

## **Annual Meeting**

April 1, 2014 Gould Barn Topsfield, MA

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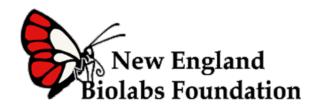




#### **2013 Sustaining Sponsors**









### Welcome

# To our new 2014 Sustaining Sponsor



#### **2013 Event Sponsors**

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#### **Volunteers**

Zach Abruzza

Ellen Alden

**Emilie Baillie** 

Bryn Barror

Cami Beckman

Tom Belford

Jennifer Berryman

Sophiea Bitel

Amy Blondin

Robin Bornstein

Deborah Breen

Bea Britton

Peter Britton

**Charles Brunault** 

Terry Burns

Catherine Carney-Feldman

Wayne Castonguay

David Chechik

Disa Cheston

Lois Cheston

**Gretel Clark** 

Tricia Coffey

Liz Coigley

**Bruce Conrad** 

Ellen Connors

Ray Cook

Tim Creamer

Chris Cullen

Diane Curr

Kim Cutler

Kate Day

Karen Delfucco

Ray Denis

Julie DePaolis

Andrea Ebinger

Jennifer Eddy

Janet Egan

Zack Even

Faith Evans

**Sharon Elliott** 

David Feldman

Andrew Fay

Tammy Gardner

Joe Geller

Lee Given

Kevin Gmyrek

Cathy Gove

Steve Greason

Judy Gregg

Maddie Gregory

**Caroline Gregory** 

#### **Volunteers**

Tig Gregory
Saundra Guadagno

Bonnie Gulick

Kim Hackett-Ort

Scott Halstead

**Eve Hamlin** 

Sam Hamlin

John Hart

Connie Hashem

Joan Henderson

John Hendrickson

Robert Henrici

Nathaniel Hevelone

Will Holton

Heather Hull-Colby

Byron Johnson

Kay Joseph

John Kastrinos

Martha Keeley

Pam Kentley

Susan Koso

Holly Kosten

Jack Lawrence

Rich LeBoeuf

Molly Lister

Dave Lloyd

Rick Loomis

**Bruce MacDonald** 

Arlene Maginn

Rachel Mahoney

Tom Mailhott

Pam Mansfield

Sue McLaughlin

Eugene McKay

Rick McNeill

Judy Milano

Debra Milasincic

Mary Milgrom

Bill Montville Steve

**Morris** 

John Morrow

Phil Murphy

Jean Murray

Beth O'Connor

Coltin Omasta

Maureen O'Neil

**Emily Paras** 

Kim Pedersen

Mat Perry

Marlene Pippins

Kate Prestero

#### **Volunteers**

Holly Pulsifer

Nat Pulsifer

Elisabeth Pundt

Conna Randall

Betty Redstone

Joshua Regula

Paul Rizk

Elaine Robson

Phil Sachs

Debra Sager

Susan Sandler

Chris Sandulli

Ryan Scanlon

Robert Scherer-Hoock

Kelly Scott

Allyson Seinfeld

**Nick Snow** 

Linda Shuksteris

Deborah Stanton

Bill Steelman

Ruth Stellatella

**Diane Stewart** 

Lily Stewart

Martin Sullivan

Ann Teele

Kat Tremblay

Alex Van Alen

Landi Van Alen

Jillian Wall

Jennifer Wall

Ralph Williams

Frederick Winthrop

Wendy Wood

Claudia Woods-Estin

...That's 135 volunteers plus many more who aren't on this list and our board of 15 directors! **Over 1,000 volunteer hours! (\$26,000)** 

Liz Wheaton, ECTA Treasurer

Dave Pancoast, Ipswich ConCom

Zack Even & Rachel Mahoney, ECTA Interns

### Directors 2014



**Chair – Peter Campot** 

Vice Chair – Susan Lawrence

Treasurer – Chris Pulick

Nominating Committee Chair – Susie Banta

Felicity Beech

Susanna Colloredo-Mansfeld

Haskell Crocker

Ann Getchell

**Caroline Gregory** 

**Deb Hamilton** 

**Rob Martin** 

Dan Mayer

Joe Sandulli

Rick Silverman

Liz Wheaton

## **Advisory Committee**

Heidi Adam Jim Berry Peter Britton Wayne Castonguay Lois Cheston Al Craig Don Curiale Chris Davis Linda Donovan Jennifer Eddy

