



NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST Annual Report

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The charitable partner of New York State's public lands & waters



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Minnewaska State Park Preserve
Palisades Region
Photo credit: Ronald Greenberg

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to report on the activities of the Natural Heritage Trust over the last year in support of our mission to further conservation, outdoor recreation, historic preservation, and waterfront revitalization in New York State.

This report highlights how the Trust has continued to successfully receive, manage, and administer funds to benefit public projects and programs in parks, historic sites, and public lands throughout New York State. At the close of our fiscal year (March 31, 2024), the Trust held just over \$64 million in total assets, including more than \$36.1 million for permanent endowments. We received over \$14 million in program and activity revenues, donations, grants, and corporate sponsorships, while expending approximately \$14.8 million in support of a wide variety of exemplary projects.

The Trust is honored to be a partner in New York's efforts to ensure that our parks, trails, historic sites, and open spaces are available to all. In 2023, we supported programs that expanded access to trails, connected communities with recreational activities, supported stewardship of our natural resources, and enhanced efforts to tell our state's diverse history. As the charitable partner to New York's public lands, we will continue to enhance public awareness of our work to sustain and build support among all who value the outdoors. Please visit naturalheritagetrust.org to learn more, sign up for our newsletter, and follow us on Facebook.

Our success has always been made possible by the commitment of our friends and patronage of our donors. We are deeply grateful to our agency partners—the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP), the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), and the NY Department of State (DOS)—and to the many individuals, businesses, foundations and communities for their investment in the Trust. On behalf of the Trust, I am grateful for the dedicated service and guidance of three agency leaders who stepped down from their positions in early 2024, former State Parks Commissioner Erik Kulleseid, DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos, and Secretary of State Robert Rodriguez. We welcome Secretary of State Walter T. Mosley to the Board, as well as interim State Park and DEC Commissioners Randy Simons and DEC Commissioner Sean Mahar, and thank State Council of Parks Chair Bryan Erwin for his continued service.

In 2024, NHT has joined in the Centennial commemoration of the NYS Park system. We are honored to be a part of the state's century-long commitment to parks, historic preservation, and outdoor recreation. The NYS Park System is built on a legacy of philanthropy and the involvement of private citizens in creating, protecting & enhancing public lands. We look forward to working with our partners to advance the goals of the Centennial and ignite support for New York's parks among a new generation.

Gratefully,



Sally Drake
Executive Director



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Captree State Park
Long Island Region

RANDY SIMONS, CHAIR

Commissioner Pro Tem/Chief of Staff, Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP)

Randy began his tenure at State Parks in 2012 and has served as Chief of Staff since 2018, leading the Agency to a historic \$1.5 billion investment and transformation. Signature projects, feats and initiatives include the opening of Shirley Chisholm State Park in Brooklyn; a stunning rebirth of Marsha P Johnson State Park in Williamsburg; the incredible recovery and reopening of all downstate sites after Superstorm Sandy; reinvestment into Roberto Clemente in the Bronx; spearheading a successful campaign to nominate and celebrate Letchworth State Park as the #1 state park in the country; creation of the Connect Kids program providing free access to children; revitalization of the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor in New Windsor; formation of the Our Whole History initiative which tells the complete story of New York State; establishment of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion bureau and enforcing Equity for All into all Agency discussions; and complete revitalization and restorations at state parks across the state at more than 250 properties, including Watkins Glen, Allegany, Southwick Beach, Green Lakes and Niagara Falls State Parks. This state park metamorphosis has led to a 40 percent increase in attendance as 80 million visitors converge upon the park system every year. A 1999 SUNY Buffalo State College graduate, Randy spent 13 years in television news in New York, New Mexico, Florida and back in New York before arriving at Parks in October 2012. Born and raised in Catskill, it was his travels across the country that convinced him New York State has the most dramatic and dazzling landscape in the country. He lives in the Capital District with his family.

