



# FIVE RIVERS CONSERVATION TRUST 2019-2020 ANNUAL REPORT FINDING REFUGE IN CONSERVED LANDS





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## **Refuge**

*By Beth McGuinn, Outgoing Executive Director*

Refuge is what so many of us sought when our world became suddenly very small in March. No travel. For many, no work, or work at home. For others, school at home.

I needed a place to escape from the sudden uncertainty of the world. I am fortunate to live near several conserved properties, and I visited them often. I watched the seasons change from snow to spring birds and wildflowers, summer heat and humidity and again to cool crisp colorful leaves of fall. The woods and fields and conserved places in our local area are my personal refuge. I hope they provide you some respite also in this uncertain time.



The pandemic found Five Rivers still able to do our conservation work and uplifted by the thanks we receive from members and the public who are grateful for local trails, green spaces, and local food. The centerfold of this publication tells the story of people who used conserved lands well during the lockdown.

Some things have changed for Five Rivers. I have decided to leave the organization to find refuge in wild places again. I look back on the last six years and see how Five Rivers has grown - more conserved land, more supporters, more staff, funds for stewardship.

But, the pandemic has taught me that I need a change of pace - less office and more woods. Not retirement, but a sabbatical before returning to work.

Thanks to each of you who have made my time at Five Rivers rewarding, fulfilling and worthwhile. I'll see you out in the woods and fields of the Capital Region. Be well!

*Cover Photo: Hopkinton mother and children hiking the Sweatt Preserve. Photo by Henry Hirschfeld.*



**FIVE RIVERS CONSERVATION TRUST**  
Local Land Trust for the Greater Capital Region of New Hampshire

Five Rivers is a member-supported nonprofit land trust with a mission to preserve and protect open-space lands for present and future generations. We work in 17 towns at the confluence of five New Hampshire rivers.

Five Rivers' Service Area: Belmont, Boscawen, Bow, Canterbury, Chichester, Concord, Dunbarton, Gilmanton, Henniker, Hillsboro, Hopkinton, Loudon, Northfield, Pembroke, Salisbury, Warner and Webster.

The Five Rivers are the Blackwater, Contoocook, Merrimack, Soucook, and Warner Rivers.

As of March 31, 2020, Five Rivers has conserved over 80 properties, representing over 5,000 acres of land in 17 towns.

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# Reasons to Celebrate

By Maura Adams, Board Chair



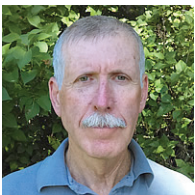
Five Rivers' fiscal year ended on March 31, 2020, just as the cold hard reality of the coronavirus pandemic took hold of all our lives. Five Rivers adapted and applied for a PPP loan, worked remotely, ran Zoom meetings, held virtual events, and more. Despite a year that stressed and tested our human and

natural communities, we find many reasons to celebrate as we look to a more hopeful 2021.

Area residents have taken advantage of local hikes, local food, and nature's beauty to nurture their bodies and souls. Two conservation-minded landowners generously donated their properties to Five Rivers. Our membership continues to grow, and many people have generously increased their giving. Land conservation is more important than ever and Five Rivers' commitment to our mission is stronger than ever.

We celebrate our **outgoing and incoming board members** whose service helps to make Five Rivers a vibrant and successful land trust. In June we thanked and bid farewell to several Board members:

Mike Shearin served six years as Treasurer on the Five Rivers board. We thank him for his invaluable ideas, energy, and commitment to the organization.



Rich Cook completed his fourth year on the board. With a long background in wildlife conservation, Rich chaired our Lands Committee and served as board Vice Chairman.

Kathy Barnes completed four years on the Board, serving first on the Development committee and later chairing our Communications Committee.



Steve Blackmer was a founder of Concord Conservation Trust, Five Rivers' former name. He joined the board in 2018, serving on the Governance Committee.

Next, we welcomed four new board members:

Cathy Menard joined our board as Treasurer. She is a retired CPA who served as CFO of NH Community Development Finance Authority and as Controller of Riverbend Community Mental Health.



Tracey Boisvert has spent her entire career working in the field of natural resource protection. She is currently the Land Management Bureau Administrator at the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

Beth Moore is a retired school social worker. Since retirement one of her areas of interest has been land and water preservation.



Jamie Robertson, along with his wife and sons, owns and operates the 5th generation Bohanan Farm and Contoocook Creamery in Hopkinton.

