Sudbury Valley Trustees

THE WREN

November 2026

FY26 IMPACT REPORT



Protecting fields, forests, and farms for people and wildlife.

Dear SVT Members and Friends,

"Life feels sacred and precious, a gift given to me so that I may help heal this crooked world" writes Ethan Tapper, forester and award-winning author. His words speak to the same sense of purpose embedded in our shared work at SVT. Together, we are seeking ways to leave a positive impact on the natural world around us.

As the 2026 fiscal year ended last June, SVT's staff and board undertook an in-depth evaluation of our progress to advance the goals of our 2024 to 2029 strategic plan. We critically reviewed our work thus far, confirmed or adjusted our tactics, and recalibrated our priorities for the next two years. Through this process, we reaffirmed the importance of remaining tightly focused on the key tenants of the plan. We are maximizing land protection success throughout our service region by: 1) accelerating the pace of land protection, 2) providing exemplary stewardship of the lands in our care, and 3) inspiring more conservation supporters in our region through community engagement.

In this special Impact Report edition of *The Wren*, we summarize not only the past year's achievements, but we illustrate the deep meaning and far-reaching impact of the work we have accomplished together, through our collective, strategic, and ongoing dedication to conservation. Over SVT's 73 years, together we have protected 6,417 acres of land and assisted in the protection of over 3,000 additional acres. Much of this land would have been developed without our collective action. In fiscal year 2026 alone, with your support, we protected 407 acres, bringing our totals to 96 SVT-owned Conservation Areas and 109 Conservation Restrictions. More than 85 miles of trails connect people with nature so they can be inspired to protect it.

In a world that needs healing, the work of protecting open space can feel challenging, but with your partnership, trust, and ongoing financial support of our work, we continue to make progress. Each donation you make brings us one step closer to our vision of a healed, biodiverse, and resilient community and planet.

Steven J. Correia, FY26 Board President



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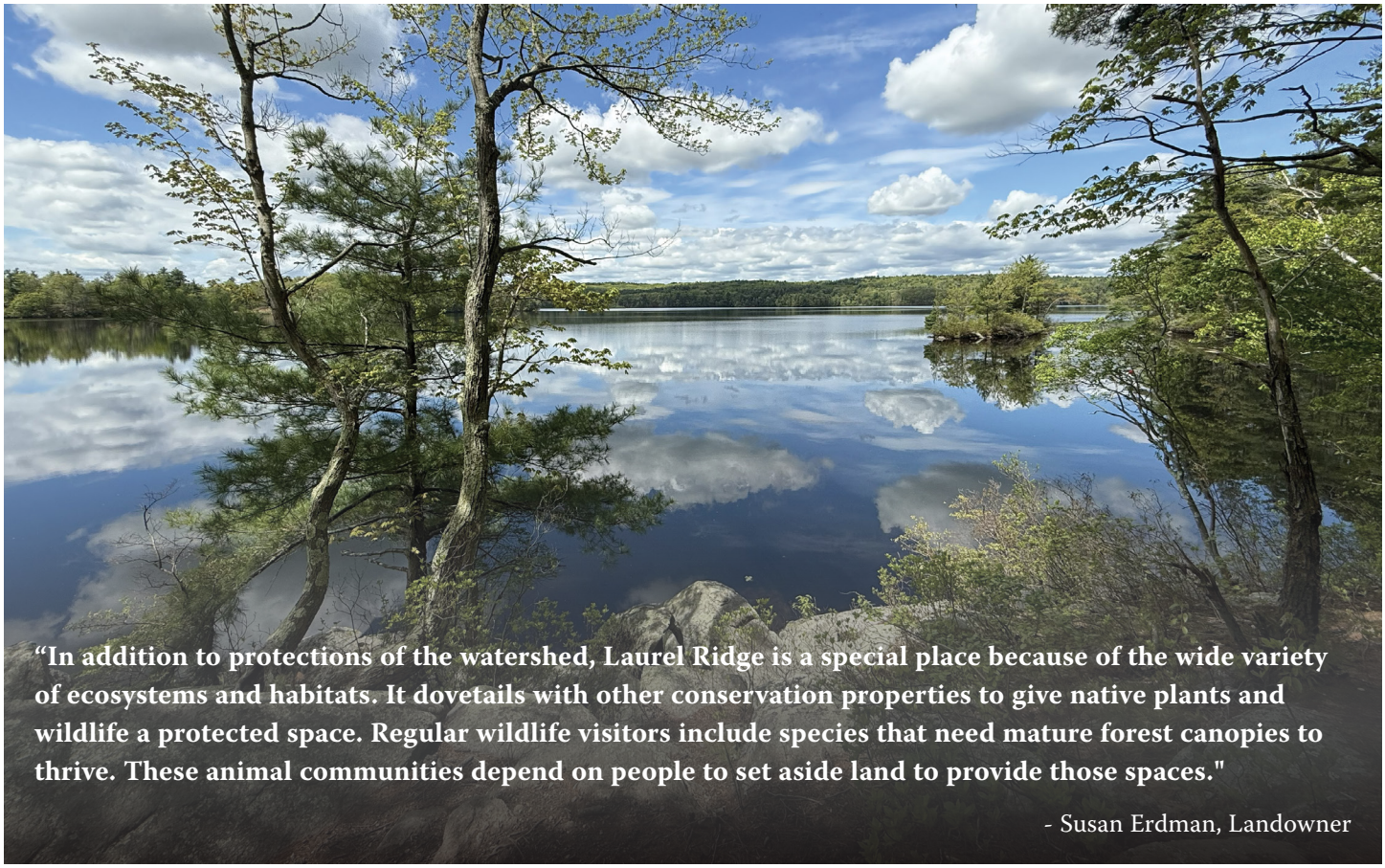




