

ANNUAL REPORT

2012



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Conservation, Collaboration and
Community since 1953

SVT Conservation Highlights: Protection of 81 Acres, Reservation Improvements for Visitors, and Expanding Opportunities for Outreach



Dear SVT Members,

The daily work of volunteers and staff at SVT is threefold: to take care of land that has been entrusted to us, to work with landowners and communities to conserve new parcels, and to communicate with members and the public about the benefits of conservation and the need for support. The year just closed saw strong progress in all three areas. SVT stewards built bridges, cleared storm damage from trails, published improved maps,

outsourced beavers, monitored the integrity of our properties and conservation restrictions, and planned an important habitat restoration project. Land protection staff and volunteers closed projects protecting 81 acres and are actively working on the protection of at least 838 more project acres. What a huge amount of work is summarized in that short sentence!

Our Membership and Outreach team has been busy; this annual report is an example. They have launched new initiatives, such as the first-ever 10K Trail-a-Thon to recruit new members (which produced 45 new members). Like other community organizations, we are often reminded of the importance of reaching out to families and young people. This must be done in terms that are interesting and accessible to them. For that reason we launched a new family-friendly Halloween event, the Pumpkin Patch. Its creative volunteer leaders wove in nature and conservation themes. We also became more active in the use of internet-based communication, distributing photographs contributed to SVT Nature Sightings through Facebook and e-mail. If you haven't seen our Nature Sightings, go to our website (www.svtweb.org/nature-sightings) and have a look.

Fiscal Year 2012 was our second year of hosting AmeriCorps members, which has brought youthful intelligence and energy to SVT's service. Because these well-educated dedicated people arrive ready to be productive on their first day, they expand our capacity. The year also saw a significant milestone: SVT completed the process of applying for accreditation by the Accreditation Commission of the Land Trust Alliance, our national land conservation service organization.

This report only gives a short summary of actions Sudbury Valley Trustees undertook this year on behalf of its members. You can get more information from our website or through a visit or phone call to our office (978) 443-5588. Your generous support makes SVT's efforts possible, and we want you to know all about them!

Sincerely yours,

Ron McAdow, Executive Director

Colin Anderson, President

OUR MISSION:

Sudbury Valley Trustees is a regional land trust that conserves land and protects wildlife habitat in the Concord, Assabet, and Sudbury river basin for the benefit of present and future generations.

ABOUT US:

Founded in 1953, Sudbury Valley Trustees is supported today by a membership of approximately 3,000 individuals, families and corporations throughout 36 different communities in the Concord, Assabet and Sudbury river basin. Working in close collaboration with landowners, businesses, local conservation commissions and government agencies, SVT pursues its land protection goals through land acquisition and stewardship, advocacy and education.

The organization currently owns, through gift and purchase, more than 2,150 acres in seventeen communities. In addition, it holds conservation restrictions on more than 1600 acres and has been instrumental in preserving several thousand acres now protected by public agencies. SVT is responsible for the protection and care of 130 properties, which include wetlands, sensitive habitats, trails, open spaces, and major sanctuaries.

Land Protection Highlights

SVT assisted the town of Berlin in the establishment of Eager Woods, 65 acres of prime woodland habitat within the conservation-rich Mt. Pisgah Priority Area, currently a complex of over 750 acres. This property was acquired in part with a LAND (Local Areas for Natural Diversity) grant from the state. SVT holds a conservation restriction on the land.

Andre and Christine Navez donated a conservation restriction to SVT on six beautiful acres around their Hopkinton home. These newly protected acres follow the donation of over 40 acres donated to the state in 1991 as a wildlife preserve. The property is part of the larger Upton State Forest area of over 2,600 acres.

George and DD Harrington donated a conservation restriction on an 18-acre property; boasting prime agricultural soils, this land is a mix of agricultural fields, pastureland, and wooded wetlands. This is the third property the Harringtons have protected since 2007 in the Edmands Road area of northwest Framingham.



Conservation restrictions added 89 acres of permanently preserved land to SVT holdings, including scenic pastures at both the Harrington property in Framingham (above) and the Navez property in Hopkinton (below).

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Revenues	2012	2011	2010
Contributions and Grants	710,560	574,561	611,445
Membership	370,996	374,487	334,945
Land Transactions			
Investment Income (Loss)	<u>88,065</u>	<u>1,073,221</u>	<u>696,248</u>
Unrealized Loss on Trade Land		(363,300)	
Other Income	<u>88,858</u>	<u>92,836</u>	<u>99,233</u>
Total Revenues	1,258,479	1,751,805	1,741,861

Expenses

Land Acquisition		92,225	500
Other Land/River Protection	272,040	279,377	286,223
Stewardship	291,591	257,144	239,508
Education/Advocacy	76,033	70,624	89,122
Development/ Membership	<u>217,323</u>	<u>219,163</u>	<u>187,835</u>
Administration	<u>186,560</u>	<u>163,686</u>	<u>147,979</u>
Total Expenses	1,043,547	1,082,219	951,167

Transfer of Mass Land Trust Assets

Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets	<u><u>214,932</u></u>	<u><u>669,586</u></u>	<u><u>790,694</u></u>
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Copies of the audited financial statements are available upon request.

TREASURER'S REPORT

SVT's financial year runs from July 1 to June 30. Thanks to continued strong financial support from our members and friends, the organization finished 2012 in sound financial health.

The Financial Highlights consolidate results from the major, distinct areas, including operations, land transactions, portfolio investment results, and all other. The following table breaks out and explains each area separately.

Financial Highlights Components \$ in thousands	2012	2011
Net Assets as of June 30	\$8,729	\$8,514
Aggregate increase/(decrease) in net assets	215	669
1) Surplus/(deficit) from Operations	17	88
2) Land Transaction Activities	104	(67)
3) Investment Income plus gains/(losses)	42	660
4) Other	52	(12)

1) Operations—This category includes total donations and revenue minus salaries, utilities, insurance, stewardship, administration, education and cost of fundraising. In fiscal 2012 there was an operating surplus of \$17 thousand, primarily the result of careful expense control.

2) Land transaction activities—This area includes funds raised in each year to preserve land, minus total cost of surveys, legal expense, land protection personnel costs and SVT's share of purchase cost of land parcels or conservation restrictions. This number will be large in years when SVT is raising funds for a large land transaction, or it can be a large deficit in years when the funds are paid out to complete a large transaction.

3) Investment income plus changes in value—This area includes primarily investment income and change in value of SVT portfolio investments.

SVT will continue to manage its resources, along with member and supporter contributions, frugally and responsibly, while pursuing its mission to preserve and take care of land.



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Due to space limitations, we are only able to list donors of \$250 and above. We wish to extend sincere thanks to all of our contributors.

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In April, SVT hosted its first Earth Day Trail-a-thon fundraiser where Laura Mattei showed her finding to Noah Green, Gavi Azoff, and Becca Green.

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