**Judy Gregg** 

Katrina Hart

Joan Henderson

Jeff Hubbard Dale Johnson Kay Joseph Larry Kaplan Gerry Kenney **Brian Kiely** Victoria Kunzer Carolyn Lackey Jim MacDougall Sue McLaughlin Nancy Merrill Barbara Ostberg

Lucy Pingree John Pingree Marlene Pippins Holly Pulsifer **Ted Raymond** Lily Rice Hsia Camilla Rich Cheryl Riley David Santomenna Scott Solombrino Stu Thorne Claudia Woods-Estin

#### **Trail Stewards**

#### **Essex**

Kay Joseph Julie DePaolis

#### **Hamilton**

Bea Britton
Diane Curr
Susanna Colloredo
Susan Lawrence
Sue McLaughlin
Judi Milano
Liz Wheaton

#### **Ipswich**

Joe Sandulli
Ralph Williams
Nat Pulsifer
Joshua Regula
Ashley Hill
Alex Van Alen

#### **Topsfield**

Kathie Tremblay
Elaine Robson
Joe Geller

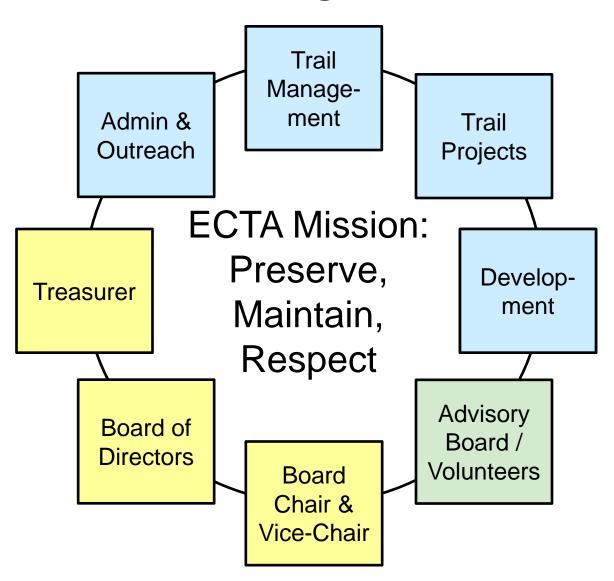
#### Wenham

Deborah Stanton Sue McLaughlin

#### **West Newbury**

Ellen Alden
Felicity Beech
John Dodge
Deb Hamilton
Coltin Omasta

## **ECTA Organization**



### Administration & Outreach

**Ashley Hill** 

- Office Administration & Board Support
- Membership & Database Management
- Grant Writing & Administration



- Marketing / Public Relations
- Events Planning
- Trail Maintenance Coordination
- Communications
- Website / Social Media

## Trail Management

Carol Lloyd

- Trail Mapping
- Trail Project Development & Oversight
- Trail Easement Negotiation



- Trail Work Permitting
- Townwide Management Plans
- Run for the Trails Event
- Trail Mowing Management

## Development

Ray Denis

- Leadership & Major Gifts,
   Contributions & Stewardship
- Engage Corporate & Business Sponsors



- Maximize Event Attendance & Revenue
- Annual Appeal & Matching Gift Challenge Management
- New Strategies & Campaigns

Black Brook Road/Pingree Woods Reservation





- Discover Hamilton Trail
  - Trail Rerouting & Signage





- Ocean Meadow Boardwalks
  - New Railings Added to sides





- Donovan/Sagamore Hill
  - Repaired muddy section of trail
  - Added rubber matting to bridge