BRYAN ERWIN

Chair, State Council of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (SCOP)

Bryan Erwin is the current Chair of the Long Island State Park Commission, first appointed in December of 2008. He was reappointed in June of 2021 for a second seven-year term. In March of 2023, Bryan was named Chair of the New York State Council of Parks. Bryan has a master's degree from Cornell University in International Trade and Finance. He was selected by President Obama in 2010 to run the Trade Advocacy Center, to facilitate US Government advocacy on behalf of U.S. exporters. While Director, Bryan advanced US commercial interests by leading 177 successful campaigns resulting in \$199.7 billion in new business for US companies, supporting 1 million U.S. jobs. He also ed and facilitated Executive Order 13630, establishing an Interagency Task Force on Commercial Advocacy, signed by President Obama on December 6, 2012. He has spent much of his career promoting the growth of exports of U.S. goods and services around the world. A longtime advocate for State Parks, Bryan hails from the North Fork of Long Island where he and his wife, Danielle, are raising two daughters and a stuffed lemur, Coco.

SEAN MAHAR

Interim Commissioner, Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)

Sean Mahar, a graduate of Siena College, is the Interim Commissioner for DEC helping to lead the agency's environmental protection and natural resource conservation efforts. Prior to becoming the Executive Deputy Commissioner in 2022, Sean was Chief of Staff overseeing external agency affairs and operations and guiding implementation of key agency priorities, and previously was the Assistant Commissioner of Public Affairs for the Agency. Before joining DEC, Sean was the Director of Government Relations and Communications for Audubon New York where he led efforts to advance state and federal conservation policies and build support for wildlife conservation initiatives in the state, including climate change adaptation strategies. Sean was also an adjunct professor at Siena College teaching a course on Environmental Policy and Management.

WALTER T. MOSLEY

Secretary of State, Department of State (DOS)

Walter T. Mosley, appointed by Governor Kathy Hochul, is New York's 69th Secretary of State. Mr. Mosley was formerly President and CEO at Mosley Advisory Group, a full-service government and corporate relations firm. Prior to founding the Mosley Advisory Group, Mr. Mosley worked as a national and international public relations strategist and previously represented New York State Assembly within the New York State Legislature. From 2013 - 2020, Mr. Mosley represented communities in central Brooklyn including Fort Greene, Clinton Hill, Prospect Heights and parts of Bedford Stuyvesant and Crown Heights.



OUR IMPACT

Crown Point State Historic Site
Saratoga/Capital Region
Photo credit: Courtney Bradt

The Natural Heritage Trust administers grants and contracts with its agency partners that support efforts to protect, conserve and enhance the state's public lands.

STEWARDSHIP AND CONSERVATION

Projects at State Parks supported by the NHT include natural resource stewardship, environmental education programs, open space acquisition, and energy efficiency and sustainability initiatives. NHT supports the Department of Environmental Conservation's work to develop and manage several habitat improvement and public access projects throughout NYS, including the St. Lawrence River, Niagara River, and Hudson River. NHT supported programs at the Department of State protect, restore and educate the public about the South Shore Estuary and stewardship, further ecosystem-based management programs in the Ocean and Great Lakes watersheds, and protect natural resources along the state's coast lines.

EDUCATION

The NHT's partnerships support the development and implementation of environmental education through support of State Park nature centers, interpretive and educational staff and outreach programs in the Adirondack and Catskill areas, including the DEC Campership program which provides free or low-cost summer camp experiences that connect children with nature, conservation and ecology. The NHT also supports the state's historic sites and interpretation programs, including efforts that ensure New York's diverse stories are told and represent the experiences of all communities.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

The NHT supports a wide variety of programs in public lands that encourage park visitors to enjoy the outdoors through recreation including trail development and maintenance, youth sports and activities, athletic leagues, road races and sporting events, and outreach programs that provide instruction and equipment to break down barriers to access in communities throughout the state.



LTO at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve



Fishing at Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park



LTO Learn to Golf



BETTER TOGETHER

Green Lakes State Park
Central Region

The Natural Heritage Trust collaborates with the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP), Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and Department of State (DOS) to identify sources of private investment to supplement state support for our natural, recreational and historic resources. Since 1968, millions of private dollars have been secured to support programming, capital projects, environmental and outdoor education, natural resource protection, and historic preservation throughout the state. The Trust is dedicated to building and sustaining relationships with private supporters to protect and enhance these programs and projects.

ENDOWMENTS AND MAJOR GIFTS

As of FY2023-24 the NHT managed over \$36.1 million in separate long-term investment/endowment accounts. The NHT manages 17 dedicated endowments statewide. NHT endowment funds are invested to provide an ongoing source of annual income. Earnings from these accounts support the restricted projects and programs for which the funds were raised. The NHT continues to actively expand its endowment portfolio.

