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Thirty-seven years ago, Great Works Regional Land Trust (GWRLT) grew out of a neighborhood meeting called to address fears that development pressures would threaten the unique woodlands and natural features of the area. These concerns were transformed into action and by May of 1987, GWRLT was officially incorporated to serve the now six communities of the Berwicks, Eliot, Wells, and Ogunquit. GWRLT's first ten years were a busy time as the volunteer board educated themselves on the intricacies of conservation easements and brought their combined knowledge to each of our six communities.

As our community realized the benefits of conservation and our institutional knowledge grew, opportunities for greater collaboration helped magnify our impact. Within this first decade, Great Works Regional Land Trust organized numerous educational workshops and community hikes and completed 14 projects conserving 1,400 acres. Now GWRLT has completed 145 projects helping to protect over 7,000 acres in our broader community. In 2022 alone, GWRLT facilitated firsthand experiences for 300 middle school students on our preserves

in partnership with the Gulf of Maine Research Institute, won public support for conserving 70 acres along the Salmon Falls River with 78% of the vote in South Berwick on ballot questions 1 and 2, and coordinated over 700 hours of stewardship volunteer support to monitor and maintain conservation lands in our community.

Importantly, Great Works Regional Land Trust has not been alone in these efforts. From GWRLT's first easement, Back Fields Farm (1987), to the most recent, Clement's Woods in Eliot (2022), GWRLT has remained a membersupported organization. It is only with your generous support as members, volunteers, and as supporters of our work that we have been able to faithfully pursue our mission to conserve the region's natural, historic, agricultural, forestry, scenic, and recreational resources for everyone and forever. We are deeply grateful for your remarkable support of the work we have accomplished in the region. As we look ahead to several critical projects and initiatives, we hope to count on your continued support in 2023. Thank you all for making Great Works Regional Land Trust the catalytic institution it is today.

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Annual Members' Meeting

Featuring Keynote Speaker, Enock Glidden

We are very excited to announce that our Annual Members' Meeting will be held April 1st at the North Berwick Community Center. This meeting is not only a terrific opportunity to meet with your fellow members and enjoy a traditional potluck together, but it is the forum for you to have your voice heard and vote counted in the business of GWRLT. The members' business agenda includes the President's Report, Treasurer's Report, and Nominations for the Board of Directors. After the business meeting concludes, doors open to the general public and Enock Glidden will deliver a keynote presentation. Enock is a local athlete, adventurer and advocate for others with disabilities. His motto, "if you try, things happen," exemplifies a spirit and drive we imagine our community will find familiar.

Growing up near Baxter State Park with Spina Bifida, Enock has always had a strong connection to the outdoors, striking a healthy blend of peace and challenge in his pursuits. As an athlete, he maintains an impressive CV – having climbed the Zodiac route of El Capitan in Yosemite and as a member of the Maine Adaptive ski racing team among others. Currently, his sights are set on a summit of Mt. Rainier, but this objective is far from the limit of his vision. As



an advocate, Enock is an Accessibility Ambassador with Maine Trail Finder, providing trail assessments and notes on accessibility through his unique philosophy. Subsequently, his work is intricately tied to conservation and the role land trusts play in the future of accessibility. In discussion with Great Works Regional Land Trust Enock noted, "I have seen a major movement over the past 2 years that I

have been involved with many land trusts. They are now approaching trail building and land development from the standpoint of accessibility. There have been a large number of accessible trail projects started or completed and many more are planned for the future."

Welcoming all to experience our unique landscape firsthand is an integral aspect of our work. As a land trust, Great Works Regional Land Trust has the opportunity to learn how, through our conservation mission, we can increase our positive impact for members of communities often excluded from outdoor experiences. Speaking to the current state of inclusion in the local outdoor recreation community, Enock continued, "I think there is a better understanding that the outdoors should be for all people. There are a lot of grassroots efforts to reach out to all communities in order to facilitate more access to the outdoors. I have been a part of many conversations around this topic from the perspective of people with disabilities but also other communities."

We are extremely excited to hear more about Enock's philosophy of accessibility and thoughts on the critical role land trusts play in our communities. We hope to inspire a rich dialogue across our community and as such, a short Q & A with Enock will follow his presentation. A reception will wrap up our evening by 8:30pm. More details will be announced as they are confirmed, so be sure to stay tuned to our monthly eNews, and media channels to stay up to date!