- Foster Crossing Trail at New England Biolabs
  - Repaired section of trail heading north to Fellows Road
  - Designed & installed Michael Updike granite bench
  - Held trail dedication ceremony





- Maplecroft
  - Created drainage trench
  - Improved trail surface





## 2013 Trail Projects - Ongoing

- Ipswich River Watershed Association
  - Permitting of Trail Improvements & Canoe Launch
     Area Restoration





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- Yellow House Field
  - Permitting of Trail Improvements & New Trail
     Connection to Brackenside/Gathering Farm

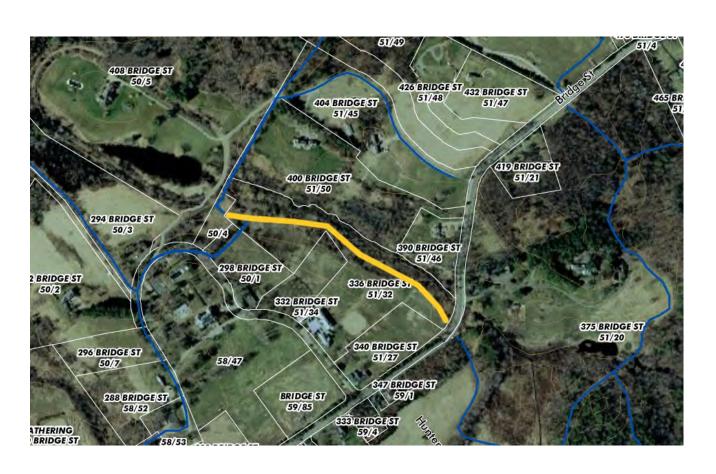




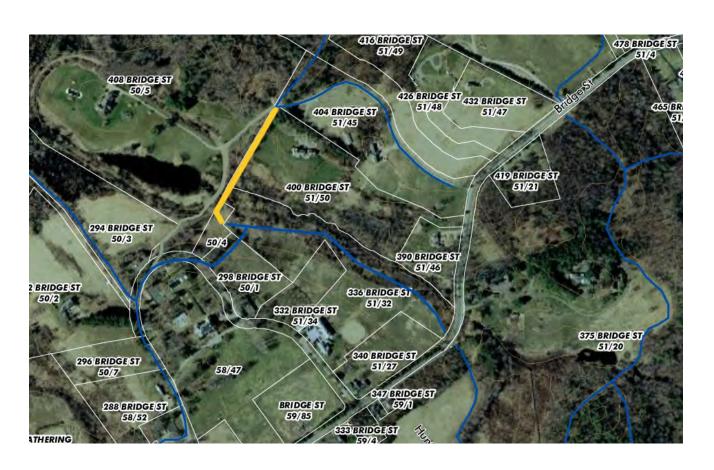
Ipswich River Watershed Assoc (Ipswich)



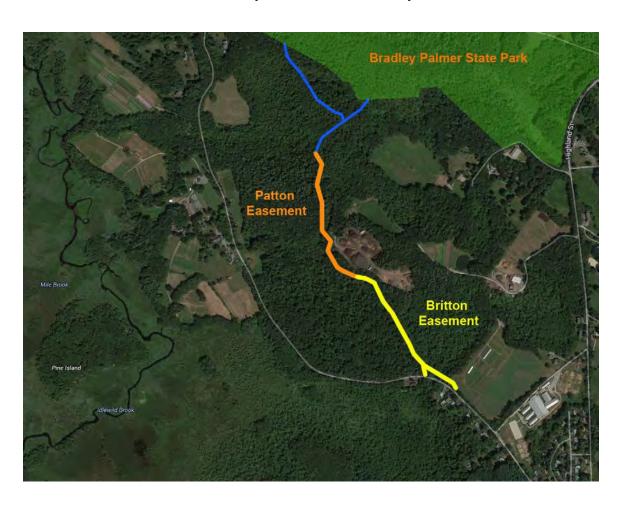
Lisa & Bill Eaton (Hamilton)