FOUNDATION SUPPORT

During FY2023-24, the NHT received support from a wide array of foundations, trusts and not-for-profit organizations. In some instances, the NHT receives annual distributions from entities with funding dedicated for the benefit of specific parks and facilities. In other cases, the NHT is awarded foundation grants in support of specific programs and/or projects.

FRIENDS' GROUPS

As part of its overall mission, the NHT builds and maintains partnerships with a variety of Friends and other mission-congruent groups. The NHT collaborates in a number of ways—in some cases acting as a fiscal agent, and in some situations the NHT receives funds raised by the Friends in order to support a specific park or site.

STATEWIDE PROGRAMMING, AGENCY INITIATIVES AND COLLABORATIONS

The NHT provides support to its state agency partners by soliciting and securing public and private funding via grants, donations, program income and other funds to enhance the agencies' abilities to carry out their respective missions by supplementing limited state resources. Through our cooperative relationships, the NHT provides agencies and friends' groups with support in investment management and administrative functions for specific projects and programs.

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SUPPORT OUR PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS:*

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2023 – 2024 HIGHLIGHTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Allegany State Park
Allegany Region

COMMEMORATING 100 YEARS OF STATE PARKS

The NHT has partnered with State Parks to commemorate its Centennial, recognizing the 100th anniversary of the State Parks Act which created the NY State Council of Parks and the foundation of the park system that New Yorkers cherish today. The NHT is supporting the agency's efforts to celebrate the system, including collaborating with the State Council of Parks to raise private funds for projects that enhance access and inclusion at parks and historic sites. The NHT also launched a grassroots fundraising campaign to encourage individuals to donate to the parks that matter to them. The generosity of private citizens helped form New York's state park system 100 years ago and will continue to ensure that public lands are welcoming and vibrant into the next century.

We'll see you out there



CONNECTING COMMUNITIES TO RECREATIONAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS IN NEW YORK'S PUBLIC LANDS

The NHT supports a wide range of programs that offer visitors to state parks a multitude of recreational, athletic, historic and cultural community events.

In the summer of 2023, [Green Lakes State Park](#), outside of Syracuse, the state's first Ladders to the Outdoors Learn to Camp area supported with grants to the NHT from the [CNY Community Foundation](#), the [Gifford Foundation](#) and the [United Way of CNY](#). This innovative space in the park serves as a meeting point for youth from the Syracuse community to learn outdoor recreation skills like kayaking, fishing and hiking, as well as learn the basics of camping. The project is a centerpiece of the region's [Ladders to the Outdoors program](#) which creates community partnerships and expands access to outdoor recreation in public lands to underserved youth by providing educational programs and transportation to parks and historic sites. In the Buffalo area, the WNY Ladders to the Outdoors program continues to thrive with support from the [Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation](#). Highlights in 2023 included group camping trips to [Allegany State Park](#) and the [Taconic Outdoor Education Center](#).



LTO at Green Lakes State Park



LTO at Allegany State Park



LTO at Taconic Outdoor Education Center



Bike Library at Shirley Chisholm State Park



Hispanic Heritage Month Mural at FDR Four Freedoms SP



Environmental Education at Thacher State Park



Fireworks at Jones Beach State Park



NYS Birding Trail lookout along Willie Marsh Nature Trail

The [Bike Library at Shirley Chisholm State Park](#) in Brooklyn, entering its sixth year, plays an important role in the community by providing free educational and cycling opportunities for kids of all ages and contributing to the physical and mental well-being of the park's neighbors. Since it began, the Bike Library has made over 36000 loans. The bike library also offers education programs, and taught 86 kids to ride a bike in 40 sessions in 2023. From bike swaps to community events, the Bike Library is a positive and active part of the park and the entire community. The Bike Library is supported with funding to the NHT from the Secunda Family Foundation; the Bloomberg Foundation and Con-Edison. The library is also supported by individuals who donate bikes for use at the park.

Also in New York City, the NHT holds a long-term endowment on behalf of the [Four Freedoms Conservancy](#) for innovative educational and cultural programming at the park which honors the legacy and ideals of Franklin D. Roosevelt. In 2023, the Conservancy installed a mural on its famed staircase in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, and hosted the powerful public health project, Theater of War in which actors performed scenes from Sophocles' Atlas to spur facilitated audience discussion on the visible and invisible wounds of war and impact of deployment on individuals, families and communities.

