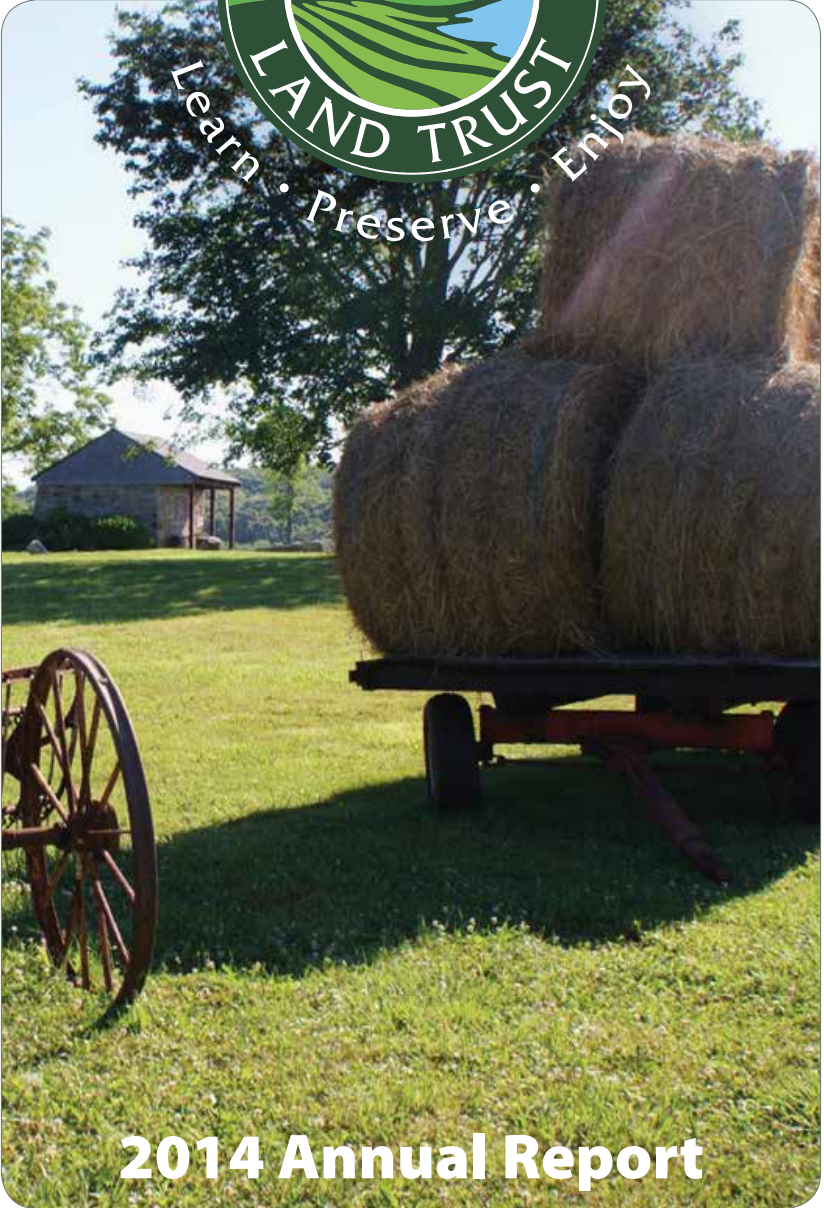




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2014 Annual Report

TIVERTON LAND TRUST

A Non-Profit RI Corporation

Preserving the rural character and scenic beauty of Tiverton for generations to come

VISION/MISSION

Protect Land in Perpetuity

- Open space
- Agriculture
- Wildlife habitat

Educate & Inform

- the Community of the benefits of protecting open space, agriculture, and wildlife habitat
- younger generations to appreciate the rural nature, environment, and ecology of the area
- property owners of tax strategies and advantages to provide open space and/or conservation easements

VALUES

- Commitment to the public good
- Responsible stewardship of resources
- National Land Trust Alliance member
 - Adopted LTA Standards & Practices
- Recognition of the trust placed in us by our donors, landowner partners and the public by being fiscally responsible
- Effective partner with government, private, and other non-profit organizations

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Constance Lima, President

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THE YEAR IN REVIEW



It is always a pleasure to write a summary letter for TLT's Annual Report. Looking back over the year's highlights reminds me of the many accomplishments of our dedicated board members and volunteers. 2014 was certainly a most stellar year for the Land Trust. By early February, we received word from the Accreditation Commission that TLT was granted national accreditation. Our accreditation team was lead by Mike Shand and Holly Lippert, two impressively organized, accomplished people. We were both fortunate and grateful for their expertise in guiding us through a rather arduous but vitally important application.