Photo: Greenways Conservation Area by Louis Calisi

“Open spaces help us with the air we breathe, they give us recreation places to teach our children and grandchildren about the natural environment, they preserve species, and keep our rivers clean. I'm really proud to be contributing to Sudbury Valley Trustees' efforts."

- Steven Cohen, SVT Member



"In addition to protections of the watershed, Laurel Ridge is a special place because of the wide variety of ecosystems and habitats. It dovetails with other conservation properties to give native plants and wildlife a protected space. Regular wildlife visitors include species that need mature forest canopies to thrive. These animal communities depend on people to set aside land to provide those spaces."

- Susan Erdman, Landowner

Protecting the Beauty of Laurel Ridge... Forever

Situated on a forested peninsula that extends into Whitehall Reservoir, the 20.5-acre Laurel Ridge Nature Reserve property in Hopkinton features diverse wildlife habitats, stunning water views, and a wonderful trail network that connects to Whitehall State Park. In 2025, SVT purchased a Conservation Restriction (CR) on the land, permanently protecting the natural beauty and wildlife habitat along Whitehall Reservoir.

Before moving to Laurel Ridge, landowners Brian Morrison and Susan Erdman were living on the other side of Hopkinton and saw development encroaching more and more. They had a shared vision that embraced the natural beauty of the region and a desire to protect land in perpetuity, so they looked for land where they could build a home, with an eye towards future conservation. They bought two adjacent parcels that had been owned by the same person since the 1940s. Over the past 30 years, they purchased other adjacent parcels that became available to keep them from being developed. Altogether, they formed the 20.5-acre property now known as Laurel Ridge.

Brian and Susan worked hard over the years to make their shared vision a reality. Both came from working class families, and acquiring the land required setting priorities and making sacrifices, but they felt it was the right thing to do. They also feel that anyone can contribute to conservation in their own way. "If you're not in a position to donate land, you can always donate your time to help benefit the environment," Brian said. "It all starts at the local level. It's a grassroots effort."

Brian, who grew up in Sudbury and served on the Hopkinton Conservation Commission, was familiar with SVT's work protecting and stewarding land. Susan said, "We were confident that SVT would help us protect it in perpetuity and tapped into their wisdom to achieve that goal."

The forests and waters of Laurel Ridge are part of a vital ecosystem, designated as Priority Habitats of Rare and Endangered Species by the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program. The permanent CR safeguards this land from future development, protects wildlife habitat and watershed resources, and preserves its natural beauty and trails for future generations to enjoy. Many thanks to all who made this possible.

