

Your impact in 2024

Your gifts to Maine Coast Heritage Trust contribute to a Maine with coastlines, waters, and woods full of life, where all people and communities are engaged in the outdoors and actively protect and care for the lands and waters that sustain us all. Thank you for your ongoing support and for all you made possible in 2024.

New places conserved in 2024

The **32 new places** conserved in 2024 comprise a total of **11,709 acres** (that's around twice the size of Camden Hills State Park) and include nearly **33 miles** of shoreline (that's more than the distance from Ellsworth to Milbridge).

Lands cared for in 2024

Our stewardship staff monitored and cared for a total of **46,965 acres** and maintained over **106 miles** of trail (that's about the distance from Portland to Belfast) and **50 campsites**.

Partnership projects from 1970 – 2023

In addition to conserved land under our care, MCHT has worked with partners to conserve hundreds of places throughout Maine. In 2024, **19** of the **32** new places conserved are now under the care of partners.

Ensuring Maine's extraordinary lands and waters are healthy, working, and open to all for generations to come

Maine Coast Heritage Trust's mission is to advance the conservation of lands and waters in Maine to ensure ecological wellbeing and foster thriving communities. We are committed to:

- conserving Maine's iconic coastline and natural areas;
- supporting human connection to the lands and waters that sustain us all;
- promoting biodiversity and increasing climate resilience in Maine;
- and working in partnership with others statewide to advance conservation outcomes.



Acres Conserved with Partners



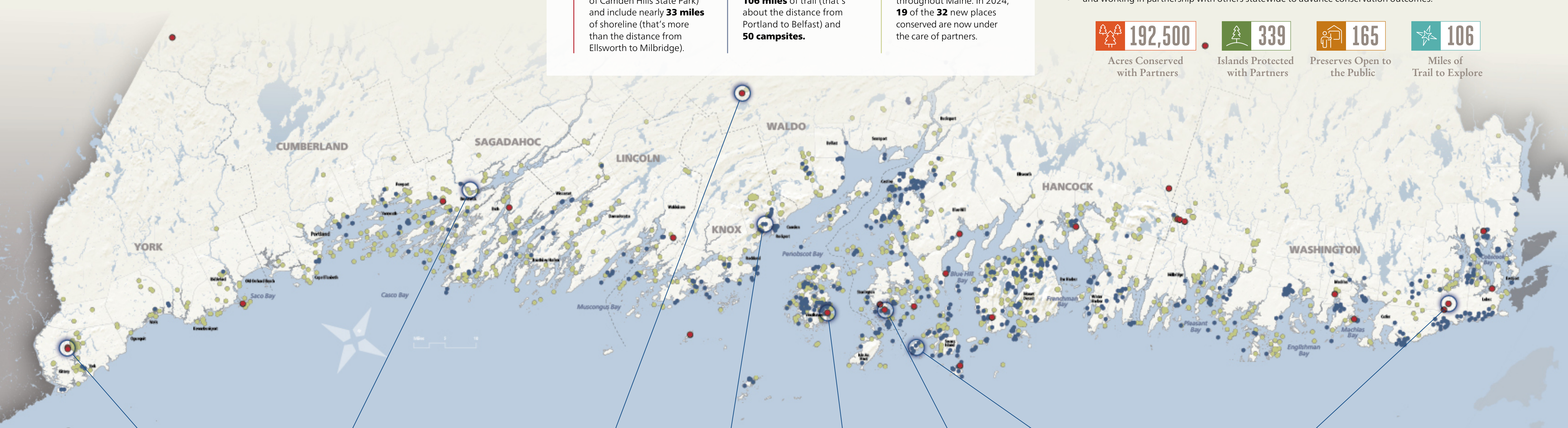
Islands Protected with Partners



Preserves Open to the Public



Miles of Trail to Explore



York
Along the Upper York River, we worked with York Land Trust and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to protect a nearly 50-acre parcel of undeveloped marshland that provides habitat for migratory birds and protects the surrounding community from flooding.

Completed **6** priority marsh projects totaling about **130** acres



Topsham
Land conservationists across Maine connected on best practices and enjoyed a keynote address from Dr. Bonnie Newsom, who spoke about her work at the Center for Braiding Indigenous Knowledge and Science Northeast Hub.

At the first fully in-person Maine Land Conservation Conference since 2019, around **350** people joined us for a full slate of events, including **25** workshops



Augusta
MCHT joined a coalition of more than 500 organizations and helped successfully advance a \$30 million bond to enhance local economic opportunities and public access to the outdoors through the repair and expansion of recreational trails statewide.

Helped raise over **\$56 million** toward collaborative conservation efforts, on top of over **\$20 million** in commitments made directly to MCHT



Liberty
Working closely with partner land trusts, projects big and small are adding up to real progress in our efforts to protect the ecological health of the Sheepscot River. This year, we helped Midcoast Conservancy acquire 12 additional acres in the watershed.

Completed **6** new priority rivers projects across five coastal watersheds totaling about **2,975** acres



Rockport
At Erickson Fields and Aldermere Farm, we worked with partner organizations, volunteers, and members of our Teen Ag Program to grow fresh food for the Midcoast community.

Distributed nearly **18,000** pounds of fresh produce from Erickson Fields and over **500** pounds of ground beef from Aldermere Farm to area food assistance sites



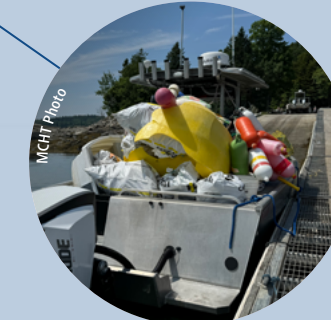
Vinalhaven
We secured access to the entirety of Barney's Point Preserve on Vinalhaven, where previously half of the land was inaccessible to the public.

Added approximately **1** mile of trail and maintained over **106** miles of trail along the Maine coast, while improving and securing trail access for **3** existing preserves



Stonington
Russ Island has been a popular stop on the Maine Island Trail, and the Maine Island Trail Association staff and volunteers will join MCHT in continuing to help care for this special place.

Acquired **2** more coastal islands, now MCHT preserves



Marshall Island
An MCHT steward and two volunteers did a "boatload" of work one afternoon, removing trash and debris from the Ed Woodsum Preserve on Marshall Island.

Coordinated over **95** events and programs for community members and conservation colleagues reaching **3,775** people and held **25** events for **268** volunteers



Trescott
In Trescott, we acquired a 277-acre property protecting over 10,000 feet of stream frontage along the East Stream. This conserved habitat abuts an additional 2,036 acres that MCHT helped conserve this year.

Added **6** new MCHT preserves and expanded **1** existing preserve

Donations by the numbers

4,040 donors gave to MCHT in 2024, with **672** giving for the first time. Welcome to MCHT! We're so happy to have you. **425** donors gave monthly, which helps us be more proactive and strategic in our conservation work. We're grateful to have **770** donors giving at *The President's Circle* level, and **186** donors with individuals age 50 and under supporting this work as members of MCHT's Next Wave.