An essential aspect of our land protection work in Tiverton is our collaboration with other like-minded individuals and organizations. The Tiverton Open Space Commission played a significant role in Bradford Associates' master plan for Highland Woods; Geoff Beresford had a second successful year of rotational grazing on the Pardon Gray Preserve; and two talks were presented, one in collaboration with the Tiverton Historical Society, the other with Sakonnet Preservation Association.

TLT's July fundraiser brought many of our friends and supporters together for an evening of fun. Terry Holland graciously offered her stunning home with views of farm fields and the Sakonnet, making all who attended aware of the importance of preserving scenic vistas and agricultural land. Pardon Gray Day 2014 was also a phenomenal success with a record breaking

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crowd enjoying one of the most beautiful preserves around. Both events were organized by TLT board members with the invaluable help of an incredible group of volunteers including many teenagers from Tiverton High School.

There are other accomplishments of note – please see the “2014 Highlights.” For me, the greatest accomplishment for TLT during 2014 was twofold: first, it was the dedication of our Directors and Advisors to successfully carry out the tasks and responsibilities of our land preservation work; and secondly, it was their ability to attract and encourage others to volunteer their time and expertise, thereby, resulting in a most productive work and fun-filled year. It is a privilege to serve on the TLT board and it is equally gratifying to know that many of you, our members and volunteers, help us in our mission **to preserve the rural character and scenic beauty of Tiverton, RI for generations to come.**

Thank you.

Connie Lima, *President*



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2014 HIGHLIGHTS

Land Protection

- Final Report Master Plan for Highland Woods accepted with Tiverton Open Space Commission

Property Management/Improvements

- Rotational grazing project at Pardon Gray Preserve (PGP) expanded to include 10 additional acres in collaboration with Geoff Beresford
- Construction and placement of two wooden benches at Pardon Gray Preserve. The design and work done on the benches were part of an Eagle Scout Project
- A tree line removed at PGP to improve environment for ground nesting birds
- Beech Knoll Loop Trail opened in the Highland Woods Property with Tiverton Open Space Commission
- New trail at Basket Swamp begun (2/3 completed)

Community Forum

- “Tiverton’s Role in the Revolutionary War” with Christian M. McBurney in collaboration with the Tiverton Historical Society ~ April 27th

Special Events and Community Outreach

- “LiDAR Detection and the History of the Landscape in Southern New England” with Katharine Johnson in collaboration with Sakonnet Preservation Association ~ April 30th
- Family Nature Hike and Story Event at Pardon Gray Preserve ~ May 24th
- Tiverton Land and Sea Gala ~ July 31st
- A Country Day at Pardon Gray ~ September 13th
- Family Walk at Pardon Gray Preserve ~ October 18th

Grants and Awards

- R.I. Foundation - Pocassetlands Stewardship Fund
- TLT awarded accreditation by the National Land Trust Accreditation Commission ~ February 19th
- Advisory Committee Member Garry Plunkett received the Peter Merritt Award for Land Conservation at the Land and Water Conservation Summit at the University of Rhode Island ~ March 8th

Conference Participation

- Land and Water Conservation Summit – University of Rhode Island
- National Land Conservation Conference – Providence, RI

Changes to TLT Board of Directors

- Jennifer Escher, Jim Forrest, Carmen Grinkis, *New Board Members*
- Martin VanHof, Rosalind Weir, *New Advisory Committee Members*
- John Foley, *Vice-President*
- Jim Forrest, *Treasurer*
- Nancy Weinstein, *Retired Board Member*

NEWS & THANKS

In 2014, the Tiverton Land Trust successfully recruited several new members to fill positions on the Board of Directors and the Advisory Committee. Relatively new to the Tiverton community – and the TLT Board of Directors – are **Carmen Grinkis** and **Jim Forrest**. **Jennifer Escher** has lived in Tiverton for several years, but is now able to devote some time to helping out the Land Trust. All three joined the Board during 2014 and have already proved invaluable in contributing their talents to fund-raising and event planning (Carmen), to financing and budgeting (Jim), to land management and community outreach (Jennifer).