Protecting Farms – Strengthening Communities

When we think about what makes our region so special, it's difficult not to imagine the picturesque farms that are quintessential to New England. As we prepare for the holiday season, we can thank our local farmers for their hard work when we celebrate with family and friends and feast on the seasonal bounty. But Massachusetts is facing a decline in local farms. As large-scale agriculture dominates our food sources, and farms are being sold off to development, it's more important than ever for SVT to continue its work protecting local farms. Supporting local agriculture is more than just keeping our home quaint. It's about investing in local businesses, supporting our neighbors, and providing our communities with a sense of security knowing that there is always food nearby. Here are a few of the farms that SVT has helped permanently protect in recent years.

Sweet Autumn Farm in Carlisle is a small organic farm that grows herbs, vegetables, and cut flowers. In December 2025, Katharine Endicott, the landowner who lives on the property, generously donated a CR to SVT to ensure that her land would always be available for farming and to provide local produce to the community. The farm sits in an expansive corridor of open space that includes over 1,700 acres of land at Estabrook Woods on the Carlisle-Concord line, making the farm important to conserve for both inland flood resilience and for the ecologically rich habitats that provide a home for rare species.

Holliston Community Farm is an example of how SVT supports municipalities in protecting local agriculture. In 2025, SVT helped permanently protect the 29.5-acre property owned by the Town of Holliston. The property has a community farm with individual plots that residents can rent to grow their own produce. Natural areas with wetlands, vernal pools, marshland, and upland forest provide habitat for a wide variety of native species, some of which are rare and endangered. There are also trails that provide access to the public. Holliston Community Farm provides more than fresh, locally grown food – it offers a space for community and connection.

Stonefield Farm in South Acton has been growing vegetables and plants for retail and wholesale markets since 1929. The farm consists of 51.5 acres of existing agricultural operations, as well as wetlands and upland forests. The wetlands provide flood mitigation, and the woodlands form an uninterrupted forest block with adjacent lands in Acton, Stow, and Maynard. Together, with the neighboring 14-acre Caouette Farm, the protection of Stonefield Farm safeguards 64 acres of open space. The farm is now owned by Boston Area Gleaners, a nonprofit that provides hunger-relief across New England. In 2021, SVT, the Town of Acton, and the Acton Conservation Trust teamed up to raise funds to purchase an Agricultural Preservation Restriction on the land, ensuring that the farmable portion of the land stays in active agriculture. Over 51 acres of important farmland and wildlife habitat have been protected forever.



"The partnership between Stearns Farm and SVT has been extremely strong and supportive over the years - making it possible to continue caring for the land and the community we help feed every season. We are truly lucky to work with such an invested organization, one that understands the significance of sustainability in all its aspects. SVT has proven time and again that they believe in the work we do — they are supportive of the improvements we propose to help keep our small vegetable farm as successful and sustainable as possible, and they appreciate us as the land stewards we are."

