

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

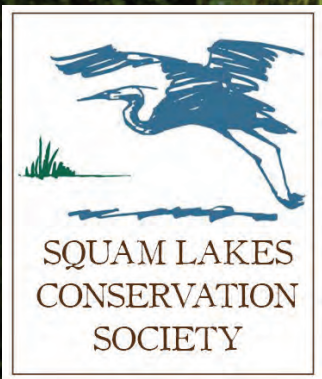


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on a personal Note

Looking forward ...



This year, Roger Larochelle, who has served as our Executive Director for more than 20 years, will retire after our Annual Meeting in August. For years Roger’s sign-off on his written communications has been “Onward,” an expression of his optimism and eager anticipation for all the opportunities we might encounter in the future. It is hard to imagine SLCS without Roger, he has played such an integral role in shaping what we are today. But it’s time for Roger and SLCS to each move onward.

After more than a year of preparation, our Board launched the formal search process for the new Executive Director earlier this month. We will start interviewing candidates shortly and look forward to introducing all of you to our new Executive Director at our Annual Meeting in August.

SLCS today is a product of the commitment, hard work and dedication of all of you: our members, volunteers, Board and staff. I have no doubt that SLCS and the new Executive Director will continue to grow and flourish with your support. So, thank you to Roger for all he’s done, and thank you to all our members for everything you do.

Onward!

Chris Grant, President

Onward...

“Time flies over us but leaves its shadow behind.” How true when reflecting on all we accomplished in 2023. This quote from Nathaniel Hawthorne reminds me that while time flashes by, what we accomplish with that time has a lasting effect.

Looking back at 2023, what you helped accomplish leaves more than just a shadow. SLCS made strides in fulfilling the promise of the Forever Squam campaign and initiative by permanently protecting six more properties, adding Katie Currie-Huggard and Emily Landry to our staff team, balancing our budget, adding 67 new member households, and increasing our Stewardship Funds fulfilling the promise of forever. We have you, our members, to thank for your commitment to leaving your shadow behind, a shadow that doesn’t fade, but grows stronger with every project we complete, now totaling 178!

As we head into this new year, I am buoyed by all we continue to achieve to maintain the character of Squam. It’s a team effort, and one with lasting results. Thank you for being part of this team, and for your contribution in making Squam the special place it is and will forever be. Onward...



Roger Larochelle,
Executive Director

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Please note that every effort was made to include all businesses, foundations, organizations and individuals who generously contributed to SLCS in 2023. If you are aware of an oversight on our part, please notify us through email at denise@foreversquam.org. Thank you!

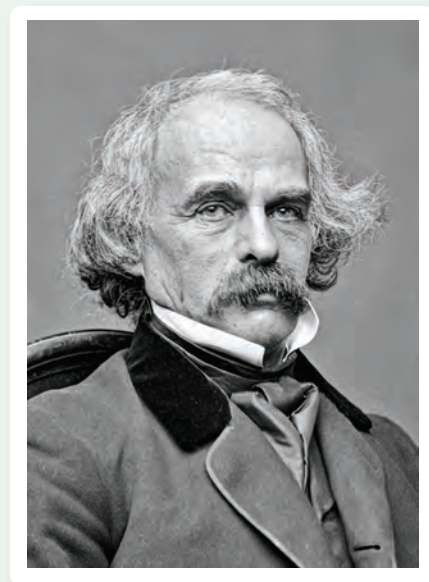
Did you know famous transcendental author Nathaniel Hawthorne had ties to this area? In 1864, the author's health was failing, likely due to gastrointestinal cancer. During that spring, friend and New Hampshire's only president, Franklin Pierce, accompanied Hawthorne to the White Mountains in hopes that the fresh air would do him good.

On the evening of May 19, inside the Pemigewasset House hotel in Plymouth, Hawthorne retired early after a dinner of toast and tea. During the night, Pierce awoke to check on his friend in the adjoining room. The former president placed his hand upon Hawthorne's forehead and found that he had quietly passed away in the night.