Finally, we closed out 2020 by **celebrating Beth McGuinn's six years at the Five Rivers helm and welcoming new Executive Director Liz Short.**

Liz brings a wealth of experience to this position. She formerly held senior positions at Stonyfield Farm and the New Hampshire Community Loan Fund and has a background in natural resources and business management. She also served for over a year as a Five Rivers trustee.



Beth has built a stronger organization during her tenure, and with our talented board and Liz's leadership we're poised for growth.



# The Janeway Conservation Area – An Extraordin

By Betsy Janeway

## Conserving by Ownership vs Easement

By Beth McGuinn

Five Rivers has worked primarily with landowners who want to continue owning and managing their land. For these landowners, a perpetual conservation easement limits the future industrial, commercial and residential uses of the property while allowing good forestry, agriculture and sale of the land. Under an easement, the land continues to be privately owned. Five Rivers monitors the property annually to ensure that the use limitations are observed and the landowners, current and future, make management decisions in compliance with the use limitations.

Conservation minded landowners who no longer wish to own or sell their land can choose to donate their land to Five Rivers. Tom Armstrong, and Harold and Betsy Janeway chose this option with their respective donations of the Armstrong Forest Preserve in Concord, and the Janeway Conservation Area in Webster and Hopkinton.

Even landowners who own property that is not suitable for conservation might consider donating their property to Five Rivers to be sold, with proceeds of the sale devoted to conservation purposes.

When Five Rivers owns land, we evaluate its natural resources, set land management goals, and we create a management plan to guide activities on the property. We consider what uses are appropriate – public access, forest management, agriculture, wildlife habitat,

Harold and I moved up to Webster 43 years ago, from Northern Westchester County in New York State, where I was trying to farm on 2 acres, growing food, making maple syrup, and desperately needing a barn and pastures.

We loved this old farm. Our five children loved it too. We worked hard, raising Cheviot sheep for meat and fleece, dairy goats for milk, keeping chickens, pigs, sometimes horses. Tapping maple trees every spring and boiling sap in our garage. We loved it here! We loved our land, and we wanted the land to stay undeveloped, never clear-cut, a great place for farming and for wildlife. A great place for children to grow up.

When Beth told us that if Five Rivers owned the property, they would hold educational programs here, I was sold. Conservation education means to me more than I can express. In NY State, I was a volunteer in a program in four public schools to teach children about nature, wildlife, and what is meant by hibernation, photosynthesis, and watersheds.

The children called us “nature ladies,” but we knew we were really conservation teachers! Five Rivers can’t run programs on their conservation easements because those lands are in private ownership. They need to own the land.

Our fields give us hay, fed our sheep with grass and hay, gave us land to ski upon, and beautiful views. Bobolinks and marsh hawks, turkey vultures and many species of sparrows, deer and coyotes, even moose have wandered and nested in our fields.

On our trail over to Deer Meadow Brook, we always stop and watch quietly at the small, shallow “Chase Pond,” to see what’s there; wood ducks, turtles, muskrats, and listen in spring to the thunderous chorus of hyla crucifer (“Spring Peepers”). One New Year’s Eve, Harold and I carried our ice skates down to the pond, he lit a fire on the ice, and we skated under a starry sky.

As for the Brook, it’s the best wildlife area of our property. Wood thrushes and many warbler species stop by in spring, and fill the air with their songs.



# Primary Gift of Land



We've camped on the high bank above the brook, and watched wildlife, and even managed to paddle a kayak down its length, climbing over beaver dams. We've seen a young moose spend its winter there, and we've watched a black bear cub munching acorns high up in an oak tree.

This summer a moose left tracks on the sandy beach by our wonderful swimming hole on the Blackwater River, a deep hole under a natural waterfall, where we spend summer days swimming.

We've made a long list of bird species seen on our land from our kitchen window. Coyotes sing to us at night, and deer eat grass and acorns in the fields, and wild turkeys are everywhere, even nesting beneath my rhubarb inside my garden, and raising a brood of poults, much to my annoyance.

There are written accounts describing the history of our land, since Moses Gerrish built our house in 1789, and grew apples to sell.

The old apple trees are still here. In the woods between our fields and river are old strands of barbed wire that guided the dairy cows down to the river to drink water so the farmer didn't have to rely upon the dug well to fill tubs of water for his cows.

The book author and illustrator, Tasha Tudor, lived here for years before us, and gave the place a certain fame and good stories.

