



Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests 110th Annual Report



*The recently-conserved Black Mountain Forest contains over a mile of the well-used Lincoln Trail, which leads to the summit of Mt. Kearsarge.
Photo by Jerry and Marcy Monkman, EcoPhotography.*



The Kilkenny Range can be seen from the ridgeline of this land in Lancaster that was recently protected by the Bartow family. Photo by Mike Speltz.

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110th Annual Report

May 1, 2010 – April 30, 2011

Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests

To our members:

Thanks to your consistent generosity and the ongoing support of our partners, the Forest Society's 2011 fiscal year was one of remarkable accomplishment. As most of you know we were founded in 1901 to help protect the White Mountains. Our 110th year coincides with the centennial of the Weeks Act, which enabled the creation of the White Mountain National Forest, and we continue to join our partners in celebrating a century of land conservation in New Hampshire.

We conserved 4,012 acres in FY2011, completing 21 different land protection projects. Eight of those projects are new Forest Society-owned reservations or additions to existing reservations (2,224 acres), and 11 are conservation easements (1,768 acres). These include farms, working forests, two miles of frontage on the Merrimack River, and a parcel destined to be added to the White Mountain National Forest. We now steward 171 forest reservations totaling more than 50,000 acres and monitor more than 760 easements on more than 118,500 acres of land owned by others.

Land conservation highlights include protecting the Black Mountain Forest in Sutton and Warner. More than 500 donors and help from key partners allowed us to conserve 1,025 acres of working forest on the slopes of Mt. Kearsarge, including a mile of the popular Lincoln Trail that leads to the summit. We will manage the Black Mountain property as one of our reservations to ensure that it remains undeveloped and open to the public.

Echoing our advocacy for the White Mountains a century ago and our mid-century defense of Franconia Notch from a proposed four-lane highway, we have joined the efforts of dozens of organizations and communities and thousands of landowners to fight the proposed Northern Pass powerline corridor. This is likely to be a multi-year effort to advocate a different outcome than allowing a private corporation to erect more than 1,100 towers across 180 miles of New Hampshire landscape. We continue to believe that Northern Pass offers few, if any, real public benefits for our state while threatening to cause unnecessary harm to our forests and economy.

Last fall we tapped veteran forester George Frame to be our Senior Director of Forestry, bringing new energy, vision, and planning to our reservation stewardship. Six timber sales yielded 952,000 board feet of sawlogs and 13,000 tons of low-grade wood while treating 620 acres—including a globally rare pitch pine-scrub oak community at our Harmon Preserve. We added a number of reservations to our growing Online Guide to our Lands to assist public recreation and worked with staff and volunteer land stewards to make and improve signage and trails at some of our most popular reservations.

We are pushing forward on our regional conservation plans, which enable us to collaborate with partners as we prioritize land protection. We are working with partners in greater Manchester on our Merrimack Valley Greenways project to find ways to link people and trails to recreational opportunities on conserved lands. We began the process of applying for Land Trust Accreditation.

We continue to adapt to the rapidly changing world around us. Meeting our operating budget goals continues to be more challenging than ever, but we are on solid ground. By year's end we added \$2.6 million to our net assets, most of that in the value of fee-owned land. Even as we advocate for reasonable public investment in needed natural resources at the local, state, and federal levels, we continue to seek new sources of revenue as well as ways to do more with less. We believe our mission is too important not to keep up our pace.

Thank you for your continued support and, as always, don't hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Jane Difley
President/Forester