2nd Pemigewasset House 1863-1909, Plymouth, NH

<https://www.history.com/news/10-things-you-may-not-know-about-nathaniel-hawthorne>



Nathaniel Hawthorne 1804 - 1864

meet the Leadership 2023-24

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In 2023 we bid farewell to five active directors who termed off the board. Ashley Bullard, Ken Evans, Chip Harris, Bonnie Hunt and Anne Lovett dedicated a combined 39 years to the protection of the Squam watershed.

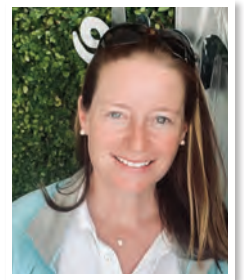
At our August annual meeting we elected four new directors: Doug Hart, Alli Stepp, Bryan Sweeney, and Kathy Weymouth. Molly Whitcomb was elected after a 7 year hiatus by the board. Each of them are active on our various committees and Molly will serve as our Chair of the Communications Committee and Heron Society.

Our board members provide tremendous leadership as they selflessly volunteer their time and expertise to advance our mission of conserving the Squam watershed for present and future generations.



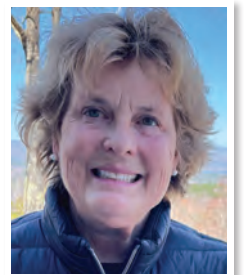
Douglas (Doug) Hart and his wife Lydia discovered Sandwich in 2021 and are making Sandwich their permanent home. Doug is a graduate of Boston University (1976) and is the co-founder of Penobscot Investment Management Company in Boston. Doug has a long history of serving non-profit organizations. He is an Honorary Trustee of Emma Willard School (Troy, NY), an Honorary Trustee of Plimoth Patuxet (formerly Plimoth Plantation) and Chairman Emeritus of The Wildland's Trust in Plymouth, MA. Doug is also the President of the Board of the Hardrock 100 endurance run in Silverton, Colorado. Locally, Doug is a member of the board of Sandwich Home Industries and is joining the board of the Bearcamp Center for Sustainable Community. Doug also serves on our Stewardship Committee.

Allison (Alli) Stepp grew up in Holderness, where she attended Holderness Central School and Plymouth Regional HS. Despite living throughout the U.S. and internationally, Holderness has always been home. After graduating from Williams College, she spent three years teaching skiing in Aspen and New Zealand. Returning to the East Coast, Allison attended law school at Suffolk University and has spent her legal career working in the non-profit sector. She is currently a senior member of the legal team at MIT's Office of the Vice President for Finance. Allison has volunteered for a number of organizations including the Squam Lakes Science Center, Habitat for Humanity, Mote Marine Laboratory (Sarasota), and the Sarasota Film Festival. She has worked as a Community Ambassador at MIT and currently serves on our Next Gen Committee.



Bryan Sweeney and his wife Yvonne Von Gessel and son Calvin live on White Oak Pond in Holderness. They have been SLCS members and volunteer monitors since 2017, and active volunteers at Betsy's Park and the White Oak Pond Watershed Association. Bryan serves on the Holderness Zoning Board of Appeals. He grew up in Chicago and served 8 years as a Marine Aerial Navigator (KC-130 aircraft) during Desert Storm in 1990. He has a BS in Finance and Accounting, an MA in History and Teaching, and an MBA in Finance. He was a Program Manager for the CDC and the Armed Forces in Bangkok and later in Kenya for the US Army Medical Unit as a consultant. More recently, he was an Account Manager for Dandelion Energy. Bryan is a very active father to Calvin, a woodworker, tireless volunteer, skilled manager, and team player.

Kathy Lovett Weymouth is the third generation of the Lovett family on Squam Lake. She and her husband Rich met at Rockywold-Deephaven, were married on Chocorua Island, and are now year-round residents of Holderness residing in their home over-looking the lakes and the Squam Range. Kathy's career in education spanned forty years and began at Noble and Greenough School and concluded at Holderness Prep School where she was the Dean of Students, English teacher, coach, and student advisor. She earned her BA in English Literature at UNH and her MS in Educational Leadership at George Washington University. Now out of the classroom, Kathy looks forward to working with others as she carries on her family's tradition of stewardship and community service.