- Ember Fleming, Stearns Farm

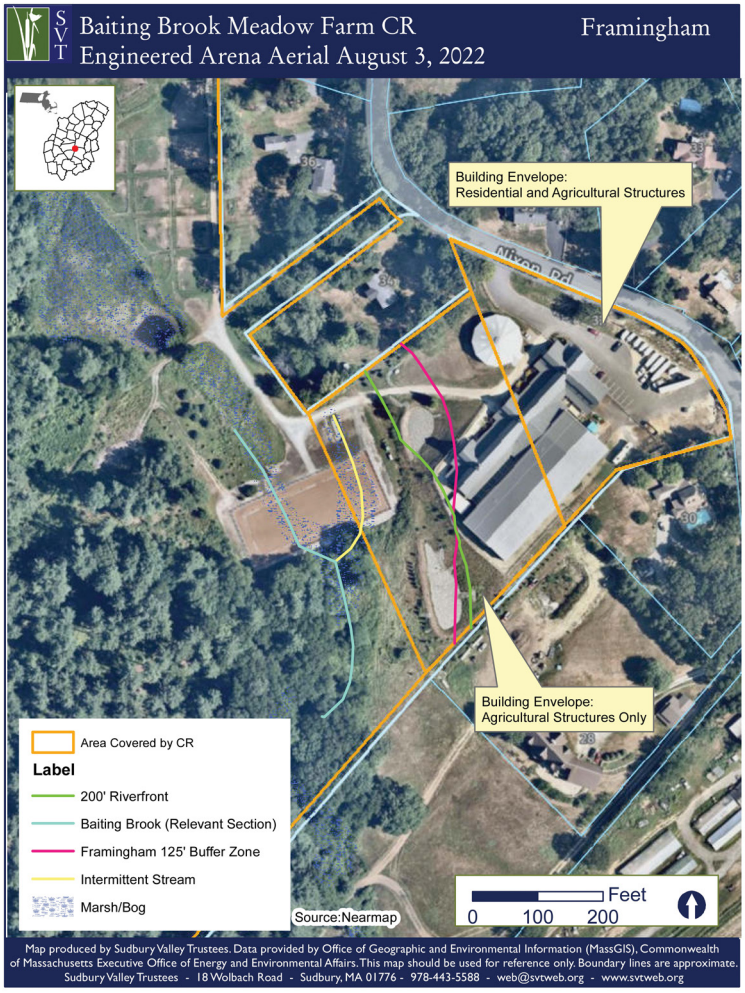
SVT Wins Landmark Legal Case for Wetlands

Baiting Brook Meadow Farm is an 80-acre property in Framingham. The land is privately owned, and SVT holds the Conservation Restriction (CR), permanently protecting the natural habitats that include forest and wetland. This property has public trails that connect with SVT's Baiting Brook-Welch, Henry's Hill, and Wayside Forest, as well as the Boroughs Loop Trail, Callahan State Park, and the City of Framingham's Wittenborg Woods.

In 2018, the land protected by our Baiting Brook Meadow Farm CR was sold. SVT worked closely with the new landowners prior to their purchase and throughout the construction of their equestrian facility within the allowed buiding zone.

Yet in June of 2022, SVT was surprised to learn of a significant wetland violation on the property. SVT staff met with the landowner to view the construction and found that the majority of a new riding ring was in the no-structure zone of the CR. We observed significant damage to two streams and their associated wetlands. Even after receiving two cease and desist orders and an enforcement order from the Framingham Conservation Commission, the landowners proceeded to complete the construction.

In the Fall of 2023, the MA Attorney General's Office filed a complaint against the equestrian facility for violation of the MA Wetlands Protection Act and the MA Clean Waters Act. "When the landowners refused to remove the riding ring it built in violation of SVT's conservation restriction, Beveridge & Diamond filed a successful lawsuit in the Massachusetts Land Court to reaffirm the principle that conservation restrictions have teeth, and conservation law in Massachusetts offers real protections for the environment," said Eric Klein, Principal, Deputy General Counsel, Beveridge & Diamond and SVT Board Member. SVT is grateful for the pro bono legal support provided by the law firm Beveridge & Diamond in this major case.



In June 2024, the Court agreed that the landowners violated the terms of the CR when they constructed the riding ring primarily in a no-structure zone of the CR. The Court instructed the landowners to remove the structure, restore the damaged areas, and pay a portion of SVT's attorney fees. The plan, which included moving the ring into the allowed building zone, was approved in agreement with the DEP and the Framingham Conservation Commission.

As of this summer, we are pleased to say that the landowner completed the work per the Court's order. This is a huge win for the Massachusetts land trust community at large, as the precedent setting decision affirms the important role that land trusts and conservation restrictions play in protecting nature and vital habitats.

Spotlight On…

Volunteer Steward: Ruth Ladd



Ruth has been volunteering with SVT since 2021 when she joined one of our earliest Weed Warrior events at Gowing's Swamp in Concord. Having recently retired, she was looking for a way to stay active and contribute to conservation. As she kept returning to Gowing's Swamp, she began recruiting family and friends to join in the effort to manually remove Glossy Buckthorn and other invasive species near and around Thoreau's bog.