Land Protection Summary

Conservation Easements	Acres	Town	Grantor
Mark and Patricia Allen	24	Marlow	Mark and Patricia Allen ★★
Anna Bartow, Laura and Jennifer Baker	219	Lancaster	Anna Bartow, Laura and Jennifer Baker ★★
Kearsarge Gore Farm	413	Warner, Sutton	Robert Bower
Edward and Elizabeth Campen	224	Lancaster	Edward and Elizabeth Campen ★★
Eccardt Farm	141	Washington	Eccard Family ★
Dr. Christopher Glenney	180	Milan	Dr. Christopher Glenney ★
Steve Hamburg and Sally Barker	34	Campton	Steve Hamburg and Sally Barker ★★
Bill and Sheila McCarten	117	Lancaster	Bill and Sheila McCarten ★★
Terrell Homestead Conservation Area	87	Nashua	City of Nashua ★★
Muchyedo Banks Wildlife Management Area	296	Canterbury	Concord Regional Solid Waste/ Resource Recovery Cooperative
Ted Valpey	33	Dover	The Nature Conservancy on behalf of Great Bay Resource Protection Partnership ★★
TOTAL: 11 projects	1,768 acres		

Reservations	Acres	Town	Grantor
Black Mountain Forest	1,054	Sutton, Warner	Cheshire Properties
Gilman Forest	139	Tamworth	Freeto Realty Trust of 1986 ★
Andrew Brook Forest	75	Newbury	Goubert Family Trust ★★
Hedgehog Mountain. Forest (Moses Tract Addition)	193	Deering	David Moses
Monson Center (Ames Lot Addition)	11	Milford	Town of Milford ★
Rasmussen Forest	533	Marlow, Washington	Neil Rasmussen ★★
Wilkins-Campbell Forest (Fair Tract Addition)	8	Deering	Anonymous foundation ★★
Winsheblo Forest	211	Gilford	Laconia Girls Corporation, Inc. ★
TOTAL: 8 projects	2,224 acres		

Transfers	Acres	Town	Grantor
Saco River tract acquired for later transfer to White Mountain National Forest	20	Hart's Location	Verlene O. Hamilton ★
Sale to Gilmanton Conservation Commission of 50% interest in a parcel previously received from John T. Bacon Trust	2*	Gilmanton	
TOTAL: 2 projects	22 acres		
GRAND TOTAL NEW ACREAGE PROTECTED:	4,012 acres		

* Because these two acres were recorded as protected acreage in a prior fiscal year, they have not been included in this year's grand total of new acreage protected.

★★ These grantors donated the full value of the land or conservation easement.

★ These grantors donated a portion of the value of their land or conservation easement.



Completed Projects

Fiscal Year **2011**

Total of 21 projects
protecting 4,012 new acres

- ★ Conservation Easements
 - ★ Fee Properties
 - ★ Land Transferred
 - ★ Acquired for Transfer
- Quabbin to Cardigan
 - North Country Region
 - Merrimack Valley Region
 - Southeast Region
 - Lakes Region

