

2024 Annual Report

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WESTPORT LAND CONSERVATION TRUST

President's Letter

May 2025

Dear WLCT Members,

As I reflect on 2024, I am deeply grateful for the passion and generosity of this community to preserve Westport's working farmland and critical natural habitats, while expanding access to the outdoors. Over the past fifteen years on the board, and especially in my three years as Board President, I have watched with pride as WLCT has grown, deepened its purpose, and strengthened its bond with this community.

2024 was one of our most impactful periods of land conservation. Thanks to your generosity, we helped protect over 200 acres abutting Westport Woods, ensuring new trails and open spaces for the public in the years ahead. We also preserved 32 acres of prime farmland on Mouse Mill Road.

We restored over 20 acres of habitat, planted a new learning center garden, and built or replaced more than 1,000 feet of bog bridging to improve trail access. Our dedicated Tuesday Trail Team and volunteers contributed over 2,500 hours of service, making these accomplishments possible and enriching the health and accessibility of the land we all enjoy.

Our mission is only as strong as the relationships we foster. More than 2,200 people joined us for programs, workshops, and events on properties across Westport. Each person who steps onto a trail or participates in a program strengthens the bond between community and conservation.

WLCT grows stronger thanks to you. In 2024, we expanded our programming capacity, deepened partnerships, and prepared to launch a new website that will make it easier than ever to share stories, inspire action, and welcome new supporters into our mission.

As my time as President comes to a close, I am confident of our ability to continue our mission—through preserving Westport's special places, in connecting more people to the land, and in the quiet, persistent care that this land deserves. We continue to blaze new trails, enhance educational opportunities, and protect Westport's farms, forests, and open spaces. Our town is a special place—and you, our community, make it truly extraordinary.

With gratitude,



Christine "Tina" S. Schmid
WLCT President

The Westport Land Conservation Trust is a non-profit, tax-exempt,
charitable corporation with a mission to:
*Acquire and preserve natural resources, farmland and wildlife areas for the use
and enjoyment of present and future generations,
to preserve and protect historic sites,
to educate the public about the wise use of natural resources,
and to work with other organizations having similar purpose.*

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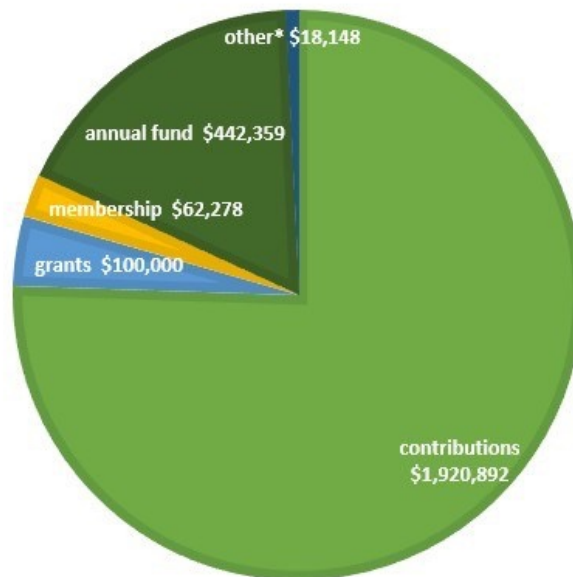
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2024 Financial Highlights

2024 Financial Statements available upon request

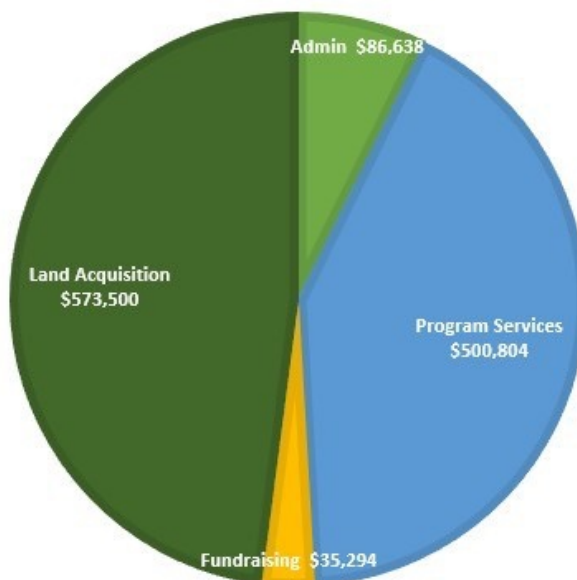
2024 INCOME TOTAL \$2,543,677

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2024 EXPENSES TOTAL \$1,196,236

■ Admin ■ Program Services ■ Fundraising ■ Land Acquisition



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Restricted Funds as of 12/31/2024

The Agricultural Preservation Fund \$493,604

A revolving fund to provide the Westport Land Conservation Trust Board of Directors with ready access to funds for the acquisition of agricultural land.

The Community Connections Endowment Fund \$1,270,438

A fund to support WLCT's annual land connection and outreach work engaging people in environmental education programs, events, and more.

The Conservation Restriction Monitoring and Enforcement Fund \$255,152

A fund for monitoring, enforcement and legal defense related to the stewardship of conservation restrictions held by the Westport Land Conservation Trust.

The Dune Conservation Fund \$58,014

A fund restricted to maintenance of coastal dune areas owned by the Town of Westport through planting, fertilizing, anti-erosion barriers, and placement and maintenance of signs.

The Founders Stewardship Fund \$2,168,815

A fund in memory of the WLCT founders to provide funding for the physical maintenance of properties in Westport which are owned in-fee by the Westport Land Conservation Trust.

The Richmond and Cockeest Ponds Fund \$225,248

Money restricted to land conversation projects within the Westport Harbor area and along the shores of the Richmond and Cockeest Ponds.

The West Branch Fund \$47,350

Money restricted to conservation-related expenses of land planning of the West Branch Association, Inc., a neighborhood association of twenty waterfront landowners along the east shore of the West Branch of the Westport River.

The Westport Woods Endowment \$503,108

A fund to provide for the annual maintenance and overall care of the Westport Woods Conservation Park.

Legacy Fund \$1,207,502

A fund directed by the Westport Land Conservation Trust Board of Directors to provide for the annual operations of the organization and emergency capital improvements.

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