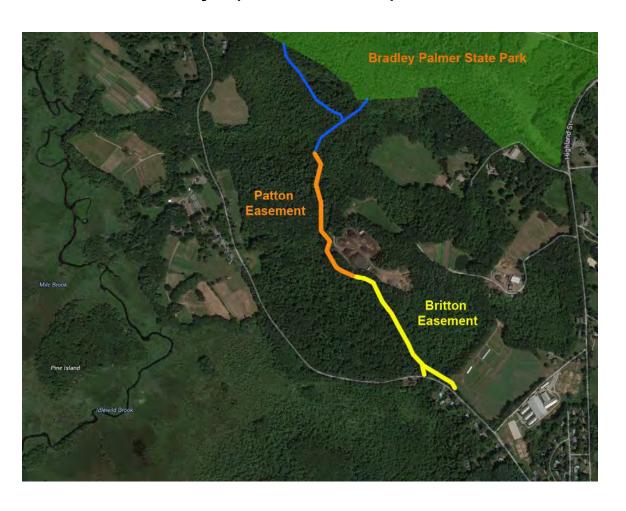
Bobby & Carol Clark (Hamilton)



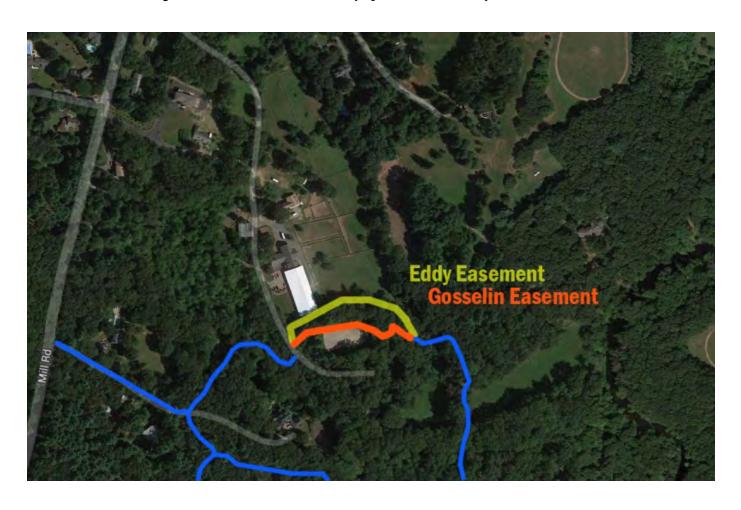
Peter & Bea Britton (Hamilton)



The Patton Family (Hamilton)



• Linda & Ray Gosselin (Ipswich)



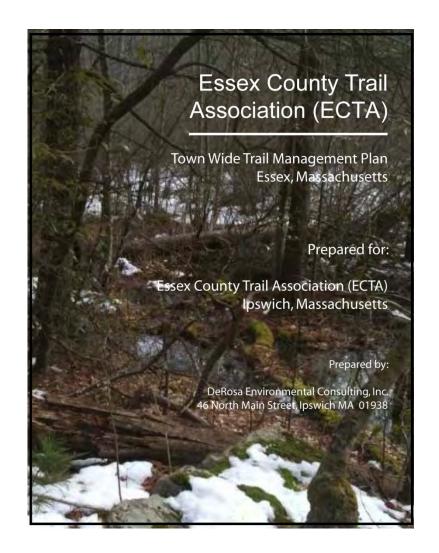
Kathy & Richard Feehery (West Newbury)



Recorded in 2013

## Specialized Expertise

- Permitting & Trail Management Plans
- Boardwalk Design
- Beaver Deceivers



- Equine Expo
  - 550 Attendees
  - \$7,300 Raised
  - 30 Volunteers







- Equine Expo
  - April 26, 2014, 9-3
  - Topsfield Fairgrounds
     Arena Building
  - Donations & VolunteersNeeded!