At [Thacher State Park](#) in the Saratoga-Capital District Region, NHT funds from the Shido Endowment supports park activities and educational programs at the park, including those focused on the park's unique geological history through funding for the position of Geology Interpretive Assistant. On Long Island, the NHT works closely with our State Park partners to administer the funding that supports major community events including the popular Summer and Winter Run series, the Memorial Day Air Show and July 4th Fireworks at [Jones Beach State Park](#). These events draw millions annually to parks in the Long Island region.

SUPPORTING NEW YORK'S UPSTATE TOURISM

Through a grant to the NHT from the [Northern Border Regional Commission](#), made possible in part with a Rural Business Development Grant from USDA Rural Development, State Parks will raise awareness of state parks and historic sites in a broad swath of upstate NY bordering neighboring states to the north and west through a multi-faceted marketing campaign. This campaign will educate audiences on the role in preserving and protecting public lands, highlight the positive economic and social impact that outdoor recreation has on these communities, and build pride for parks and historic sites and trails statewide. The campaign seeks to drive visitation, tourism, and economic development opportunities to the northern border region of the state.

PROMOTING THE NYS BIRDING TRAIL

With additional support from the Northern Borders Regional Commission, the NHT is working with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to develop a marketing plan to promote the NYS Birding Trail (the Trail). The Trail highlights world-class birding opportunities across the state, and provides information on places anyone can go to find birds amid beautiful

settings. Completed in August 2022, the Trail includes 350 birding locations across New York State, including more than 110 locations across the Northern Borders Region. Wildlife viewing is among the fastest growing outdoor recreation activities in the United States, with viewers spending nearly \$76 billion on their viewing activities annually (US DOI al 2016). There are more than 7.4 million New York resident wildlife viewers who spend more than \$10.8 billion annually, including \$2.7 billion on trip-related expenses expenses (i.e., food, lodging, transportation). The development and implementation of a robust marketing plan to encourage visitation will fully realize the Trail's tourism and economic development potential.

ALLEGANY STATE PARK QUAKER AREA TRAIL EXPANDS

Supported by a \$1.22 million grant to the NHT from the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation, the new 3.6-mile paved trail at Allegany State Park extends a 1.6-mile trail section that opened in Fall 2020. The new extension, which includes eight pedestrian bridges and an elevated boardwalk crossing a wetland, runs westward from the general store to the Quaker Lake beach. During the last two decades, more than 14.7 million people have visited the Quaker Run Area, which averages approximately 740,000 annual visitors. The new multi-use trail runs through woodlands, across streams and other natural features, connecting with trailheads, cabin and cottage trails, and other park amenities.

RALPH C. WILSON, JR. WELCOME CENTER AT NIAGARA FALLS STATE PARK OPENS

In late 2024, Governor Kathy Hochul announced the opening of the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Welcome Center at Niagara Falls State Park. The Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation contributed \$8 million toward the \$46 project through a grant to the NHT and as a result is named in his honor. The facility provides modern amenities to the millions of visitors arriving at the park each year and provides information on all that the Niagara Falls area has to offer. The 28,000-square-foot visitor center features glass walls and a low roof to maximize views and connections to the Falls. The final phase of the project will feature interpretive museum space including an immersive experience and exhibits highlighting a diversity of topics including natural, industrial and Indigenous American history, as well as outdoor exhibits and interpretive signage.

NEW YORK'S CAMPERS LOVE THEIR PUBLIC LANDS

Now in its second year, a unique partnership with NY's state campground reservation system, Reserve America, campers have donated more than \$210,000 to support State Park and DEC campgrounds through "rounding-up" when making online reservations. More than 75,000 have participated, demonstrating just how dedicated campers are to the stewardship of public lands and outdoor recreation.



Ribbon Cutting of Quaker Area Multi-Use Trail at Allegany State Park



Park visitors stroll Quaker Area Multi-Use Trail



Ribbon Cutting of the New Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Visitor Center at Niagara Falls State Park



The New Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Welcome Center at Niagara Falls State Park



Campers enjoy a bonfire at a NYS campground

NHT PROGRAM STAFF ADVANCING NEW YORK'S HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND GREENWAY TRAIL INITIATIVES

Ansley Jemison (Seneca, Wolf Clan), Cultural liaison at Ganondagan State Historic Site

Through a partnership with The Friends of Ganondagan, the NHT supports the position of Cultural Liaison, held by Ansley Jemison, at the Ganondagan State Historic Site. This partnership benefits Ganondagan; State Parks; the Friends of Ganondagan; the Seneca and Haudenosaunee communities, and New York State, and ensures there is always a Seneca person as part of leadership at Ganondagan State Historic Site.

