

See what you made possible in 2021

Thanks to your generosity last year, Maine Coast Heritage Trust was able to conserve 29 more special places on the coast of Maine, totaling 16,646 acres. Beyond that, you helped us steward the 41,498 acres in our care—which includes building trails, removing trash from the shore, looking out for wildlife, removing invasive plants, and so much more.

Learn more about your impact at mcht.org/2021-impact.

New places conserved in 2021

These 29 places comprise 16,646 newly protected acres (nearly the size of the town of Camden!), including more than 20.85 miles of shoreline (the distance from Ellsworth to Bar Harbor!).

Lands cared for in 2021

MCHT stewardship staff monitored and cared for 41,498 acres (about the size of the city of Portland) in 2021, including maintaining over 100 miles of trail (the distance from Kittery to Damariscotta).

Partnership projects from 1970–2020

In addition to conserved land under our care, MCHT has worked with partners to conserve hundreds of places up and down the coast. Of the 29 projects completed in 2021, 14 were partnership projects.

Land trust leadership by the numbers

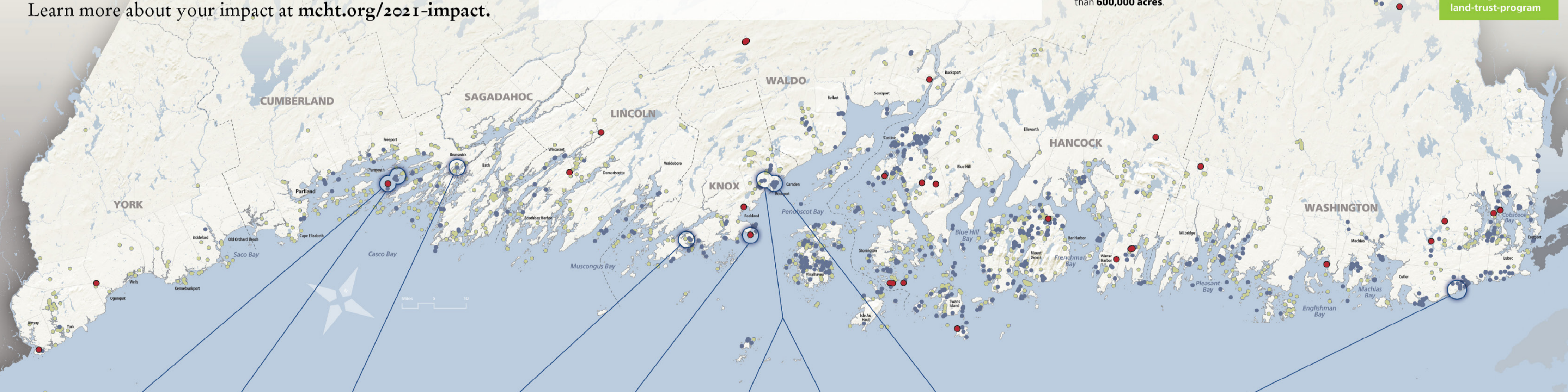
\$40 million! After co-leading a **5-year** campaign, MCHT celebrated new funding for the Land for Maine's Future program. Governor and state legislature approved, this investment builds upon a **35-year** record that has conserved more than **600,000 acres**.

75 representatives of land trusts throughout the state participated in a **3-part workshop series** entitled: "Learning to Do Better: Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion and Maine Land Trusts" coordinated by the Maine Land Trust Network, a program of MCHT.

375 participants in our first virtual Maine Land Conservation Conference gathered to discuss climate resilience, Indigenous engagement, nature-based education, and responding to increased preserve use.

Learn more about our Land Trust Program—devoted to strengthening Maine's entire land conservation community of over 80 land trusts.

mcht.org/land-trust-program



Generous landowners allowed people to visit Little Whaleboat Island for years. Now protected in perpetuity, the island will be officially open to the public.



A camper sets up on a tent platform at the Goslings Preserve for a magical experience camping on a Maine island.



2021 interns gathered at Woodward Point Preserve in Brunswick for a chainsaw training course.



At Bamford Preserve in St. George, a steward removes invasive multiflora rose to make way for native plants that provide more nutrition for wildlife.



Sheep Island is now the third MCHT island preserve off Owls Head.



A bin of freshly washed carrots from Erickson Fields Preserve.



A gardener and her pup pay a visit to their community garden plot at Erickson Fields Preserve.



Families gather at Aldermere Farm to meet the baby Belted Galloways on Calf Unveiling Day.



Stewards add rock steps to the Bog Brook Cove Preserve Ridge Trail, which will last much longer than wooden steps.

We added **5** new MCHT preserves and expanded several existing preserves by nearly **300** acres.

People flocked to our island campsites! More than **250** people booked reservable campsites and hundreds of others stayed at first-come, first-served campsites along the coast.

10 Maine students participated in the Richard G. Rockefeller Conservation Internship Program, pairing students interested in land conservation with land trusts throughout the state. To date, we've had **47** graduates of the program!

Land stewards oversaw significant invasive plant removal projects at **5** of our preserves, in addition to monitoring and managing invasives at other preserves up and down the coast.

7 entire islands were conserved.

Erickson Fields Preserve staff, volunteers, and program participants grew **26,235** pounds of produce—**86%** of which was donated to hunger relief organizations. Additionally, MCHT donated **1,000** pounds of Aldermere Farm beef to local food pantries.

Every plot in our community gardens at Babson Creek, Kelley Farm, and Erickson Fields preserves—**76** total—was filled!

Over the course of the year, a total of **800** people joined us at Aldermere Farm for a series of COVID-friendly events.

Stewards maintained over **100** miles of trails on our preserves for the public to enjoy.

Donations by the numbers

4,410 people gave to MCHT in 2021, which is nearly **25%** more than the prior year!

1,027 people gave for the first time, which is over **50%** more than the number of first-time donors the prior year. (Welcome to MCHT!)

312 of you are Anchors, supporting this work with a monthly gift. (A **20%** increase!)

210 of you are part of Next Wave—the next generation of land conservationists.

824 of you are members of *The President's Circle*, giving **\$1,000** or more annually.