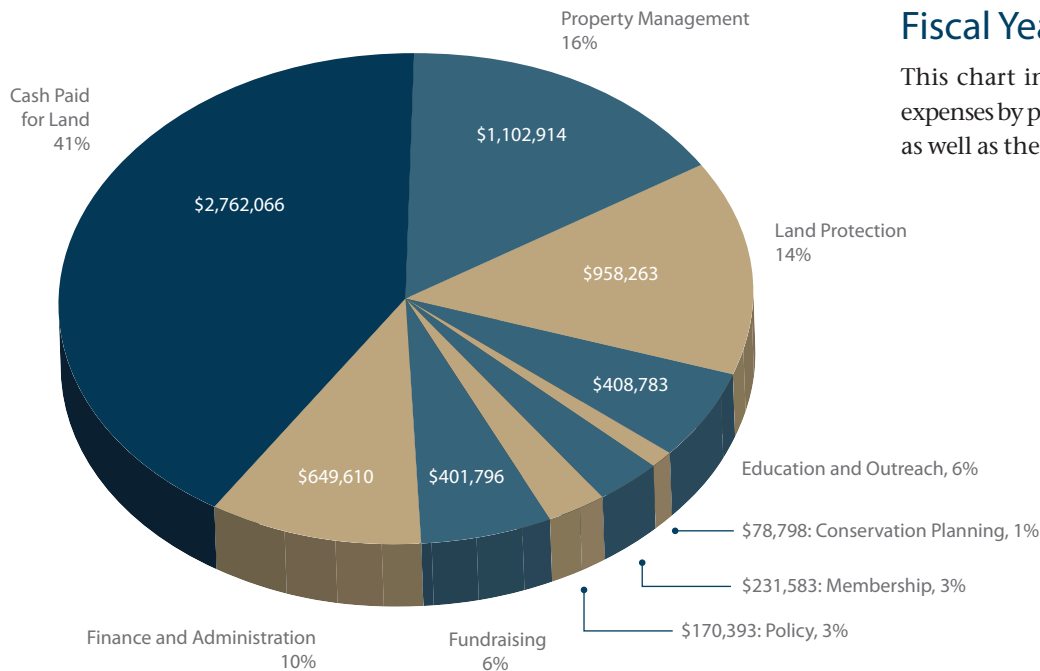
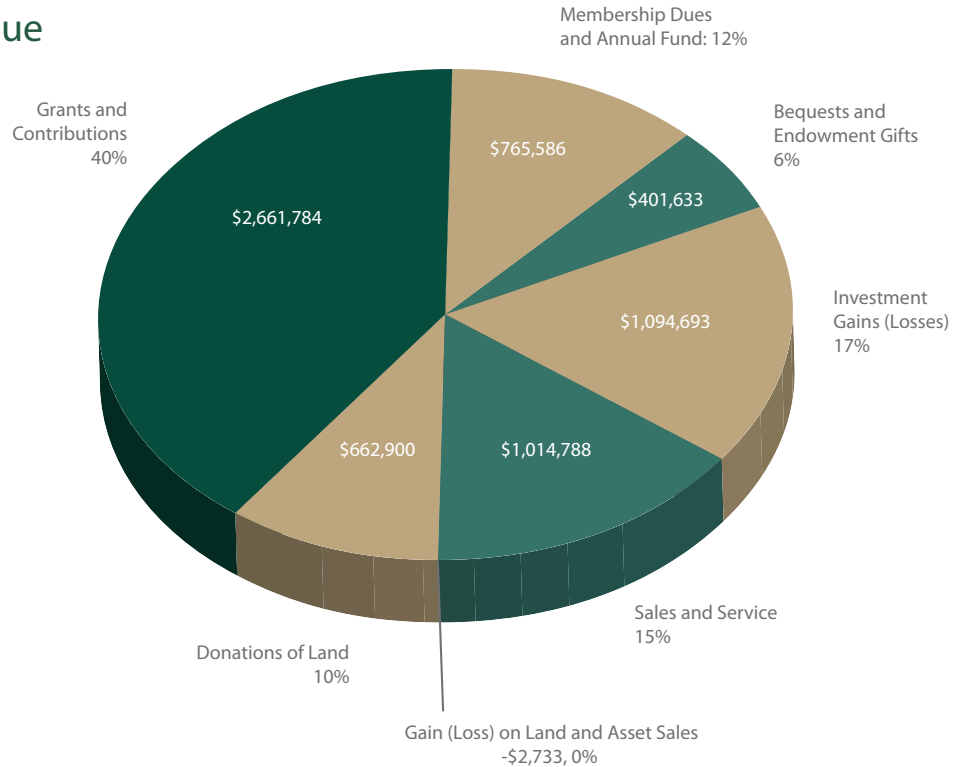


Map by Ryan Young
Spring 2010

Financial Highlights

Fiscal Year 2011 Program Revenue

Grants and contributions include funds for operations and for specific projects, including land protection projects.



Fiscal Year 2011 Program Expenses

This chart includes the Forest Society's expenses by program (functional expenses) as well as the cash paid for land.

Questions on the financial statements should be directed to Denise Vaillancourt, Vice President, Finance (dvaillancourt@forestsociety.org) or Susanne Kibler-Hacker Vice President, Development (skh@forestsociety.org).