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NEW EASEMENT: CLEMENTS WOODS

─ WRLT completed our J 46th Conservation Easement in December. The 37-acre donated Conservation Easement in Eliot has been in the same family since 1938. The current family member wished to see the forest remain intact as a legacy honoring his grandmother and to see the woods remain for the wildlife. The "Clement's Woods Conservation Easement" protects the forest as well as tributary streams and wetlands of Stacey Creek, which flow into the Piscataqua River.



2022 Stewardship Report

As a whole, Great Works Regional Land Trust accomplished a great deal in 2022 due to the hard work of our stewardship volunteers. Volunteers focused on sustainable trail work, infrastructure improvements, and habitat management throughout the year.

Special thanks to the Multiple Pathways Program at Noble High School, the Marshwood Interact Club, the Mary Hurd Academy, and the other volunteers who made the 2022 field season productive, enjoyable, and memorable. See you out on the trails!

STEWARDSHIP WORKD	DAYS				
Stewardship workdays	16 workdays				
Total number of workday volunteers	60 volunteers				
Volunteer hours	515 workday hours				
VOLUNTEER WORK GROUPS					
Work groups hosted	7 groups				
Total participants	32 volunteers				
VOLUNTEER LAND STEWARDS					
Stewards	16 Stewards				
Site visits	60 visits				
Hours	80 hours				
VOLUNTEER EASEMENT	MONITORING				
Volunteer easement monitors	9				
Volunteer easement visits	66				
Hours	110				
TOTALS					
114 Volunteers	705 hours				



Bog bridge installation workday at Keay Brook



Orris Falls volunteer workday



Newichawannock Woods Earth Day workday

Year In Review: 2022 with Great Works Regional Land Trust

the year ahead.

reat Works Regional Land Trust has been a member-J supported organization from the very beginning. Each of our 37 years have brought many opportunities and challenges alike. However, the support of our members, sponsors, donors, and community partners has been an essential constant every year. Thank you for all of your

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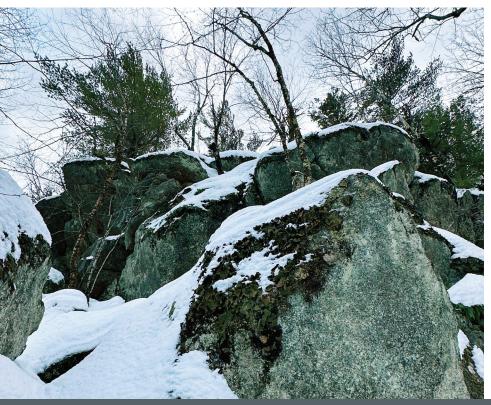
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Land Protection

Conservation of the South Peak of Bauneg Beg Mountain



C ince the last update in the Fall 2022 Newsletter, additional funding was committed to the project and more behindthe-scenes work was accomplished. At its September Board meeting, the Land for Maine's Future Program awarded \$181,700 towards the purchase of the South Peak of Bauneg Beg Mountain. We are in the process of completing work on tasks required by the federally administered Land and Water Conservation Fund before they make a final decision on our request for funding. The design of the trail system is complete, and the Maine Natural Areas Program and Maine Inland Fisheries & Wildlife have reviewed the design and are satisfied that there will be no significant impact to rare/endangered plants or deer wintering areas. The parking area design will receive similar reviews once it is completed.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO VOTED YES ON 1&2 TO PROTECT SALMON FALLS TIDAL WATERS

On November 8th, 2022, South Berwick residents voted 78% in favor of Questions 1 & 2 listed on the town ballet. In so doing, citizens of South Berwick demonstrated their support to help fund and facilitate the conservation of 62 acres of uplands, a quarter mile of shore front, and approximately 9 acres of saltmarsh and mudflats off Oldfields Road. This resounding success means that we have received critical and quantifiable public support in our \$2.2 million effort to purchase and protect Salmon Falls Tidal Waters. With the town's contribution, we are now over a third of the way to meeting our funding needs. This level of support for the project is significant, not only for financial feasibility but to prove that we have the community's support as we move forward with additional fundraising efforts. In 2023, we will build upon our public support and apply for funds from the North American Wetland Conservation Act Program, the Land for Maine's Future Program, and the Coastal Estuary and Land Conservation Program among others. If you would like to help in our efforts to protect this important piece of property, please visit us at www.gwrlt.org to donate, or reach out to us with questions at info@gwrlt.org.