We chose Five Rivers because we knew its people, and trusted them completely, to do the work needed, the surveys and legal documents, and to allow me to live here after Harold died.

Rich Cook was invaluable! And don't even get me started on Beth or this article will be much too long. It's all about trust and love.

Five Rivers is a wonderful organization, and anyone who worries about the future of their land, and wants to work with the best people, should contact Five Rivers!

## Conserving by Ownership vs Easement *continued*

then set a timeline for achieving our goals.

When Five Rivers owns land, we set an example for conservation-minded land management for other landowners. The most common question is will Five Rivers pay taxes? Yes, Five Rivers pays current use taxes on its owned properties.

Using the right tool for the right circumstances will guide Five Rivers' decisions about whether to own land in the future. You can expect that both land ownership and conservation easements will be in Five Rivers' toolbox when we meet with conservation minded landowners in the future.

## Janeway Conservation Area Facts

- 477 acres conserved in June, 2020
- Full property donation by Harold and Betsy Janeway with reserved life estate
- $\frac{3}{4}$  mile of frontage on the Blackwater River
- 1  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile of frontage on Deer Meadow Brook
- Pastureland, hay fields, pond and forests
- Fantastic wildlife habitat
- Future walking trails and educational opportunities
- Just upstream from Bohanan Farm



# The Armstrong Forest Preserve – Five Rivers Sec

By Kathy Barnes, Sarah McGraw Crow, Sarah Thorne, and Anne Armstrong Cran

In December, 2019, Thomas M. Armstrong and his family donated the 24-acre Armstrong Forest Preserve to Five Rivers Conservation Trust. This preserve, located on Stickney Hill Road in Concord, was our second owned property.

The family dedicated this forest in memory of Tom's wife Rachel, and in honor of Tom's forestry mentors and friends Henry and Birgit Baldwin and Frances and Larry Rathbun.

"We are delighted Five Rivers will own this long-held property of 66 years for public benefit, young and old, a forever forest," Tom Armstrong writes. "We wish to encourage active public observation, learning, and enjoyment. To be used by neighbors and a much wider circle for the study and

wonder of nature—forests in particular—outdoor recreation, and the recharging of our minds, bodies, and spirits."

Born in Pennsylvania in 1927, Tom studied forestry and agriculture at UNH after receiving a BA at Yale. One of his first jobs was at the Fox Research and Demonstration Forest in Hillsborough, New Hampshire, where he became part of the state's small and tight-knit forestry and conservation community.

In 1951 Tom married Rachel Franck, living first in Durham and then in Concord. It was after working at Fox State Forest that the couple purchased the "woodlot," as he called it then, on Stickney Hill Road in 1953. Tom has strong memories of walking through and around this forest, thinning hard-

woods, pruning and releasing young pines, and blazing boundaries. With his trusty three-foot blue bucksaw from Fox Forest days, he harvested a total of 22 cords of wood in 1954 and 1955.

Sarah Thorne, a Five Rivers board member who knows the Armstrongs from their conservation work together, relates a story that Tom told her. When Rachel was in Concord Hospital after delivering their daughter Anne, Tom went to the woodlot for a walk. He picked some mayflowers and brought the bouquet as a gift to his wife and new daughter in the hospital. "Imagine, he remembered that story 60-some years later," Sarah Thorne notes.

As Tom and Rachel's family grew, Tom began looking for new opportunities. The family soon found

