks and Mosquitos?](#)[How Much Time/Money Will This Take?](#)[What Are My Next Steps?](#)

Nature-Friendly Practices You Can Adopt for Your Yard

Orleans Conservation Trust is committed to integrating *At Home with Nature* principles into all our public programs: guided walks, presentations by experts, educational materials, and other resources offered at no cost to year-round and seasonal residents of Orleans. And we look forward to working with local partners on more educational programs. Protecting nature in our community is up to all of us—and it starts at home. Please join us!

[Native Plant Lists](#)[Where to Buy](#)[Monthly Tips](#)[Pollinator Pathway Cape Cod](#)[Partners](#)[More Resources](#)

There are many organizations on Cape Cod that specialize in providing native plant lists. Here are some you will find useful.

A Fond Farewell

- Thank you, Outreach Coordinator & Office Manager Abby Hipp, and interns Melissa Stellenwerf and Clara Parker
- And we're growing! OCT is hiring a Communications & Programs Coordinator and an Administrative Assistant.





Finance Report
Deb Reuman, OCT Treasurer

How your Trust operates:

- Land purchases are made possible by fundraising campaigns:
 - Members, friends, and neighbors
 - Grants from Town and State sources and conservation minded foundations
- Operating budget is funded by:
 - membership dues and unrestricted gifts
 - a responsible “draw” (4-5%) on our savings
- Financial statements are audited annually and filed with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