New Staff Update



Welcome, Dan Maxton!

When COVID hit three years ago, Dan and his now fiancée Jordan Lovejoy fled the Boston area and moved in with his mom who lives just around the corner from Orris Falls Conservation Area. The couple, both trail runners, relied on Orris Falls trails for sanity during the early lockdown periods and two weeks turned into two years. Dan fell in love with the landscape and a different way of life, and it drew him to become a GWRLT member. "I feel lucky to have been able to test out living close to the natural landscape and this unique community," he says.

Dan's school trajectory has been non-traditional; he left a pre-med program in 2010 but continued taking courses in hard sciences while making ends meet in retail as he pursued hobbies in outdoor sports and recreation. Along the way, Dan became interested in social and environmental impact and began studying government and economics. His work in retail exposed him to the power of connection with the land through sports, and he recognizes the impact of outdoor space and conservation as an outgrowth of his

community based, people-oriented retail work. He sees this community engagement position as a confluence, "I am excited to draw together my experience and education and aptitude into an opportunity to do 'great work' with Great Works Regional Land Trust."

As Community Engagement Coordinator, Dan is responsible for communications: social media, monthly emails, and the print newsletter. He oversees Great Works Regional Land Trust's extensive guided hike program as well as educational programming and outreach in the six communities we serve.

Dan and Jordan, who has a background in nonprofit development, live in downtown South Berwick. Dan is an avid hiker (one third of the way through New Hampshire's 48 4,000 footers!) and also enjoys cycling and climbing.

Troop #1266 members Erin Trainer, Elle McNulty, Linnea Trainer, Josie Sinclair, Mary Murtha, Megan Murtha, and Nicole Giusto Sinclair (left to right) with the vernal pool sign they graciously developed, produced, and donated, achieving their Bronze Medal Award.





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Office help:
☐ Mailings
☐ Research

Committee Work:

☐ Development **☐** *Membership*

- ☐ Property maintenance ☐ Invasives removal ☐ Stewardship
 - ☐ Trail work

Stewardship:

☐ Building maintenance

Zip

- Special Events:
- ☐ Spring Auction (held in March)
- ☐ Cooking/baking for an event
- ☐ Volunteer Appreciation ☐ Annual Meeting
- ☐ Special Events
- Outreach:
- ☐ Booth help at local festivals
- ☐ Lead a hike
- ☐ Distribute newsletters, posters
- ☐ Photography
- ☐ Give a talk to an organization
- ☐ Write an article



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- All outdoor adventures are open to the public and free to members of GWRLT.
- A \$5 donation per person or \$10 donation per family is suggested for non-members.
- Reservations required.

Calendar...

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2023 WINTER & SPRING OUTINGS & EVENTS

Feb 25 Saturday Hike Beaver Dam Heath | 10am-noon | Grants Meadow at Beaver Dam Heath, Berwick

Mar 1 Wednesday Wandering | 10am-11:30am | Bauneg Beg Mountain Conservation Area, North Berwick

Mar 5-11 Spring Auction | All-day, Online | charityauction.bid/GWRLTSpringAuction2023

- Mar 11 Explore Orris Falls with Paul Dest | 10am-noon | Orris Falls Conservation Area, South Berwick
- Mar 12 Sunday Hike Rocky Hills w/ Susan Pike | 10am-11:30am | Rocky Hills Preserve, South Berwick
- Mar 15 Wednesday Wandering | 10am-1pm | Keay Brook Preserve, Berwick
- Mar 25 Apple, Blueberry & Raspberry Pruning with Bill Spiller | 10am-noon | Spiller Farm, Wells
- Mar 29 Wednesday Wandering | 10am-11:30am | Tatnic Woods, Wells
- Apr 1 Annual Meeting | 5pm-8:30pm | North Berwick Community Center, North Berwick
- Apr 12 Wednesday Wandering | 10am-11:30am | Newichawannock Woods, Berwick
- Apr 26 Wednesday Wandering | 10am-11:30am | Goodwin Forest, Eliot

Registrations required. Hikes are limited to 25 participants.

For more information and to register, visit us at gwrlt.org/event or call our offices at (207)-646-3604.

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