Ruth said, "When I first started, there was a lot of Buckthorn. Now you have to go looking for it. You can walk around and all you see are native plants. It's so satisfying. There's a bog in the middle – there aren't a lot of bogs in this area – it's special. At this time of year, the colors are turning and it's just spectacular."

At SVT's 2026 Annual Meeting, Ruth received SVT's Steward of the Land Conservation Award for her dedication and hard work keeping our local ecosystems and habitats healthy and thriving. Thank you, Ruth!

Take a Hike: Gowing's Swamp

A small but special property, SVT's Gowing's Swamp is nestled amongst additional protected lands and is connected to the Old Battle Road Trail at Minute Man National Historic Park for a much longer hike. From the trailhead at the Ripley School's Playscape at Ripley the trails ring around a quaking bog, also known as Thoreau's Bog, because of his many references to the land in his *Journal*, in *Walden*, and in his essay "Walking." Fall colors add a beautiful backdrop to this short walk around a sensitive and important habitat that hosts a number of specialized plants. Directions and a trail map are available at www.svtweb.org/GowingsSwamp.

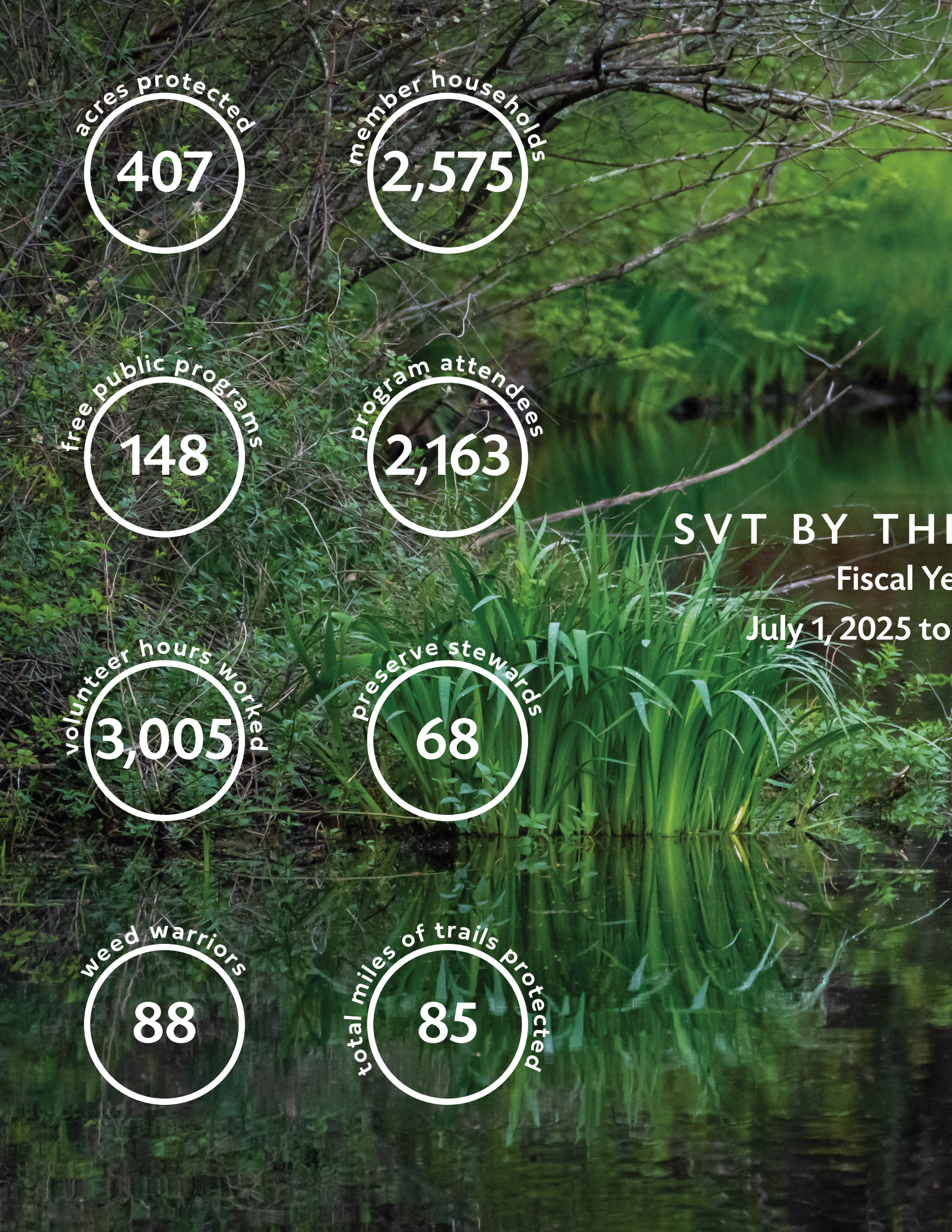
Battling Invasives with Framingham State University Students