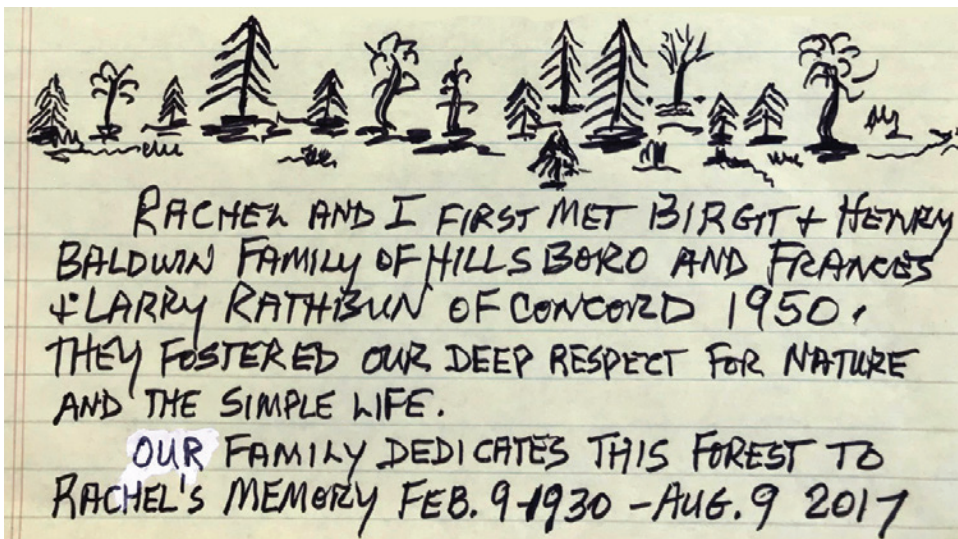
## Armstrong Forest Facts

- 23.75 acres conserved in Concord December, 2019
- Full property donation by Thomas Armstrong
- Unmanaged forestland
- Walking trail used regularly by neighbors
- Adjacent to St Paul's School land
- Across from Five Rivers - conserved Maplewood Farm
- 800+ feet of frontage on Stickney Hill Road
- To be managed as a natural area





# and Owned Property



their way to coastal Maine, where Tom's career was focused on operating the J.D. Deering Lumber Co. in Biddeford, Maine.

An ardent conservationist like her husband, Rachel Armstrong served on the boards of Maine Coast Heritage Trust and Squam Lakes Conservation Society in New Hampshire. Rachel was also the first female board member of the Maine National Bank and served as a leader in many Maine nonprofits.

The four Armstrong children, too, have all volunteered and served on boards for environmental organizations, including Hollis (NH) Land

Trust, Maine Nature Conservancy, and Maine Coast Heritage Trust.

Through the years Tom and Rachel continued to watch their 24-acre woodlot in Concord grow and grow, making minimal log harvests to salvage dead and dying trees. The last harvest on the land was in 1980.

Five Rivers is honored to receive this gift of land from the Armstrong family, says Beth McGuinn, Five Rivers' executive director at the time of the transaction. "We will care for this land as a natural area, so others can develop a closer relationship to the natural world."

## The Sweatt Preserve – Our First Owned Property

The 73-acre Sweatt Preserve in Hopkinton was generously given to Five Rivers Conservation Trust in 2003 by Nancy N. Sweatt in loving memory of her husband, Robert A. Sweatt, who was a decorated veteran of World War II.

The Preserve is the first property owned by Five Rivers. The Sweatt Preserve Nature Trail, on Stagecoach Road, includes a 2-mile trail marked by a roadside sign. The pathway leads hikers and snowshoers deep into the forest, over brooks, up a slight hill, around a loop, and back to the start. This woodland trail is great for kids, with its two footbridges over a brook, hidden away in a hemlock grove at the bottom of a steep ravine. After the stream and a short climb, the trail loops back through thinly wooded former pasture land edged with stone walls.

In 2015, Five Rivers prepared a management plan for the Sweatt Preserve that prioritizes public access as a feature of the property.