Molly Whitcomb grew up in Sandwich. She and her husband Scott returned to the area in 2004 to raise their children. A graduate of the University of Vermont, Molly served as Health Services Coordinator for the Manchester Chapter of the American Red Cross. In 1998 she pursued a Masters Degree in Architecture at Boston Architectural Center. Molly now works with home owners to create living spaces which match their lifestyle and take advantage of the natural features of their property. Molly and her family became acquainted with SLCS when they donated a conservation easement on their property in Holderness and she is committed to preserving this special area so future generations can hike, swim and ski as she and her children so often do.

operational Support

Your donation matters...

Thank you to our dedicated members for your remarkable generosity as we continue our pursuit to preserve the character and beauty of Squam.

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making a Difference



Stewards of Squam

I recently had a monitoring visit with a landowner of a conservation easement and three volunteers a few days after Thanksgiving. During the visit, the landowner shared some childhood memories of her father riding the mower almost to the top of "Pine Hill" on the property her parents had donated a conservation easement to in 2008. As we talked, I realized that these volunteers were the keepers of Squam's collective memory. They had witnessed the area change throughout their lives and were happy to share their experiences.

After monitoring with the volunteers, I returned to the office to learn more about the property. I learned those volunteers had been monitoring the property with the landowner since 2008, meaning they had sixteen years of monitoring experience! While I have conducted hundreds of monitoring visits, my experience pales in comparison to their yearly tradition. What's even more impressive is that there

are volunteers who have been volunteering for even longer than that! I have found monitoring reports from 1994 with signatures of the parents of our volunteers, which is generations of volunteering! It's an incredible part of the Conservation Society's history. Our volunteers have been with us from the start to ensure the promise of permanent protection. Your work does not go unnoticed! Let us know if you, or others in your family, would like to carry on this tradition.

Katie Currie-Huggard, Stewardship Director

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conserving the Watershed

Davenport Award

In 2007 the SLCS Stewardship Committee created the Davenport Award to recognize an individual or individuals for their exceptional commitment and service to the Squam community as stewards of its protected properties. This award is named in memory of long-time SLCS monitor, board member and honorary board member, Dick Davenport.

Employees are not generally considered for the Davenport Award, but in Pete Helm's case, he fit the bill because of his exceptional commitment to the land and people of Squam. Pete retired as our Stewardship Director in 2023, but his connection to Squam and SLCS' mission is forever. You will still see him around the lake as one our volunteer monitors.



Forever Squam Update

The vision for conserving what we love called *Forever Squam* started in 2021 by raising funds to permanently protect lands in the Squam watershed during a critical time. With the conclusion of the fundraising portion of the campaign, we had the tools we needed along with the support of our members and the community to set about the Initiative portion.

With our team and funding in place, we continue to push forward with our ambitious plan to see 40% of the Squam watershed permanently protected for wildlife habitat, climate mitigation, clean water, and public enjoyment. To date we have completed twelve projects. You can read details about the most recent ones on the following pages.

Forever Squam funds offer meaningful financial and logistical support to private landowners throughout the watershed by covering surveys, appraisals, and the other related costs of conserving land. Thank you for investing in Squam's future and for your faith in all we can accomplish when we work together. Keep an eye on our website foreversquam.org or sign up for our newsletter to stay up-to-date on current projects.

2023 Project Donors

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conservation Stories

#172 Woods Woods DONATED

Conservation Easement

February 2023

Originally part of Mead Farm in Center Harbor, this 2-acre portion was part of a five acre lot purchased by JoAnn and Peter Wood in 1995. Peter was an SLCS director for almost ten years and both he and JoAnn were dedicated to the preservation of Squam. After Peter passed away in 2017, JoAnn decided to donate a conservation easement on the 2-acre portion thereby adding to the already conserved 26+ acre George and Cary Mead Memorial Forest.