#### • ECTAthlon

- 25 Teams in 2013
- 47 Volunteers
- \$3,000 Raised







#### • ECTAthlon

- June 7, 2014
- New in 2014Individual AwardsCorporate Challenge







- Myopia Polo Day
  - 22 Volunteers
  - 75 Attendees
  - \$1,500 Raised
  - 2014 Date TBD







- Run for the Trails
  - 130 Competitors 2013
  - Part of the North ShoreTrail Series
  - \$3,500 Raised







- Run for the Trails
  - September 20, 2014
  - Myopia Schooling Field
  - 5 Mile & 10 Mile Races







- Pan-Ipswich Challenge
  - Walk/Run 18 mi Hood
     Pond to Crane Beach
  - Sun, October 26, 2014
  - \$100 in Pledges to Participate







- Annual Fundraiser Party
  - 2013 "Winter Tracks"
  - 200 Attendees
  - \$5,000 Raised







- Annual Fundraiser Party
  - June 21, 2014 at GHF
  - Summer Solstice
     Festival & Land Rover
     Peabody Touring
     Adventure



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### Volunteer Work Days

- 2013
  - Ipswich River Watershed Assoc
  - New England Biolabs/ Foster Crossing Trail
  - Prospect Hill/Dow Brook







### Volunteer Work Days

- 2014
  - April 19, Turkey Hill (Ipswich)
  - IRWA TBD (Ipswich)
  - Yellow House Field TBD (Hamilton)







# Monthly Trail Events

- 12 Events in 2013
  - 7 Trail Walks
  - 65 Attended Discover
     Hamilton Trail Walk
  - Average 15-20 guests







# Monthly Trail Events

- 12 Events in 2013
  - 3 Bike Rides
  - 1 X-Country Ski
  - 1 Horseback Ride







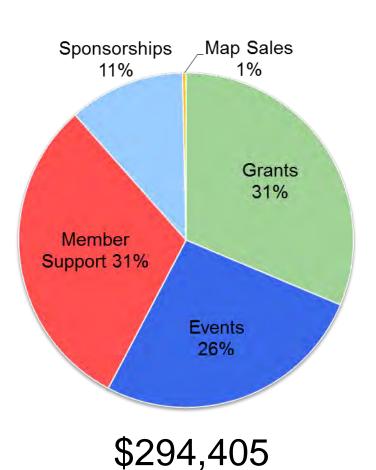
# Monthly Trail Events

- Upcoming Events
  - Rail Trail Bike Ride
     Sat April 12<sup>th</sup>
  - West Newbury
     Magnolia/Woods Walk
     Sun April 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Ipswich River
     Tree ID Walk
     Sat May 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Willowdale Mountain
     Bike Ride
     Sat May 24<sup>th</sup>