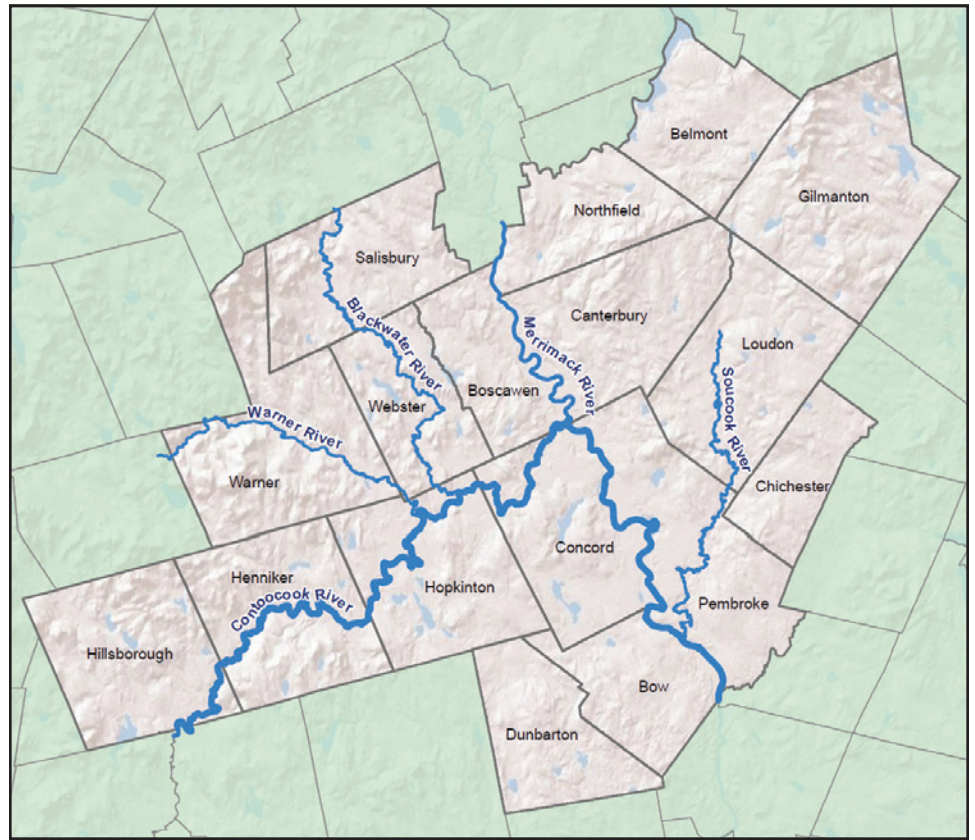


# Who Uses Five Rivers–Conserv

The spring of 2020 was a time of searching – for local places to recreate and spend time outdoors. The members on this page found different ways to use conserved land as refuge during this uncertain time. We hope their stories inspire you!

*The following Member Profiles are written by former Associated Press writer David Tirrell-Wysocki.*

*David is a freelance writer and former director of the Nackey Loeb School of Communications. He lives in Canterbury.*



## Fran Philippe, Concord



The COVID-19 stay-at-home order didn't slow down Fran Philippe of Concord. Fran is at home on hiking trails, so she headed into the woods with a challenging goal: walking all 81 miles of trails in Concord – at age 81. "I knew we had 81 miles of trails and I was 81 at the time and I said 'I am going to do all 81 at 81,'" said Fran, a member of Five Rivers and the Concord Trails Committee.

Between March 23 and April 25, Fran hiked all of the trails, and then some, covering 111 miles. She even discovered trails she had never hiked. "I kind of felt driven – which one am I going to do today?" she said. Fran is no stranger to

Concord's trail system. She has led hikes through Marjory Swope Park, which is owned by the city of Concord and conserved by Five Rivers. Her COVID hikes deepened her appreciation of the important partnerships that conserve land. "It just made me realize how special it is that Five Rivers, the city of Concord and the other organizations have set aside these properties for residents to enjoy," she said. "I just kept saying 'There isn't another city like Concord.'" The trails offered a wonderful opportunity when COVID made it unsafe to gather with friends. "That's where I feel the most spiritually connected," Fran said.



# ved Land During a Pandemic?

## Kim & Cam Burgess, Hopkinton

Before COVID-19, Kim Burgess and her son, Cam, often took walks on trails near their home in Hopkinton for a late-afternoon break between his school day and homework time. This spring, the walks switched to early morning and became an important part of Cam's curriculum. "For remote learning, he had a component for gym class," said Kim. "It was his first class of the day." So, for nine weeks, as winter turned to spring, Kim, Cam and Daisy -- their chocolate Lab -- headed out around 7 a.m. to walk 30 or 40 minutes on trails within five miles of their home, many of them on property preserved by Five Rivers. "It just became like food and water of the day," said Kim, a member of Five Rivers. "It helped

set us both in the right frame of mind." Cam, 15, is in his sophomore year at Parker Academy. "He said it really helped get through the spring months, having something to look forward to," said Kim. "Both of us will remember these walks for a long time." Kim said the "gym class" walks offered something positive amid COVID restrictions. "I said instead of looking at what we can't do or how upset you might be about not being with your friends, look at what we can do and what we can see and what we can experience every day."

Kim said the walks helped her appreciate the generosity of land-



owners and the preservation work of groups like Five Rivers. "It's a lot of work on everybody's part to make this happen and I think there's a lot of good that's come out of it," she said.

## Steve Blackmer, Canterbury



The outdoors makes Canterbury's Church of the Woods a sacred place. Since the pandemic suspended group services, an increas-

ing number of people visited to immerse themselves in the church's preserved property.