Statement of Operating Activities

for the period ending April 30, 2011

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Support and Revenues				
Annual Fund	378,054	-	-	378,054
Contributions	121,349	1,314,146	-	1,435,495
Bequests	345,105	-	-	345,105
Endowment Gifts	-	-	56,528	56,528
Grants	173,606	1,052,683	-	1,226,289
Contributions of Land	-	-	662,900	662,900
Investment Income	115,190	5,135	24,383	144,708
Realized Gain on Investments	451,019	13,442	63,830	528,291
Unrealized Gain on Investments	360,014	10,729	50,951	421,694
Loss on Sale of Land	(10,000)	-	-	(10,000)
Gain of Disposal of Assets	7,267	-	-	7,267
Dues	387,532	-	-	387,532
Rental	289,977	-	-	289,977
Forest Operations	222,620	-	-	222,620
Reimbursement for Services	183,733	-	-	183,733
Sale of Materials	318,458	-	-	318,458
Satisfaction of Restrictions: Payments	471,351	(3,226,609)	2,755,258	-
Total Public Support and Revenues	3,815,275	(830,474)	3,613,850	6,598,651
Functional Expenses				
Property Management	1,102,914	-	-	1,102,914
Land Protection	958,263	-	-	958,263
Education	408,783	-	-	408,783
Land Conservation Planning	78,798	-	-	78,798
Membership	231,583	-	-	231,583
Policy	170,393	-	-	170,393
Total	2,950,734	-	-	2,950,734
Fundraising	401,796	-	-	401,796
Finance and Administration	649,610	-	-	649,610
Total	1,051,406	-	-	1,051,406
Total Functional Expenses	4,002,140	-	-	4,002,140
Increase (decrease) in Net Assets	(186,865)	(830,474)	3,613,580	2,596,511
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	8,745,303	3,854,127	60,885,673	73,485,103
Net Assets, End of Year	8,558,438	3,023,653	64,499,523	76,081,614

Assets

	FY 2011	FY 2010
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,473,058	1,748,386
Restricted cash	118,359	118,359
Receivables		
Pledges receivable, current portion	56,968	93,595
Other receivables	104,432	140,470
Grant receivable	487,293	804,900
Inventories	123,163	139,621
Prepaid expenses	28,796	27,671
Total Current Assets	2,356,069	3,073,002
Investments	11,038,858	10,570,195
Pledges receivable (less current maturities)	86,882	81,194
Land	61,077,335	57,448,869
Less allowance for restrictions	(1,190,039)	(1,190,039)
Land, Net	59,887,296	56,258,830
Property and equipment		
Buildings and land improvements	5,823,790	5,696,123
Equipment	917,817	864,010
Total Property and Equipment	6,741,607	6,560,133
Less accumulated depreciation	(3,188,868)	(3,008,637)
Total Property and Equipment, Net	3,552,739	3,551,496
Other Assets		
Inventories	381,180	373,289
Other long-term assets	174,968	213,273
Total Other Assets	556,148	586,562
Total Assets	77,477,992	74,121,279

Liabilities and Net Assets

	FY 2011	FY 2010
Current Liabilities		
Line of credit ¹	535,000	-
Current portion of note payable ²	11,250	-
Current portion of annuities payable	54,282	43,545
Current portion of deferred compensation	21,000	21,000
Accounts payable	43,638	75,214
Accrued liabilities	63,568	79,147
Total Current Liabilities	728,738	218,906
Other Liabilities		
Note payable - less current portion ²	202,500	-
Annuities payable - less current portion	307,010	243,957
Deferred compensation - less current portion	158,130	173,313
Total Other Liabilities	667,640	417,270
Total Liabilities	1,396,378	636,176
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	8,558,438	8,745,303
Temporarily restricted	3,023,653	3,854,127
Permanently restricted	64,499,523	60,885,673
Total Net Assets	76,081,614	73,485,103
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	77,477,992	74,121,279

¹ This line of credit was used to bridge funding for the Black Mountain project until pledged grant monies were received.

² This note is payable to the grantor of the Winsheblo Forest, purchased via annual payments over 20 years. The Forest Society is still raising funds to pay this note.

For details, see the complete audited financial statements on our web site at www.forestsociety.org/aboutus/annual-reports.asp.

