



# ANNUAL REPORT 2009

Reports from all across the nation regarding the effects of the economic recession on non-profit organizations show most groups doing a lot of 'belt-tightening.' At the Georges River Land Trust it was a year for being cautious with the donations we received from our generous donors, and yet keeping our sights set toward meeting our mission to conserve and steward the precious resources of the Georges River watershed region. We met the challenges and made some significant accomplishments.



Since the fall of 2008, we have been amazed at your dedication to conservation demonstrated in your gifts of funds and time. We exceeded our goals for each of the last three fundraising drives, and increased our membership by 9 percent in 2009. The 18th annual Gardens in the Watershed Tour brought in a record 650 visitors, and exceeded its funding goal as well. How wonderful that our members and donors maintained their loyal support for protecting the quality of the natural environment and working landscapes along the St. George River!

Through your commitment, GRLT helped to keep farming viable in our watershed, assured an undeveloped flyway for migratory birds, and provided access to our watershed for many residents and visitors. Our 2009 achievements include:

- Conserving the 250-acre Paulsen farm in South Thomaston (see the story on page 1 of the spring newsletter). We've now protected 2,237 acres of the habitats, farms, and forests that make our watershed special.
- Completing a strategic plan that will guide our efforts in conservation, stewardship, trails, and outreach for the next four years.
- Enrolling in the Maine Land Trust Excellence Program that will help us complete the steps necessary for Land Trust Alliance accreditation.

We're enormously grateful for your generous support that allows the Georges River Land Trust to achieve all this and more!

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A heartfelt thanks to the many friends and supporters who contributed to the success of the Georges River Land Trust between January 1 and December 31, 2009. The following includes both gifts and pledges and the \* indicates a payment on a multi-year pledge.

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**INCOME & EXPENSES**

January-December, 2009

**INCOME\***

Fall Appeal	41,062
Fundraising Events	28,308
Grants	36,246
Interest Income	11,030
Major Gifts	144,938
Membership	43,151
Other Donations	31,670
<b>Total</b>	<b>336,405</b>

**EXPENSES\*\***

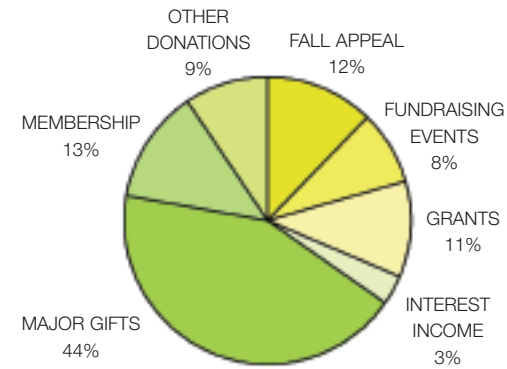
Conservation Support	31,530
Capacity Building	83,846
Outreach	34,586
Land Protection	127,964
Stewardship	52,720
Conservation Trails	37,551
<b>Total</b>	<b>368,196</b>

**Net Income/Loss (31,791)**

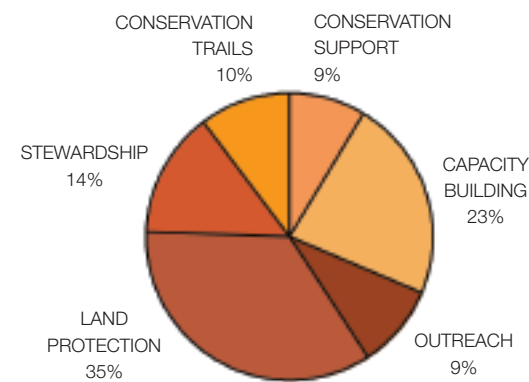
\* Income includes cash received: new pledge commitments received in 2009 total \$218,500

\*\* Expenses listed above include operating expenses, and one easement purchase downpayment of \$50,000.

**INCOME**



**EXPENSES**



**BALANCE SHEET**

As of December 31, 2009

**ASSETS**

Current Assets	561,291
Fixed Assets	1,374,429
Other Assets	12,380
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,948,100</b>

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

Liabilities	8,301
Unrestricted Funds	301,729
Temporarily Restricted	18,258
Permanently Restricted	1,490,955
Net Income	128,857
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,948,100</b>

Note: The above statement is on a cash basis. Total pledges receivable as of 12/31/09 equals \$140,897

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