Greenways Conservation Area boasts historic sites, woods, open fields, wetlands, and almost half a mile of shoreline along the Sudbury River, making Greenways a remarkable place – and one of SVT's most popular properties to visit. But without science and stewardship, it would be overrun with invasive plants.



SVT has been attempting to remove the invasive species Glossy Buckthorn (*Frangula alnus*), and limit native woody plant growth in the north field. But our techniques were not having a significant impact. In 2025, with the help of Framingham State University students, we changed how we assessed woody plant growth and how we measure success in controlling the invasive plant. After receiving plant identification training from SVT, the students established research plots and mapped woody plant coverage throughout the field, including invasive, native, and non-native species.

In 2026, using the data collected by the students, SVT added tilling to our treatment methods, along with mowing and applying herbicide. The students then returned to measure the effectiveness of this combination of techniques. The results of this research study will allow SVT to create an effective management plan to control invasive species and help our native plants and ecosystems thrive. These collaborations are vital to putting science to work for ecological restoration and to show students the real-world impact their studies can have.



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Photo: Great Blue Heron at Hazel Brook Conservation Area by Louis Calisi

Expanding Access to Nature on the All Persons' Trail at Wolbach Farm

Everyone belongs outside. But finding a way to explore the outdoors can be a real challenge for many people in our community. Expanding access to nature continues to be a strategic goal for SVT because when we inspire more love of nature, we build a community of advocates.

After four years in the making, the All Persons' Trail at SVT's Wolbach Farm headquarters in Sudbury is finally open to the public! The trail brings visitors from the parking lot to a woodland picnic grove, around the farmhouse headquarters building, past a pollinator meadow, and to the beautiful Judy Mack Barn-View Terrace. The newest addition to the trail extends into the woods and is complete with a new and improved story book path. This unique and sizable project required vision, immense planning, community input, a huge fundraising effort, and an incredible team of designers and construction workers to make it happen.

SVT's Director of Land Management, Dan Stimson, had a vision to improve accessibility on SVT's trails, "One of the most rewarding aspects of my job is connecting people to nature. Seeing the efforts of others in the conservation community working to improve accessibility of their properties for wider audiences was inspiring, and I sensed there was a community need for more of this in our region. Wolbach Farm felt like a great setting to provide these opportunities, and I wanted to do everything I could to make it easier for anyone to get outside and into our forest."

The woodland trail was a massive feat of engineering and creativity. The existing natural trail was augmented to smooth out the grade and cover natural rocks and roots. The trail is on a permeable bed of stone, pebbles, sand, and topped with a durable and eco-friendly stabilized stone dust. Large field stones line the trail, accentuating the curves of the path to instill peace and tranquility.

"Wolbach Farm is a birding hotspot, with 137 species from Great Horned Owl to Indigo Bunting observed on the grounds. Now even more people can get here to enjoy the rich birdwatching. I especially like the rest spots along the woodland trail," said Mike Perrin, SVT Conservation Coordinator and avid birder.

Visitors are already making good use of the trail, including seniors, families with children in strollers, and people who use wheelchairs, walkers, and other mobility support. But we are not quite done yet. Future plans at Wolbach Farm include accessibility improvements between the farm house and the barn, as well as the addition of a children's trail and an accessible nature play area at the picnic grove.

Beyond Wolbach Farm, we have plans to gradually improve accessibility at our other properties. While these improvements may not be grand like the All Persons' Trail, we are doing everything we can to make the natural areas we care for welcoming to all. We expect this project will have a ripple effect throughout the community as more people discover this stunning spot, connect with nature, and learn more about how to protect it forever.