#173 Stonehenge DONATED

Fee Owned

April 2023

This 8.5-acre parcel of prime wetlands is nestled between three SLCS conservation properties, the Haskell Preserve (2022), Lamb Brook Swamp (2022), and the Brown Preserve (2011). It was acquired by the Town of Holderness in 2006 via collectors deed and in 2022, SLCS requested transfer of title to ensure its permanent protection and stewardship. It is named for several large, stone structures of various sizes scattered throughout the center of the dryland area. The origin of these structures remains a mystery. Public access is by White Oak Pond.



#174 & 175 Avery's Woods DONATED

Conservation Easement

May 2023

Anne Lovett and Steve Woodsum purchased a 37-acre parcel in 2021 from Anne's brother Richard Lovett, with the specific goal of permanently protecting the land. In 2022, they purchased an additional 27 acres for the same purpose. Considered part of the White Oak Pond Highlands, this mature mixed forest has flourished for several years. It contains several stone walls that make it a magical place to commune with the diverse wildlife found on the property. You can enjoy Avery's Woods by accessing the newly cut trail from Coxboro Rd. There is not a designated parking area.



Forever Squam Initiative

*You can't come back to
something that is gone.*

– Richard Powers



#176 Howe Commons DONATED
Conservation Easement
July 2023

This 35.5-acre donated conservation easement has a little of everything including 9 acres of open field, well-managed woods, talus slopes, the public Undercut Trail and even some old growth forest. It also abuts the Armstrong Natural Area creating nearly 500 acres of contiguous conserved land which you can see from the top of Mount Morgan.

The Howe family's conservation legacy dates back to the turn of the twentieth century when Mary Alice Armstrong purchased the land to build Rockywold Camp in 1901. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Margie Emmons, Arthur Howe III, Sam Howe, Sarah Thorne, Peter Howe, Phoebe Howe, and the spirit of Tom Howe for fulfilling Mrs. Armstrong's vision of conserving the area and for their ongoing commitment to sustaining her tradition of stewardship and making the outdoors available for all.

#177 Tupelo Cove DONATED
Conservation Easement
June 2023

The von Merten & Wasson families purchased this 6.79 acre lot in Bean Cove in the late 1980's with the goal of providing a lakeside retreat for their family and permanently protecting the land.

By donating a conservation easement on this 1.3 acre section the family is protecting a 461 foot buffer along the stream, while providing an undisturbed forest canopy. With an added Deed Restriction, the landowners will no longer be able to subdivide the 6.79 acre property, which brings this property into conformity with many of the neighbor's agreement to not further subdivide. Tupelo Cove is a great example of how working together, we can find creative ways to protect what is important now and for future generations.



#178 Schwartz DONATED
Life Estate
December 2023

Lowell & Karlene Schwartz purchased this one-acre lot in 1972 with a 1928 Sears-Roebuck pre-fab fishing camp. Being a great example of the Squam ethos: modest living, keeping your footprint small, and living within your natural surroundings, the Schwartzes only made a few improvements to this historical property.

Lowell and Karlene donated the land to SLCS while retaining a life estate. They will continue enjoying their property for as long as they are able to live on the property. It is their wish to have it returned to its natural state for wildlife habitat and potential educational activities. With 195 feet of water frontage on Center Harbor Neck Rd., the Schwartz Preserve looks out to Great Island and is across the road from Leaman Woods and Quiet Bay conservation areas.

Karlene's scientific background led her to make a full bio-inventory of the property and a generous donor has put aside funds to fulfill Karlene and Lowell's wishes.



