



2012

NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST OF EASTON  
2012 ANNUAL REPORT



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**The Natural Resources Trust of Easton (NRT)** is a member-supported, not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) organization, incorporated in 1967, whose mission is to educate the public about significant natural and cultural resources and to acquire and preserve land of special character for the benefit of the public. The NRT promotes a land ethic in the community through outreach and educational programming. The NRT maintains its office at Sheep Pasture, located on Main Street in Easton, and is administered by a Board of Directors. The Directors serve overlapping three-year terms; set NRT policy and the annual budget. A small staff, with the help of volunteers, presents the educational programming, maintains the NRT properties and performs the everyday work of the organization. All are dedicated to the NRT mission.

In 1973, the NRT was invited by Elise Ames Parker to use her former residence, Sheep Pasture, as a 114-acre classroom for its environmental programs and the study of nature in an outdoor setting. With the availability of this classroom came exciting new ways for the organization to implement its mission. A program of community gardens was introduced and managed. Farm buildings were repaired and farm animals acquired. A newsletter was published. In October of 1973, the third grade class from the North Easton Grammar

School walked down Main Street to Sheep Pasture for its first environmental education program. That third-grade class pioneered a trail to the establishment of a new outdoor learning laboratory that continues today. In 1979, the NRT became the owner of Sheep Pasture through Mrs. Parker’s generous bequest. Twenty years later, the NRT purchased 40 additional acres that had been a part of the original estate from Mrs. Parker’s grandson. That purchase increased Sheep Pasture’s size to 154 acres.

The NRT acquires ownership of land through outright gift, through “bargain sale” (purchases below market value with grantor receiving the appropriate tax deduction), and through market purchase. NRT also holds conservation restrictions on land owned by the Town or by private citizens who seek to protect the natural features of their property without giving up its ownership.

Membership and local support are the cornerstones of the NRT. Membership dues, fundraising activities, in kind donations of goods and services, volunteering, bequests and grants are all important to maintaining the high quality of programs and land stewardship that the NRT is known to provide.

**Dear Members and Friends,**

The Natural Resources Trust of Easton is pleased to present the 2012 Annual Report to share the accomplishments of the NRT with the community. Since 1967 the NRT has worked to be a positive influence in the community, from supporting a healthy environment to teaching children about the importance of the natural world. As an organization, the NRT is proud to be able to continue to offer unique learning experiences and recreational opportunities to all members of the community.

Every year we are honored to work with individuals from many volunteer organizations from Easton as well as the surrounding area. These community partners give of their time and experience as volunteers, as committee members, and as supporters of the NRT. In 2012 we appreciate the many contributions of the people and organizations that work with us throughout the year on the programs, events, and festivals that are offered for the community. We would like to say thank you to all of the individuals who have given their time and effort to make a difference at NRT.

This year we have forged new relationships with many individuals and groups who have been welcomed by the NRT. From schools and groups who are new to Sheep Pasture and

its programs to creating new programs with long-time partners, we have continued to work on expanding our cooperative efforts with organizations in and around Easton for the benefit of all.

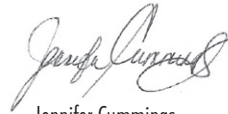
It is through the hard work and dedication of our volunteers and staff that the NRT continues to be a much-appreciated organization in the community. Thank you to all of our staff for their effort on behalf of NRT, including office manager Jean Crandell, property manager Louis Hain, part-time property worker Richard Ryan, and teacher/naturalists Leslie Whitty, Kristen Bousquet, and Amanda Bettie.

In the upcoming year there are more events, programs, and learning opportunities planned than ever before. We look forward to seeing you in 2013.