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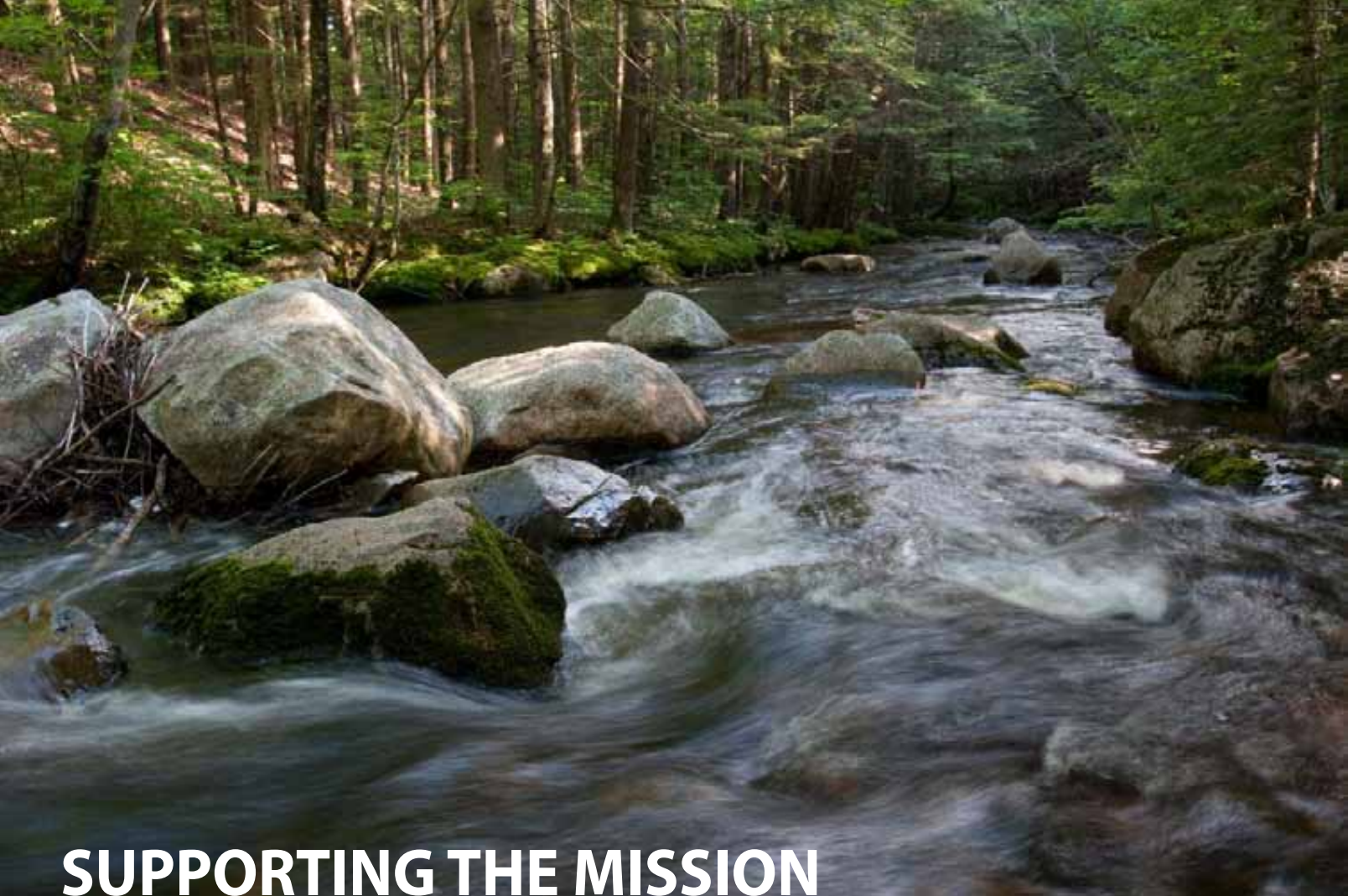
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