forever in our Hearts

Honorary & Memorial Gifts

In honor of Hamilton Coolidge

Hope Coolidge & Mark Brown

In honor of Robert & Leslie Dahl

David Aron

In honor of Heather Hayes

Tristan Hayes

In honor of Elizabeth, Victor, and Victor E.D. King

Vanessa King

In honor of Roger Larochelle

Bill & Nancy Dailey

In honor of Anne Lovett

Anonymous

In honor of Geoffrey Lowney

Catherine Sullivan

In honor of Daphne Mowatt

Twig Mowatt

In honor of Chase Pennoyer & Kelly Buchanan

Cynthia Nadai

Brianna & Matthew Fiorillo

Madeleine Mineau

Allison Smith

In honor of Bill & Pam Simonds

Jim & Christine Heyworth

In honor of Pam Simonds

Constance Dix

In honor of Tarica Family

Teresa Monahan

Shirin Salerno

In honor of Angus West

William Judkins

In honor of Weymouth Family

Betsy Williams & Tom Moore

In honor of Betsy & Bruce Whitmore

Catlin Rugg

Polly Whiteside

In honor of Connie & Sankey Williams

Betsy Williams & Tom Moore

In honor of Rawson Wood

Ellen Wood Barth

In memory of Tom Armstrong

Jim & Anne Cram

In memory of Alice Bennet

Debra & Andrew Kaye

Marcia Lytton

Health Resources in Action Staff: Heather,

Kathleen, Kristin, & Arielle

Mollie Williams

Mary Kathryn Fallon

In memory of Richard & Cyane Cabell

Cyane Anaya

In memory of Austin Bradley Colligan

John & Lacey Colligan

In memory of Julian Coolidge

Mark & Deb Leach

In memory of Tom Hopper

Dolores Hopper

In memory of Anne Levin

Joseph Boucher & Michele Perry-Boucher

In memory of Katherine Standish Olen

Peter Burns

In memory of Russell C. Orton

Piper Orton

In memory of Phil Preston

Maureen Criasia & Bernie Volz

In memory of Elizabeth "Ebit" Speers

Sam Speers & Lisa Brawley

In memory of Robert Westerlund

Betsy Stewart

In memory of Robert A. Ziesing

Grace Ziesing & Mark Knight

AmeriCorps 2023

Erika Looman came to us in May 2023 from Shelbourne, Massachusetts. Normally we bring on two AmeriCorps members, but this year Erika flew solo. You would never have known it though because she did the work of two people through her own self motivation and eagerness to learn and get involved. Erika's help with monitoring conservation easements, trail work, and training were invaluable. She enjoyed her quiet solitude at the cabin on the Sanford- Doyle II property which is generously made available to us by the Wymer family. Erika has gone back to St. Lawrence University to finish her Bachelor's degree in Geology but has many ties to the Squam area and I'm sure we have not seen the last of her.

AmeriCorps is a tremendous resource for students and local land trusts. We are thankful to Squam Lakes Association for their work coordinating the program every year.



Erika Looman at Hersey Mtn cabin

Heron Society

The following Heron Society members included SLCS in their estate plans

Anonymous

Tom Beale & Laura Nash

Laurie & Susan Beeson

Win & Sarah Brown

John & Rene (Metzger) Butler

Patsy Carega

Leslie Christodoulopoulos

John & Lacey Colligan

Jim & Jackie Colthart

Woolsey and Bea Conover

Laury & Nancy Coolidge

Nat Coolidge

Peter & Carrie Coolidge

Jerry (& Alan) English

Ken & Jennifer Evans

Tim and Audrey Fisher

Don and Ingrid Graham

Chris & Martha Grant

Peter Gross

Barbara Grossman

Susan Gutchess

Paul & Ronnie Guyre

Chip & Wendy Harris

Bonnie Hunt

Harold & Karin Karagozian

Jane Kellogg

Tom Kelsey

Davis Keniston

Roger & Jennifer Larochelle

Sam & Barbara Laverack

Fred Lavigne & Evelyn MacKinnon

Carl & Sandra Lehner

David & Joan Martin

Sandy McGinnes

John McLanahan

Carol Mead

John and Tashia Morgridge

Daphne Mowatt

William & Melanie Nesheim

Dan O'Neil

Suzanne Pratt

David & Barbara Preston

Marnie Schulz

Lowell & Karlene Schwartz

David & Becky Sinkler

Jack & Nancy Starmer

Frank Stevens

Bayne and Jean Stevenson

John & Carol Thompson

Tim & Lucy Vaill

Peter & Prudy Van Winkle

Lisa Wardlaw

Angus and Elizabeth West

Jennifer West

Scott & Molly Whitcomb

Betsy and Bruce Whitmore

Dick Wood

The Heron Society was launched in 2010 in celebration of our 50th anniversary as Squam's land trust. The Heron Society thanks its members who have chosen to support a cause that is close to their hearts. To date, over 60 families have included SLCS and the protection of Squam's lands, community, and natural resources in their estate planning. You can also, it's easier than you think. To learn more, visit www.foreversquam.org/heron-society or call Denise at (603) 968-7900.