Ansley is Seneca Wolf Clan who grew up on the Allegany Territory and is the connection to many of the tribal council leaders and the community. Ansley has strong ties within his home community which enables him to get support and connect with the youth, elders and other community members, and encourages attendance at the Ganondagan Site and Friends of Ganondagan programming. Ansley is the host and producer of the Original Peoples Podcast, which has received local recognition from Rochester City Magazine.



Ansley has brought back a youth and elders gathering to Ganondagan, called the Edge of the Woods Camp. He has connected with the Seneca and Haudenosaunee communities to ensure their youth attend the five-day overnight cultural immersion camp. With his skills from his degree in communications from Syracuse University, he has produced upwards of 50 videos on the Ganondagan Youtube channel, as well as interviewed, filmed and documented many of the indigenous people who come to the site. This documentation of Indigenous leaders, knowledge keepers, culture bearers, elders, artists, performers and others is important for people to learn about Seneca, Haudenosaunee and Indigenous peoples, and for educators to learn and share knowledge through an Indigenous lens. Ansley has set up and interviewed performers and artists during Ganondagan's Indigenous Music & Arts Festival and other programs and events at Ganondagan.

Ansley's interest in Indigenous foods and foodways has enhanced programs through Ganondagan's White Corn Project. It has also offered opportunities for Ansley to speak about Ganondagan's White Corn Project and broaden the networking connection with Indigenous chefs. Ansley was the general manager for the Haudenosaunee National Lacrosse team. He knows lacrosse and can speak about it, which is important from a cultural programming perspective.

Michelle Lockett, Community Engagement Director at Niagara River Greenway



As the Community Engagement Director at Niagara River Greenway, a position supported by the NHT, Michelle works with teachers on youth stewardship projects, educating students on the importance of biodiversity and freshwater ecology. She collaborates with environmental state agencies and nonprofit organizations to bring place-based learning opportunities to students. She created and manages the Adopt-a-Trail program for the Shoreline Trail and organizes community events, such as Paddles Up Niagara, community clean up events, bike/walking events, and the Environmental Ambassador Summit. As part of the small Greenway staff, she also reviews grant applications that are submitted to the Niagara River Greenway Commission and manages the development and maintenance of the Greenway's website and social media.

Since March of 2023, Michelle and Greg Stevens, the Greenway's Executive Director, have worked with a group of citizens from Grand Island who came together to conserve their community's greenspace and wildlife. The strong and passionate group of 15 adult volunteers have organized and implemented eight large educational events that were very well attended, including native plant events, tree identification walks, foraging walks, monarchs & milkweed event and a birding basics program. Last fall they installed a native pollinator community garden along the West River Shoreline Trail. This public garden serves as a demonstration of what a native plant garden can look like. There are 6 more events planned for the summer of 2024. The group calls themselves the Grand Island Nature Alliance, or GINA for short. The success of this grassroots community group was the impetus to the recent Blue Fund grant awarded to the Niagara River Greenway, and administered by the Trust, where NRG provides grassroots groups, resources to activate. This grant funding has allowed Niagara River Greenway to support 10 more grassroots groups make connections with valuable partners, develop promotional materials and provide other resources to make their outdoor recreational or environmental events shine.