"Even though we have to be physically isolated from one another, we don't have to be physically isolated from all of these other beings," said Rev. Stephen Blackmer, the church's chaplain. A couple of people literally hugged trees. "It was like, 'I can't hug anybody else, but I can hug the trees and I feel like the trees are hugging me back.'" As a long-time conservationist, Blackmer was a founder of Five Rivers Conservation Trust. As an Episcopal priest, he offers a spiritual perspective on

how being outdoors helps people in challenging times.

"Being in the woods opens us up to an ever-present love and allows us to carry it out into the world," he said. "In a hurting time ... boy, the world is so desperate for that kind of healing, that kind of love." Trails at the Church of the Woods are open at any time for anyone to experience. "When there is so much stress and worry and uncertainty in so many places, the natural world is still there," Blackmer said. "We are fortunate to have so much and see how important it is to keep adding to that storehouse of conserved places."



# Treasurer's Report 2019–20

By Cathy Menard, Treasurer

I am pleased to report a continued strengthening of Five Rivers Conservation Trust's balance sheet with improvements in cash position and an increase in owned property.

Investments also increased overall due to contributions, thereby overcoming a decline in value due to the pandemic. Total net assets increased to \$1,293,238 as a result.

Five Rivers had a positive year financially with \$477,493 in total revenue. Donations effectively doubled, primarily due to a significant ramping up of funded conservation activities. Restricted conservation income reached \$204,412 compared to \$40,672 last year. (Conservation income is included in donations below).

Conservation expenses also increased \$124,577 over last year, totaling \$154,317 for Fiscal Year 2020. (Conservation expenses are part of program services).

These successes clearly demonstrate our commitment to expanding our land conservation impact in the communities we serve.

Although membership revenue declined marginally, Five Rivers ended the year with Net Operating Income of \$89,821.

Management remains focused on ensuring adequate liquidity, thanks to Five Rivers' fiscal policy which is committed to maintaining land protection and stewardship capacity over the long term.

With ongoing support from our faithful members and friends, we are confident that Five Rivers is well-positioned financially to conserve more strategic land and improve our stewardship of conserved land.

	3/31/2020	3/31/2019		Year Ended 3/31/2020	Year Ended 3/31/2019
<b>ASSETS</b>					
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<b>REVENUES</b>		
Cash	\$ 255,343	\$ 215,577	Donations and other support	\$ 451,123	\$ 225,351
Investments	767,364	732,215	Membership	37,028	38,422
Prepaid expenses	8,052	5,047	Grants	3,600	8,666
	1,030,759	952,839	Investment income (loss)	(14,258)	31,451
<b>PROPERTY</b>			<b>Total support and revenues</b>	<b>477,493</b>	<b>303,890</b>
Land	275,050	260,800	<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,305,809</b>	<b>1,213,639</b>	Program services	312,249	148,391
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>			Supporting activities:		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			Management and general	21,211	12,294
Accrued expenses	8,071	8,622	Fundraising	54,212	45,127
Refundable advances	4,500	1,600	<b>Total supporting activities</b>	<b>75,423</b>	<b>57,421</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>12,571</b>	<b>10,222</b>	<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>387,672</b>	<b>205,812</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 89,821</b>	<b>\$ 98,078</b>
Unrestricted	406,618	374,789			
Board Designated	693,387	704,006			
Donor Restricted for Programs	193,233	124,622			
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>1,293,238</b>	<b>1,203,417</b>			
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,305,809</b>	<b>\$ 1,213,639</b>			



# Volunteers Make a Difference!

Five Rivers' volunteers make this organization tick! Our board and committee members, easement monitors, office and event volunteers are invaluable to our conservation work. Thanks to each of these people who volunteered between April 1, 2019 and March 31, 2020. If you want to volunteer, please see the section below – we'll thank you here next year!

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The Nature Conservancy  
Sanborn Mills Farm  
Graham Wilson & Virginia Sapiro

## Like to Volunteer?

Volunteering provides an opportunity to make a difference in your local area. We've listed a few opportunities below, but you may have other valuable skills to offer. Please call us at 225-7225 to discuss volunteer opportunities.

- Monitor conservation easements
- Assist with recordkeeping
- Assist with field projects on conservation easements (post signs, identify boundaries etc.)
- Photograph properties and events
- Join a committee





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## Conservation Leaders Society

Conservation Leaders Society Members (CLS) provide strong, sustaining support for local land conservation by pledging annual donations of \$1,500 or more for three consecutive years. Their generous support allows us to grow and meet our future challenges. Thank you to each of our conservation leaders.

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