Renee and I decided to become members of the Heron Society because there came a time to redo our wills from 35 years ago and we had always had stipulations to donate to causes that we have been involved in. All of our donations involve organizations that are environmental in nature and directly affect the area we live, and the activities that we participate in. When I fish off the end of our dock, I tell people that I'm really just looking at the view and fishing is a secondary activity. Almost all the time at Squam is spent saying to ourselves that what we are looking at is so incredibly beautiful. It's a thought that keeps looping around in our minds all the time. We feel so lucky.

SLCS is an integral part of that and directly contributes to our enjoyment of the area. Their mission and focus of protecting the area for future generations is exactly the focus on our philosophy of doing good works. We consider joining the Heron Society to be an obligation to give back that we are happy to undertake. We do this for our children, our future grandchildren, and the entire Lakes Region community.

– John & Renee Butler - Heron Society Members

it takes a Village

Our Partners

Protecting land is a collaborative effort. Squam Lakes Conservation Society enjoys many partnerships with other environmental and conservation groups in the Lakes Region, throughout New Hampshire and beyond...

- Audubon Society of New Hampshire
- Betsy's Park
- Camp Deerwood
- Camp Hale
- Hoag Island Preservation Trust
- Hubbard Brook Research Foundation
- Lakes Region Conservation Trust
- Land Trust Alliance
- Loon Preservation Committee
- Kusumpe Brook Associates
- New England Forestry Foundation
- New Hampshire Fish & Game
- New Hampshire Lakes Association
- NH Land & Community Heritage Investment Program
- New Hampshire Land Trust Coalition
- New Hampshire Preservation Alliance
- Rockywold-Deephaven Camps
- Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests
- Squam Lakes Association
- Squam Lakes Natural Science Center
- The Conservation Fund
- White Oak Pond Watershed Association

Conservation Commissions

- Town of Ashland
- Campton
- Center Harbor
- Holderness
- Moultonborough
- New Hampton
- Sandwich

Foundations & Businesses

- AmazonSmile
- Analog Devices Foundation
- Badger Peabody & Smith
- Bank of America Charitable Gift Foundation
- Barings
- Common Man Family of Restaurants
- Curry Place
- Ecosystem Management Consultants
- Edmund & Betsy Cabot Charitable Foundation
- Experience Squam LLC
- France-Merrick Foundation
- Foothills Cafe & Curio
- Glebe Road Foundation
- Grossman Family Charitable Foundation
- Hillman Family Foundations
- Hixon Logging & Tree Service, LLC
- Holderness Free Library
- Ipsen N.A.
- Johnson & Johnson
- Kristen Eldridge Appraisals
- Leaman Family Foundation
- Lovett-Woodsum Foundation
- Mathieson Family Foundation
- Meredith Landing Real Estate
- MFS Investment
- Minuteman Press
- Moulton Farms
- Neuberger Berman
- NH Charitable Foundation
- Noom Foundation
- Orchard Foundation
- PEW Charitable Trust
- Pritchard Foundation
- RC Brayshaw Printing
- Robert E. McConnell Foundation
- Samyn-D'Elia Architects PA
- Sheldon Pennoyer Architects
- Sippican Partners
- Schifrin Foundation, Inc.
- Squam Lake Marketplace
- Squam River Landing
- Squam River Studios
- Stephan Nix, Esq.
- Tartaglia's Pizza
- TEGNA Foundation
- The Beach Foundation
- TOSA Foundation
- Walter's Basin
- Westwind Condo Association
- Wiggins Foundation
- Wilmington Trust, N.A.