Sincerely,









Robert Rodgers  
NRT President

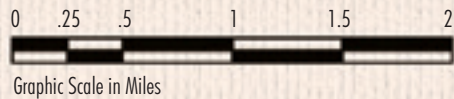
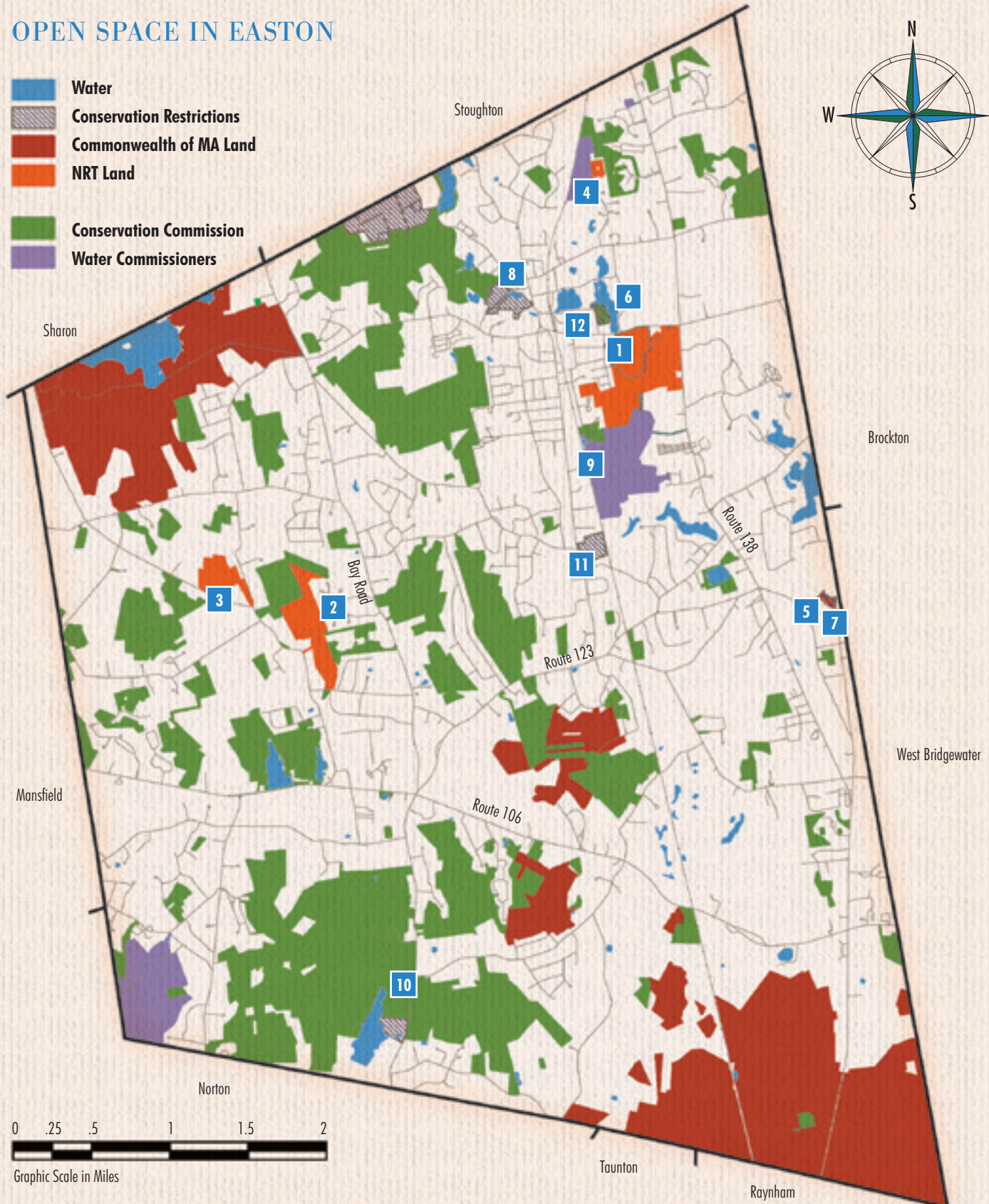


Jennifer Cummings  
NRT Executive Director



# OPEN SPACE IN EASTON

-  Water
-  Conservation Restrictions
-  Commonwealth of MA Land
-  NRT Land
-  Conservation Commission
-  Water Commissioners





**1 Sheep Pasture - 154 acres**

114 acres of Sheep Pasture was donated to the NRT by Elise Ames Parker in 1979. In 1999, the NRT purchased the estate's remaining 40 acres. Sheep Pasture is the home of NRT's farm and headquarters of its environmental education center. Public parking and access.



**2. Beaver Brook Woods - 66.1 acres**

Three separate purchases make up the Beaver Brook Woods property, which is contiguous to Fox Mountain, held by the Easton Conservation Commission. The original 49 acres was purchased in 1979, then 10 acres were added in 1980, and the final 7.1 in 1984. Public parking and access.



**3. Packard Farm - 29 acres**

In 1996, Edna Robbins donated what we now call Packard Farm to the NRT. With road frontage on both Massapoag and Poquanticut, it helps to connect wildlife corridors from Borderland to Wheaton Farm. No parking, limited access.



**4 Springhill / Rock Ridge Lane - 5 acres**

A gift from Corcoran, Mullins and Jennison in 1997. This open space features some of the old carriage roads of the Ames estates. Limited parking and access.



**5. Shoddy Mill Site - 3.3 acres**

A gift to the NRT in 1971 from Kenneth Ray in memory of his wife, Ruth. No parking, limited access.

- 6 1970 Conservation Restriction on Queset Brook** donated by Elise Ames Parker (now part of Sheep Pasture)
- 7 1974 Conservation Restriction on Shoddy Mill** donated by Kenneth Ray — 3.3 acres
- 8 1975 Conservation Restriction behind Ames Free Library** donated by Mr. and Mrs. William A. Parker — 21.2 acres
- 9 1980 Conservation Restriction behind Clock Farm** donated by Stonehill College — 1 acre
- 10 1991 Conservation Restriction** adjacent to Wheaton Farm donated by Lyn and Ed White — 14.95 acres
- 11 1995 Conservation Restriction** on Center Street donated by Alice and Charlie McCarthy — 14.65 acres
- 11 2002 Conservation Restriction** on Pond Street and Langwater Pond donated by Oliver F. Ames — 19.2 acres

The **Natural Resources Trust of Easton** employs two full-time teacher/naturalists and one part-time outreach teacher. Together, this team of educators provided environmental education programming and other learning opportunities to thousands of children and adults in 2012.