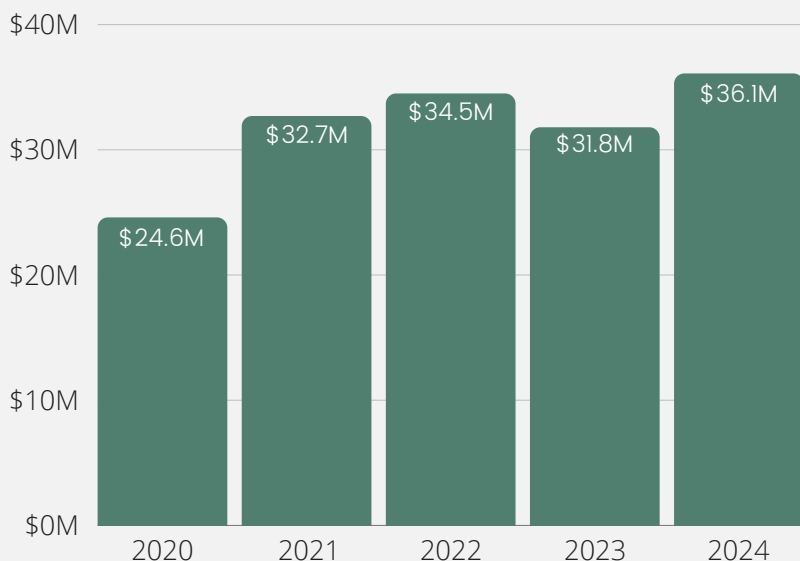
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Letchworth State Park
Genesee Region

BALANCE SHEET – ALL FUNDS as of March 31, 2024

Assets	2024	2023
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,886,000	\$ 1,502,000
Investments (Including Endowments)	62,087,000	59,998,000
Accounts & Other Receivables	172,000	1,030,000
Total Assets	\$ 64,145,000	\$ 62,530,000
Liabilities		
Due to Fiduciary Fund: State Parks & Environmental Conservation	59,320,000	57,554,000
Accounts Payables	134,000	143,000
Long-Term Liabilities	4,041,000	1,616,000
Total Liabilities	\$ 63,495,000	\$ 59,313,000
Net Position		
Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources (Net)	(1,674,000)	1,433,000
Net Position	2,324,000	1,784,000
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$ 64,145,000	\$ 62,530,000

ENDOWMENT MARKET VALUES



The NHT administers funds for seventeen permanently endowed parks and sites. Annual endowment distributions support the cost of operating, maintenance and public programming.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES – FIDUCIARY FUNDS as of March 31, 2024

Additions	2024	2023
Gifts and Private Grants	\$ 5,223,000	\$ 8,643,000
Government Grants and Contracts	5,256,000	4,042,000
Activity and Program Income	1,168,000	1,212,000
Investment Income	830,000	625,000
Mitigation	805,000	541,000
Sponsorships	488,000	359,000
Realized Gains on Investments	124,000	(166,000)
Unrealized Gains/(Losses)	3,075,000	(2,468,000)
Other	85,000	92,000
Total Additions	\$ 17,054,000	\$ 12,880,000
Expenses		
Program Support and Staff	5,772,000	5,419,000
Capital Construction and Maintenance	5,239,000	7,377,000
Endowment Transfers	827,000	968,000
Activity and Event Support	2,467,000	2,037,000
Professional Services	279,000	158,000
Promotional Material & Merchandise for Resale	99,000	140,000
Other	140,000	196,000
Total Expenses	\$ 14,823,000	\$ 16,295,000
Net Position		
Change in Net Position	2,231,000	(3,415,000)
Net Position Beginning of Year	57,376,000	60,792,000
Net Position End of Year	\$ 59,607,000	\$ 57,376,000

DONOR DEMOGRAPHICS



Individuals:

Average gift: \$1,199
of gifts: 1,114
Total: \$1.34M



Community Groups:

Average gift: \$9,644
of gifts: 143
Total: \$1.38M



Corporations:

Average gift: \$3,033
of gifts: 236
Total: \$718K

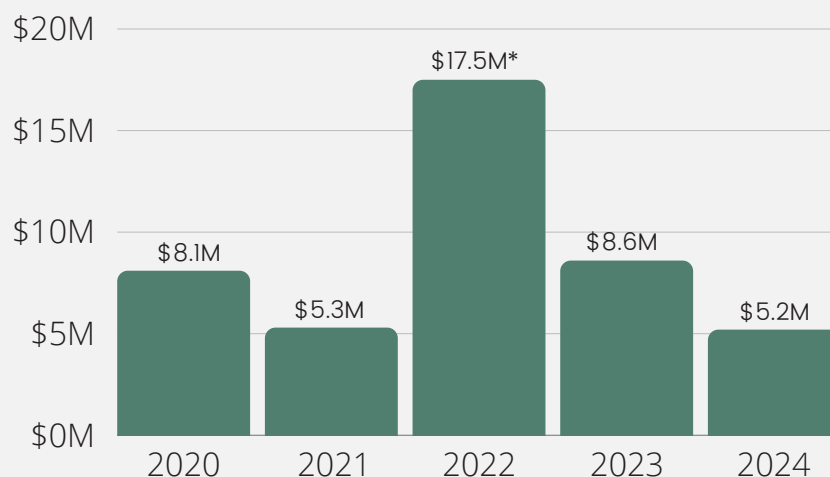


Foundations:

Average gift: \$20,627
of gifts: 27
Total: \$557K

Careful financial stewardship has guided the Natural Heritage Trust's mission for over 50 years, resulting in a robust organization prepared to expand the impact of private philanthropy and strategic partnerships throughout NYS.

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS & GIFTS



*Annual total significantly increased by a one-time grant from Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES – OPERATING FUNDS
as of March 31, 2024

Revenue		2024	2023
Investment Income	\$	771,000	\$ 642,000
Administrative Income		946,000	532,000
Unrealized Gains/(Losses) on Investments		514,000	(714,000)
Contributed (In-Kind) Services		16,000	17,000
Other		6,000	5,000
Realized (Losses) on Investments		(4,000)	(8,000)
Total Operating Revenues		\$ 2,249,000	\$ 474,000
Expenses			
Staffing		891,000	785,000
Accrued Costs		604,000	(328,000)
Professional Services		149,000	115,000
Office and Other		65,000	67,000
Total Expenses		\$ 1,709,000	\$ 635,000
Net Position			
Excess Revenues Over Expenditures		540,000	(161,000)
Net Position Beginning of Year		1,784,000	1,950,000
Net Position End of Year		\$ 2,324,000	\$ 1,789,000



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Niagara Falls State Park
Niagara Region

TO OUR SUPPORTERS

THANK YOU

We are honored to publicly acknowledge and sincerely thank our many donors, partners, and sponsors who contribute to the preservation of New York State’s natural resources and historic treasures. This past year our supporters have given to the Trust in a multitude of ways and at a variety of levels. Contributions, both large and small, have enhanced programs and projects that directly benefit parks, conservation and historic preservation. We deeply appreciate the personal commitment and dedication of our generous supporters.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

For over 50 years, thousands of individuals and private organizations have contributed financial resources that make the work of the Natural Heritage Trust possible.



Donations

You can make a tax-deductible contribution to the NHT in the form of cash, stocks, mutual fund shares, or donor-advised funds to support operations, programs and capital projects.



Memorial & Honorary Gifts

The NHT accepts memorial and tribute gifts to remember and honor family members and friends. These gifts can celebrate the special people, events and milestones in your life. When your memorial or tribute gift is received, the NHT will send a personalized letter to the person you indicate, notifying them of your thoughtful gift.



Legacy Gifts

You can also make a legacy gift by including the Natural Heritage Trust in your estate planning through a bequest or other means. The NHT offers options for permanently named endowments to support a specific park or region. Learn more at www.naturalheritagetrust.org/planned-giving



Employer Matching Gifts

Many companies will match your donation and you can send your employer’s matching gift form with your donation.



Centennial Celebration

Join us in celebrating 100 years of Parks by contributing to the Centennial Celebration Fund! Visit www.naturalheritagetrust.org/100 for more information.



Join us! Make a secure online donation at
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Buttermilk Falls State Park
Finger Lakes Region

INDIVIDUALS

\$30,000+

Estate of Marilyn F. Cunniff
Max Herrnstein & Daniell Curi
Oliva M. Cutting Trust

\$10,000 - \$29,999

Peter Engeler
Marguerite & Robert Gary
Barbara Linell Glaser & Paul Zachos
Jim & Robin Herrnstein
Joseph Weiss & Frances R. Weiss RFT
Rod & Loraine West

\$5,000 - \$9,999

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Caroline Mason
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Margarett O'Donnell
Stephanie & Leon Ognibene
Sandra Pollack
Richard Predmore
Thomas Roohan
Mark Ryan
Robert Sapir
Susanne Scagnelli
James Schwartz
Bette Stark Harrold
Judith Stoikov
Linda & Mike Toohey

\$3,500 - \$4,999

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Loretta Piscatella
Lenore Swenson
Jean Verga
Janet Weaver

\$2,500 - \$3,499

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