2.5.2023 Full Moon Adventure to Merrill Island - Denise Siraco

Project Funds

Land Acquisitions

Forever Squam (cash)	\$4,040,739
Frank Webster Land Acquisition	\$221,904
Others	\$241,903

Total Project Funds \$4,504,546

Dedicated Funds

Stewardship Funds

Board Fund for Stewardship	\$701,685
Grady Monitoring Endowment*	\$485,352
Stewardship Endowment*	\$478,584
Restricted for Stewardship	\$618,857
Barnes Legal Defense Fund	\$361,176
N & L Coolidge Stew. Endowment*	\$65,938

Total Stewardship \$2,711,593

Operations Funds

SLCS Endowment*	\$906,726
Board Fund	\$406,561
Dunnell Family Fund	\$100,386
Memorial Fund	\$263,394
E.G. Barry Endowment*	\$102,146
E. Bennett Education Fund	\$72,705

Total Operations \$1,851,917

Total Dedicated \$4,563,510

*signifies a permanently restricted endowment fund

Forever Squam

Funds Received	\$5,431,478
Outstanding Pledges	\$696,557
Squam Uplands Transfer	\$1,038,350
Project Expenses	\$(2,586,428)
Interest Earned	\$179,617
Funds for Upcoming Projects	\$4,759,574

NOTES:

1. SLCS stewards 9,688 acres including twenty-nine owned parcels (1,135 acres).
3. SLCS's financial records are examined by Rowley Associates, PC, CPA, Concord, NH.
4. Audit is available upon request after June 1, 2024.
5. Net Assets on December 31, 2022 were \$15,714,805.

	2021	2022	2023
Contributions			
<i>Operating Funds</i>	\$ 496,607	\$ 472,930	\$ 460,309
<i>Dedicated Funds</i>	\$ 49,370	\$ 13,324	\$ 128,166
<i>Project Funds</i>	\$ 1,900,263	\$ 3,028,829	\$ 524,490
Total	\$ 2,446,240	\$ 3,515,083	\$ 1,112,965
Operating Expenses	\$ 475,702	\$ 546,009	\$ 553,229
Dedicated Funds			
<i>Market Value</i>	\$ 4,253,778	\$ 3,961,434	\$ 4,563,434
<i>Total Return</i>	\$ 430,699	(\$ 396,688)	\$ 448,909
<i>Released for Operations</i>	\$ 120,000	\$ 136,000	\$ 148,000
Project Funds			
<i>Market Value</i>	\$ 3,893,032	\$ 3,859,847	\$ 4,504,546
<i>Total Return</i>	(\$ 4,697)	(\$ 21,756)	\$ 204,843
<i>Project Purchases</i>	(\$ 317,527)	(\$ 3,040,259)	(\$ 9,634)

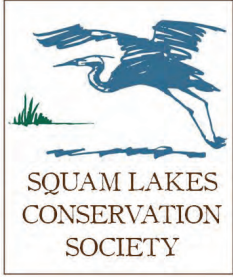


Howe Commons Bell Ringing - Denise Siraco

Sustaining Members

Whether we own a property or have a conservation easement, our professional staff plus over 100 volunteers work to ensure that the land entrusted to SLCS is protected forever. Our sustaining members help make that possible. Monthly giving is a great way to provide on-going support to operating expenses allowing us to focus on our primary mission of protecting and stewading Squam's special places. Consider becoming a monthly sustaining member. Visit www.foreversquam.org/membership or use the QR code.





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Hubbard Brook Tour

Wednesday, May 22, 2024
9:00AM - Noon

Wine Dinner & Auction

Thursday, May 23, 2024
Common Man Lakehouse

Volunteer Gathering

Saturday, June 21, 2024
Nesheims on Little Squam

Passing It On

Thursday, August 08, 2024
Holderness Public Library

Annual Meeting

Saturday, August 17, 2024
Camp Hale



Downy Woodpecker by Andrew Thompson