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Maine Coast
Heritage Trust

In Maine, we are fortunate — nature is still big and bold, and it delivers stunning reminders that we are part of it.

Maine Coast Heritage Trust (MCHT) was founded in 1970 as the local land trust on Mount Desert Island with a simple vision: to forever protect extraordinary places on the Maine coast. Now, with four office locations, countless supporters, partnerships, and a statewide network of conservation organizations, we have advanced that vision — and more.

MCHT collaborates with landowners, communities, organizations, Tribal entities, and others to meet the challenges Maine faces and set the state up for a healthier future. Together with partners, we're working to ensure that the lands and waters that make Maine so special are held sacred, remain a source of connection, and support all life for generations to come.

Our mission is to advance the conservation of lands and waters in Maine to ensure ecological wellbeing and foster thriving communities.

Our vision is to create a world in which the lands and waters that sustain life are healthy, resilient, and an enduring source of connection for all.

Building a movement

We are building a movement to accelerate conservation statewide. Four areas of focus guide our work:

- Lands, Waters & Climate
- Community Conservation
- Collaboration & Partnership
- Organizational Capacity

We do this by:

Protecting critical wildlife habitat and creating more public access to the land and sea.

Caring for and managing the land over time to enhance its ecological and community benefits.

Connecting people to the land, restoring relationships between people and place, and building awareness.



202,450
acres conserved
with partners



341
coastal islands protected
with partners



168
MCHT preserves
open to the public



106
miles of trail
to explore

How conservation makes a healthier Maine

The benefits of conservation are many, with implications for the wellbeing of all who live, work and play in Maine:

- Healthy food for all
- Slowed global warming
- More places open and accessible to all
- Increased public access to water
- Growing economy
- Protection of natural areas and mitigation of impacts
- Forests, fields, wetlands, and waters full of life
- Affordable housing and livable communities

The team

MCHT has more than 80 people on staff. With offices in Topsham, Rockport, Whiting, and Mount Desert Island — our place of origin and where we serve as the local land trust — our staff advance conservation in Maine through six departments: Communications & Philanthropy, Community & Government Relations, Executive, Finance & Administration, Land Protection, and Stewardship. A robust, vibrant, and growing community of board members, advisory council members, and committee volunteers eagerly work with us to make a difference for Maine.

2024 financials

Sources of Funds \$19,210,000

48%	\$9,208,000	Private Restricted Contributions & Grants
24%	\$4,626,000	Investment Draw
18%	\$3,463,000	Annual Fund
8%	\$1,524,000	Other Revenue
2%	\$389,000	Public Restricted Grants

Uses of Funds \$22,608,000*

49%	\$11,013,000	Land Acquisition
30%	\$6,862,000	Land Protection & Stewardship
7%	\$1,582,000	Fundraising
7%	\$1,560,000	Administration
7%	\$1,591,000	Public Education & Outreach

*Includes disbursement of funds raised in prior years

“Maine is facing mounting pressures, from extreme weather and rising sea levels due to climate change, to an increasing need for affordable housing, and continued wildlife and habitat loss. All who live and work or visit here have a part to play in addressing these challenges and protecting this place that is so special.”

— Kate Stookey, MCHT President and CEO

Get involved

Donate: Contribute to a future with healthy, working, and open lands and waters

Volunteer: Give your time to help care for the coast

Share: Be a champion for conservation — spread the word



[MCHT.org/get-involved-now](https://mcht.org/get-involved-now)



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