Martin VanHof and **Roz Weir** joined the TLT Advisory Committee in 2014. They are long time members of the community and of the Land Trust. Martin is one of the founders of the TLT and both he and Roz have been generous supporters throughout the years. The TLT is grateful to both Martin and Roz for their past contributions in helping to preserve Tiverton and appreciates their willingness to join the Advisory Committee.

Thank You to **Nancy Weinstein** who has served on the Board of Directors since 2005. Nancy’s main responsibility for the TLT has been grant writing. Over the years she has obtained numerous grants which helped the TLT acquire funds for stewardship, land acquisition, and seminar and conference participation. Nancy always brought thoughtful perspectives to the Board’s meetings and proved a font of information regarding funding sources. She has been a key player who will be missed.

Photos and brief sketches of our members can be viewed on the TLT website (www.tivertonlandtrust.org) under News & Events.



2014 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

OPERATION ACCOUNT

Income		
Memberships	Membership Contributions	\$ 9,775.00
Donations	General Donations; Memorials; Honorariums	\$ 528,350.00
Grants	Norcross, RI Foundation, NRCS	\$ 6,810.00
Fundraising Events	Gala, Pardon Gray Day, In-Kind Donations	\$ 72,934.50
Restricted Funds	Gain in RIF Trust	\$ 4,692.07
Interest & Dividends		\$ 644.60
Total Income		\$ 123,206.17
Expenses		
Office & Operations	Phone, Postage, Fees, Rent, Insurance, Office Equipment, CPA	\$ 33,608.92
Governance	Conferences & Meetings, Accreditation Consulting	\$ 3,341.20
Public Outreach	Newsletters, Events, Publicity, Website, Fundraising, In-Kind Expenses	\$ 49,474.06
Land Management	Highland Woods Master Plan, Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 18,764.14
Property Acquisition	Appraisals, Surveys	\$ 2,700.00
Total Expenses		\$ 107,888.32
Net for Year		\$ 15,317.85
End of Year Balance		
	Unrestricted Funds	\$ 137,650.72
	Temporarily Restricted Funds	\$ 8,632.29
Total		\$ 146,283.01

LAND ACQUISITION ACCOUNT

Income		
Donations	Donations	\$ -
Interest, Dividends		\$ 387.84
Total Income		\$ 387.84
Expenses		
Property Acquisition		\$ -
Total Expenses		\$ -
Net for Year		\$ 387.84
End of Year Balance		
	Unrestricted Funds	\$ 157,000.00
	Temporarily Restricted Funds	\$ 90,151.69
Total		\$ 247,151.69

STEWARDSHIP ACCOUNT

Income		
Donations		\$ -
Interest, Dividends		\$ 70.03
Total Income		\$ 70.03
Expenses		
Stewardship		\$ -
Special		\$ -
Total Expenses		\$ -
Net for Year		\$ 70.03
End of Year Balance		
	Temporarily Restricted Funds	\$ 28,237.34

OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS

Tiverton Land Trust Fund - Market Value as of 12/31/14	Held & Managed by RI Foundation - Principal Protected. Yearly grants used strictly for property management expenses.	\$ 141,338.73
Land Acquisition Grants	None currently open.	\$ -

LIABILITIES

	Currently none	\$ -
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This financial statement is subject to reviews by the Tiverton Land Trust's Finance committee and by an independent CPA, which are in progress.

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Sunday, April 19th at 3 pm.

Christopher L. Pastore presents

*Molding the Coastal Margin: The
Transformation of Narragansett
Bay, 1636 to the Present*

The Meeting House

3850 Main Road, Tiverton

Saturday, September 19th

A Country Day at Pardon Gray

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