



ANNUAL REPORT 2019

CAPE ANN TRAIL STEWARDS

helps to maintain existing trails, improve access and promote the responsible and safe use of the Cape Ann trail system and recreational areas. CATS works with municipalities and like-minded conservation organizations to protect and preserve land for its recreational and ecological values.

Our work area includes:

Essex, Gloucester, Manchester and Rockport.

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2019 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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INCOME	
Direct Public Support & Grants	\$13,570.00
Membership	\$2,355.00
CATS Publications and clothing	\$314.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$16,239.00
EXPENSES	
Admin	\$6,280.00
Programs/Service	\$5,806.00
Special Events	\$628.00
Staff & related expenses	\$6,793.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$19,507.00
OPERATING RESERVE	\$30,625.00

STAFF

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2019 OVERVIEW

In 2019, we focused on **efficiency** and **accomplishments**. We kicked off our busy season with our **5 Mile Dogtown Trail Run**. The second year ran more smoothly for all involved and it felt like we hit our stride! Hosting a trail run has been a great way to share our mission of promoting the safe and responsible use of the trails on Cape Ann. We look forward to our next one (moved to **December 13th, 2020**).

Cape Ann Trail Stewards partnered with the Town of Rockport and City of the Gloucester to do a city-wide cleanup and informative **Earth Day** event. Collaboration with like minded organizations, cities and towns remains a large part of the work we do.

Our **Trail Steward Program** got an 'official' manual and launch. We now have a dozen trail stewards maintaining trails across Cape Ann. With regular check ins, guidance via printed manual, and our CATS appointed town guides, our Steward program has been a great success.

Our **website** has undergone revisions this year, including the addition of a number of new trail maps and descriptions. Our **Field Guide** (which can be found on our website) has been such a hit we had it reprinted!

Providing **organizational support** and **services** to like minded organizations is another focus area for our group. In 2019, we worked with each town in our work area on trail creation, access and improvement. Some highlights include:

- Feedback on **Town of Rockport** Open Space Plan
- **Greenbelt** letter of support for a conservation grant
- **Town of Manchester** trail mapping
- **City of Gloucester** boardwalk permitting for Dogtown (Dennison Street)
- New trailhead and signage for the **City of Gloucester's** Haskell Pond Reservoir
- Trail cleanup at **Andrew Woods, Rockport**
- Trail signage on a trail network in the **Town of Essex**

In an effort to **promote safe trail access and use**, we offered our membership regular guided hikes. Highlights include:

- Solstice Walk at **Pole Hill**
- **Magnolia Woods** Mountain Laurel Hike
- **Rafe's Chasm** with Trails and Sails
- **Dogtown** Thanksgiving Hike
- **Cross Cape Ann** Hike
- **Western Woods** Manchester Hike

**VOLUNTEERS DEDICATED OVER 500 OF HOURS IN 2019.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND EFFORT!**