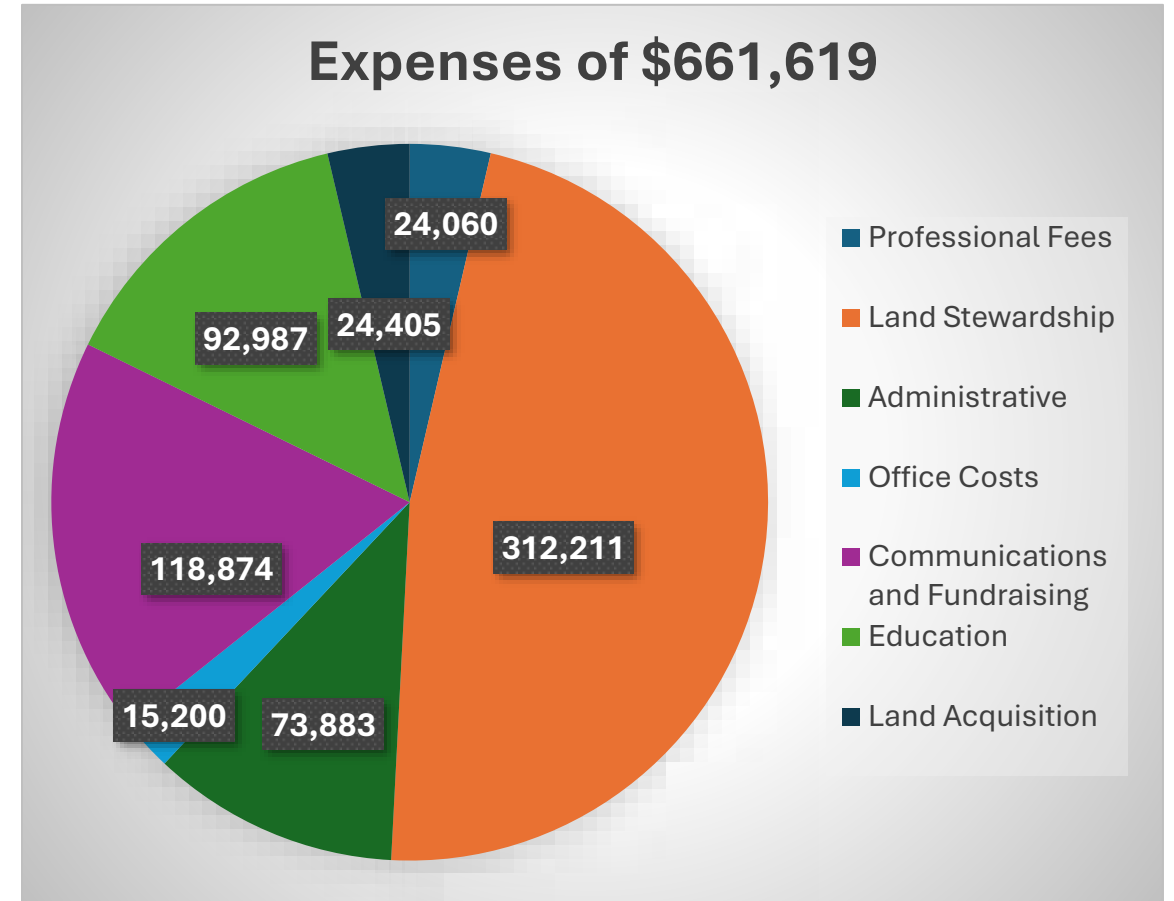
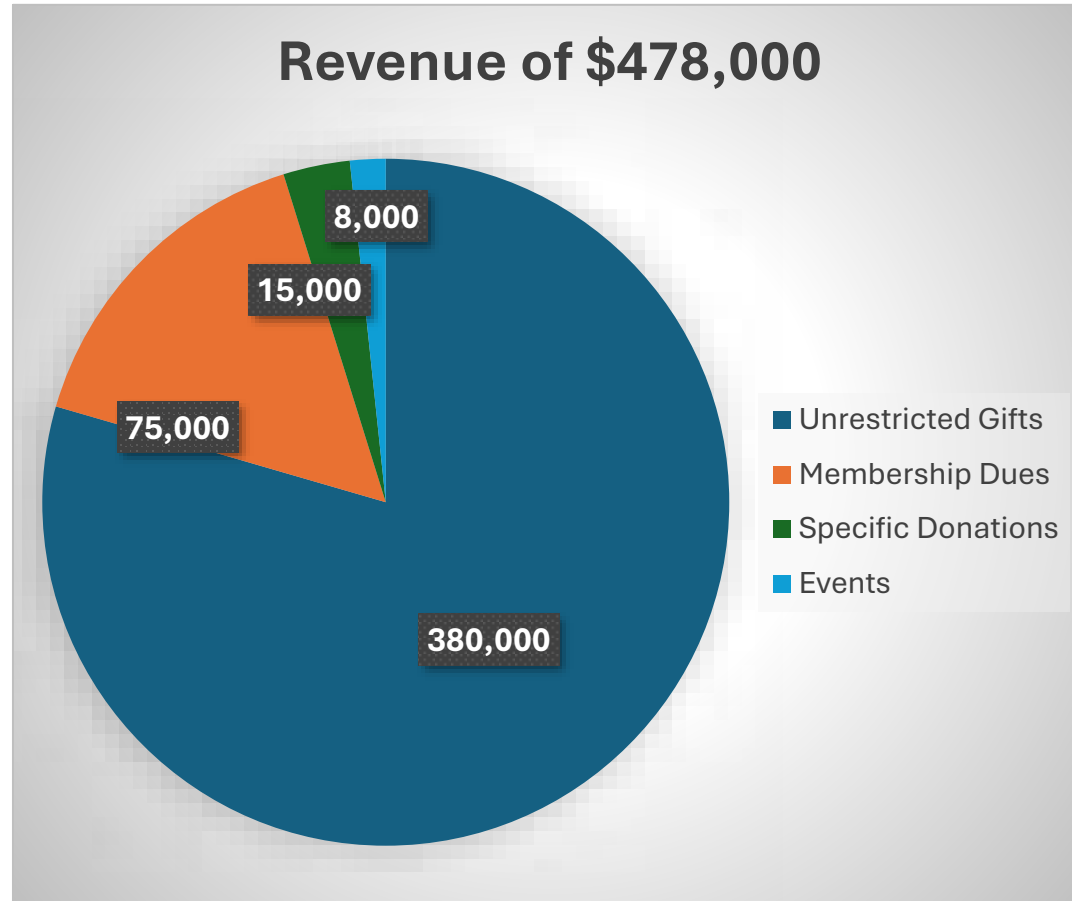


Investments and Assets of your Conservation Trust as of July 31, 2025

- 700 acres of land protected for future generations
- Short term cash and Investments: \$333,000
- Longer term investments: \$4,824,000
- Equity in Office Building: \$208,000



Operating Budget, year ending December 31, 2025



Dues cover only 11.3% of OCT's 2025 Operating Budget. We need your continuing support!