# 2013 Projected Income & Expenses



\$294,305

Insurance

2%

**Trail Maint** 

51%

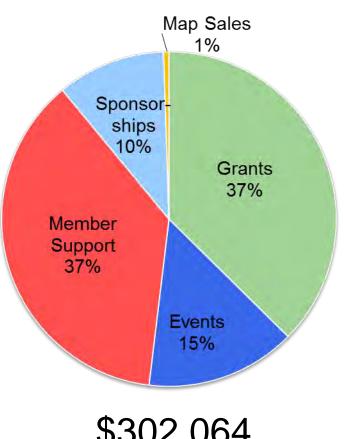
Development 17%

Administration 20%

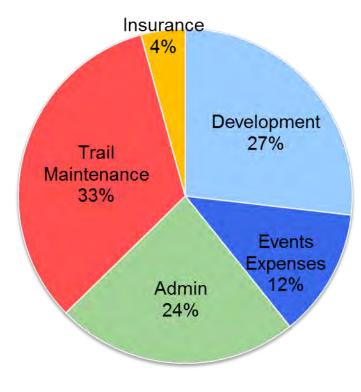
Events Expenses

10%

# 2013 Actual Income & Expenses

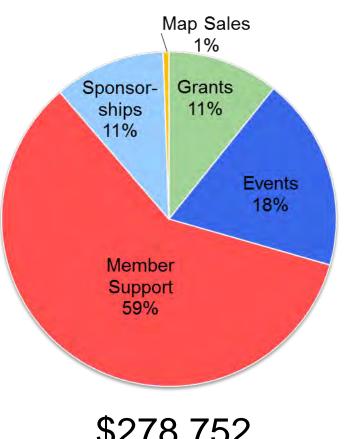


\$302,064

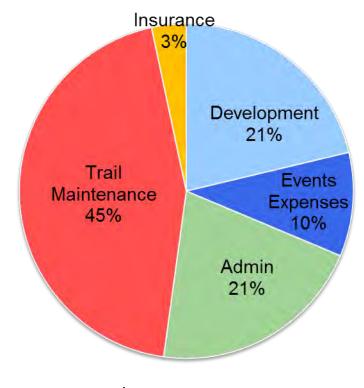


\$223,407

# 2014 Projected Income & Expenses



\$278,752



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# Review of Goals for 2013 Increase Membership & Participation

- Increased from 560 to 620 members
- Offered 3 volunteer work days
- Increased from 9 to 12 monthly trail events, with over 200 participants
- Goals for 2014
  - Grow to 1,000 Members
  - Hold 20 free trail events & work days
  - Increase Volunteer Hours

#### Review of Goals for 2013

### Develop & Strengthen Partnerships

- Cape Ann TrailStewards
- New England
   Mountain Bike Assoc.
- Ipswich River
   Watershed Assoc.
- Essex Heritage
- The Trustees of Reservations
- Essex CountyGreenbelt Association

- Town of IpswichOpen Space
- Town of Hamilton
   Parks & Recreation
- West NewburyOpen Space
- Friends of TopsfieldRail Trail
- Department of Conservation & Recreation

### Review of Goals for 2013

### Improve Visibility

- Newspaper Article on ECTAthlon
- 835 Facebook Likes, 48 Twitter Followers
- 330 Meetup Followers
- Trail Signage Increased

#### Goals for 2014

- Increase print media opportunities
- 1000 "Likes" Facebook Campaign
- Increase Twitter Followers to 400
- Convert more Meetup followers to members

#### Review of Goals for 2013

# Identify At-Risk Trails & Pursue Easements

- 7 new easements obtained in 2013
- Goals for 2014
  - Several areas targeted for easement discussion

### Review of Goals for 2013 Expand Trail Maintenance

- Restructured Trail Steward program
- Created trail inventory & prioritized work list
- Goals for 2014
  - Increase Trail Steward involvement
  - Create inventory of all trails routinely maintained by ECTA, update regular maintenance plan & work with other groups & individuals ensure that we do not overlap or miss areas

# Trail Project List

- 2014 Approved
  - IRWA (DCR Grant/REI Grant)
  - Greenbelt County Road (REI Grant)
  - Yellow House Field (AQHA/Tractor Supply Grant & Neighborhood Fundraising)
  - Permitting for West Newbury Open Space Riverbend Boardwalks project (ECTA)
  - Topsfield Rail Trail Improvements (ECTA)
  - Bradley Palmer Highland Street parking area & Trail head (DCR Partnership Matching Grant)
  - Emery House in West Newbury New Trails (SSJE)

# Trail Project List

- 2014 Proposed
  - Sagamore Hill cross trail (Hamilton)
  - Black Brook Road to Pingree School connection (Hamilton)
  - Bird Reservation river crossing (Ipswich)
  - Prospect Hill Bay Circuit Trail relocation (Ipswich/Rowley)
  - Many other smaller trail projects

# Review of Goals for 2013 Secure Financial Sustainability

- Met & Exceeded 2013 Budgeted Income
- Increased Corporate Sponsorships
- Expanded Grant/Foundation Funding DCR, NE Biolabs Foundation & Corporate, REI, AQHA/Tractor Supply
- Exceeded Matching Gift Campaign Goal
- Held Project Specific Fundraising Campaigns
- Goals for 2014
  - 10% Increase of Individual Contributions,
     Corporate Sponsorships & Fundraising Events

### Member Q&A

- Comments/Questions
- How are we doing?
- Trail Project Additions