"I used to walk this trail a lot. It is just so beautiful, and I was very pleased to be able to walk the trail again now using my rolling walker. As soon as I got onto the trail, I was able to see the big oak trees, and I heard and saw many signs of Pileated Woodpeckers. I also enjoyed seeing the Winter Brook wetland, which is lovely. It is so important to get people to see these wetlands so they can be protected."

- Barbara Howell, Wayland Conservation Commission Member

Donor Spotlight: John and Kathie Metzger



Last year, John and Kathie Metzger committed to an unrestricted, three-year, major gift that is already having a significant impact on SVT's ability to advance our land protection and stewardship goals. John and Kathie share some thoughts about why they support SVT's mission-based work:

"First, the world-wide trends that concern us are threats from biodiversity loss coupled with the lack of knowledge by way too many people about the natural environment that sustains us all.

We need to act both globally and locally to confront these trends and for us the best way is to support actions in our region to protect the natural environment and to educate more and more people about these challenges.

Second, we have been fortunate to have had access to forests and parks, lakes and rivers, shores and trails to hike, sail, paddle, bask, and camp, and just be in nature and to be able to introduce our children to all this too. Now we want to make sure that our grandchildren and their peers have all these possibilities also.

So we support SVT because we want to accelerate its activities that confront these trends through more and more rapid land preservation, through growing the size and age range of its member base, through broadening education programs to reach bigger and more diverse audiences, and through leveraging SVT's strengths by increasing partnerships with other organizations to reach even more people and preserve even more land."

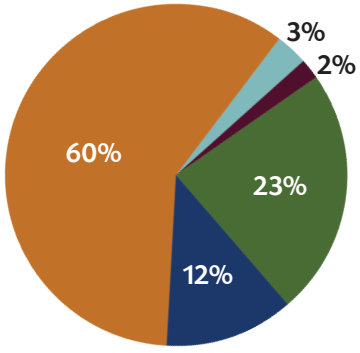
FINANCIAL SUMMARY FY26

SVT had another strong fiscal year in 2026. Thanks to your generosity, our annual giving increased and the Gala was a resounding success! Our investments also performed strongly. We ended the year with approximately $27 million in investments and cash, an increase of over $1 million from FY25. The bulk of this years' strong investment earnings will be reinvested into our land protection and stewardship initiatives.

During the year, a Funds Task Force was convened to analyze how to leverage these resources most effectively for our mission-based purpose. In addition to our general operating budget, we spent $1.2 million on land protection projects and over $250 thousand on special projects including the All Persons' Trail at Wolbach Farm.

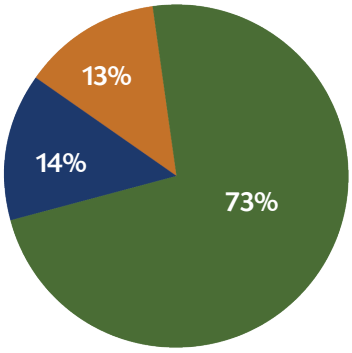
Our total assets now stand at over $40 million. Approximately one third is the value of our conservation land and fixed assets, one third are funds restricted for land protection purposes, and one third are funds subject to a 4.25% draw to provide a portion of our annual operating funds. Your generous, unrestricted annual gifts make up the remainder of our annual operating funds. **You make our work possible!**

Total Income
$5.7M



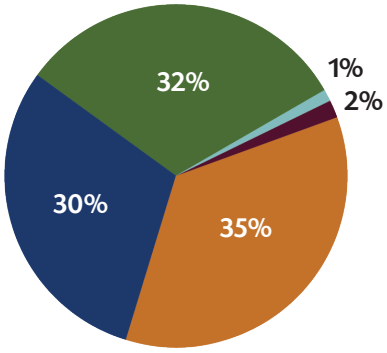
- Unrestricted Donations and Grants
- Donations and Grants Restricted to Land Protection, Accessible Trail Projects, etc.
- Investment Earnings
- Donated Services/In-Kind Donations/ Other
- Bequests

Total Expenses
$3.1M



- Land Conservation, Land Stewardship, and Education
- Development and Fundraising
- Administration

Total Assets as of June 30, 2026
$40.7M



- Conservation Land, Property and Equipment, Net
- Restricted Land Protection and Special Purpose Funds
- Operating Funds for a Draw
- Unrestricted Funds
- Other Assets

SVT DONORS FY26

We are grateful for the generosity of our more than 2,500 members, foundations, business sponsors, and in-kind contributors. Listed below are those who made contributions of $250 or more between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026. Anyone who supports SVT with a gift of any amount is an SVT member.

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Directed by SVT where need is greatest.

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"Lisa and I believe in trust-based philanthropy. When we support an organization, we want to believe in its mission, its strategy, and its ability to deliver. SVT has earned our complete trust. That's why we give without restrictions: we're confident its team knows where our support can make the greatest difference."

- Jim and Lisa Valone





FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHT

As a heartfelt thank you for 20 years of dedicated and generous support from their foundation, SVT has dedicated the newly built bridge at the Walkup & Robinson Conservation Area in Westborough to Gordon and Marjorie Osborne. We are eternally grateful for all they have made possible. The bridge is a great spot for viewing owls, Scarlet Tanagers, and the wooded wetland habitat, so we encourage everyone to stop by for a stroll.

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We apologize for any errors or omissions and hope you will notify us of them.

Living Waters Spotlight

In 2024, Marijke Holtrop passed away at the age of 92, and in 2025, SVT was the grateful recipient of a six-figure unrestricted bequest from her estate. A Lincoln resident hailing from the Netherlands, Marijke was a nature enthusiast and advocate. She also knew that we are all part of a greater whole and when we come together, we are an unstoppable force.

In August 1989, many decades before her passing, Marijke wrote: "I feel that my life is a small part of a large process. My life is flowing like a river in a diverse landscape of valleys and mountains, fields, and forests. The river flows on and on, always moving, never still — sometimes fast and turbulent, sometimes slow and peaceful. The river feeds water to the land it runs through, water as an essential energy in life. The river also receives water from its tributaries and thus is being fed. In this way, there is a continuous flow and exchange of energy. The river becomes wider and wider and has more and more water to contribute to the land."



"I volunteer with SVT because of its vital role in building and strengthening community. Giving to SVT and participating in its Development Committee feels like giving a gift to all the plants, animals, and fungi that live in my town, and it means giving a gift to all of the people in my area who have relationships to the land and who benefit from the the education, recreation, and sustenance it provides us. In a time where so many of us are feeling isolated, SVT reconnects me to the world around me, and helps me connect others to nature, too."

- Carson Bullock



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Our Mission

Sudbury Valley Trustees works to protect natural areas and farmland for wildlife and people in the 36 communities that surround the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Rivers.

About Us

Working in collaboration with landowners, local conservation commissions, and government agencies, SVT pursues its mission through land acquisition, stewardship, advocacy, and education.

Founded: 1953

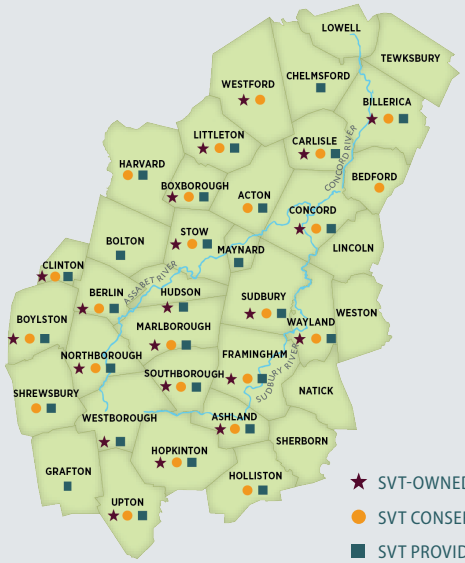
SVT-Owned Conservation Areas:
96 in 20 communities;
2,596 acres

SVT Conservation Restrictions:
109 in 25 communities;
3,821 acres

Miles of Trails: 85+

Numbers as of June 30, 2026







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