**School Age Education Programs**

School programs continued to make up the largest percentage of the programs offered at Sheep Pasture in 2012. The education staff enjoyed teaching many returning school groups and they also welcomed many new groups, including: JFK Elementary, Saint Mary’s Catholic School, Donovan Elementary, Kiddie Academy, and the JW Martin School. It was a wonderful year to expand NRT’s programs to new students from throughout the local area, and the teachers look forward to working with each of these groups in the future.

Vacation programming was held in both February and April 2012 to offer children an opportunity to learn more in-depth information about the natural world. Together with the teachers, children hiked, completed hands-on activities, enjoyed games, and learned new information about the environment and animals of Sheep Pasture. Beautiful weather helped both programs be well-attended and successful events.



**Scouting Programs**

Scouting programs provide an opportunity for NRT’s teacher/naturalists to offer focused nature programs to children who may not otherwise get to enjoy Sheep Pasture. These classes are a terrific chance for children to receive small group instruction from our expert staff in many areas of environmental science, from recycling to habitats. In 2012 the most requested programs were about recycling and the animal life in the area.

In 2012 the teacher/naturalists were excited to welcome both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to Sheep Pasture. All of the children who participated were able to enjoy the hands-on learning opportunities they received while they were on site. It’s truly an experience they will never forget.

**School Year Pre-School Programs**

Young children benefit greatly from learning about the natural world, and NRT’s Amanda Bettle has worked hard in 2012 to inspire young minds. This year Amanda worked with both preschool programs as well as other outreach services. Several Mommy and Me programs for toddlers and their families were presented this year, and there were also new programs offered for local preschool groups. Amanda was able to provide in school learning experiences for children as well as classes at Sheep Pasture a trend she looks forward to continuing in 2013.



**Sheep Pasture Nature Camp and Knee High Summer Program**

NRT’s **Sheep Pasture Nature Camp** was a tremendous success in the summer of 2012. Most sessions were completely filled, and the feedback of participants was overwhelmingly positive for the program. Many parents report that SPNC was their child’s favorite camp each year. Four counselors all worked closely with camp directors Rachel Tetrault and Leslie Whitty to make the summer memorable for all campers.

The **Leadership Youth (LY)** program continued in 2012 for adolescents entering grades 7-10. Program participants receive a special one-day adventure each week to Borderlands State Park for a day of workshops, special events, and group learning. By working on team building strategies, promoting the development of leadership skills, and demonstrating program planning techniques, the SPNC staff was able to give the LY’s valuable skills to take with them, even after the summer ended.

In 2013 the SPNC will continue to give children the opportunity to experience life outdoors, with hiking, games, crafts, adventures, and fun.

The **Knee High Adventures Program** was popular with our youngest adventurers and their families in 2012. Games, songs, arts and crafts, hiking, and games were designed to introduce local animals and plants to the children with lessons created especially for their developmental needs. Each year NRT is proud to be able to offer programming specifically designed for young children, and the staff works hard to provide age appropriate activities that not only teach, but encourage children’s curiosity in the natural world as well.

This year, the NRT Education Department worked with nearly 5,000 children through school programming, scouting programs, vacation sessions, camps, and events. Thanks to the dedication and knowledge of the NRT teachers and staff, more children than ever before are being inspired by participation in environmental education.



## EVENTS AND SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AT SHEEP PASTURE IN 2012

This year was especially challenging to complete all of the programming and events we had hoped to offer, as the underground storage tank removal required partial closure of the Carriage House for several months. However, with some creativity and ingenuity by the staff, the NRT was able to hold many programs once the work was completed and we hosted several new events as well. Highlights of 2012 included:

**Farm and Fun Day** in May was a great day for families to come to Sheep Pasture. Over 250 people visited this year's event, and everyone enjoyed games offered by the NRT staff as well as Easton Grange #196. The farm animals were also popular, as were chicks brought by Don Burroughs. Families also participated in a nature treasure hunt, guided walks, face painting, and more. Great food completed the day, making Farm and Fun Day a success!

June brought the inaugural running of the **5K Fun Run**, co-sponsored by NRT and the Brockton Girls' Cross Country team. Runners from Easton, Brockton, and several surrounding towns braved the showery weather on the first Saturday in June to race through Sheep Pasture's trails, fields, and paths. Unique in this area, the 5K Fun Run had classes for men, women, and even a special 2.5K run just for kids! Runners of all ages and abilities were cheered as they crossed the finish line.

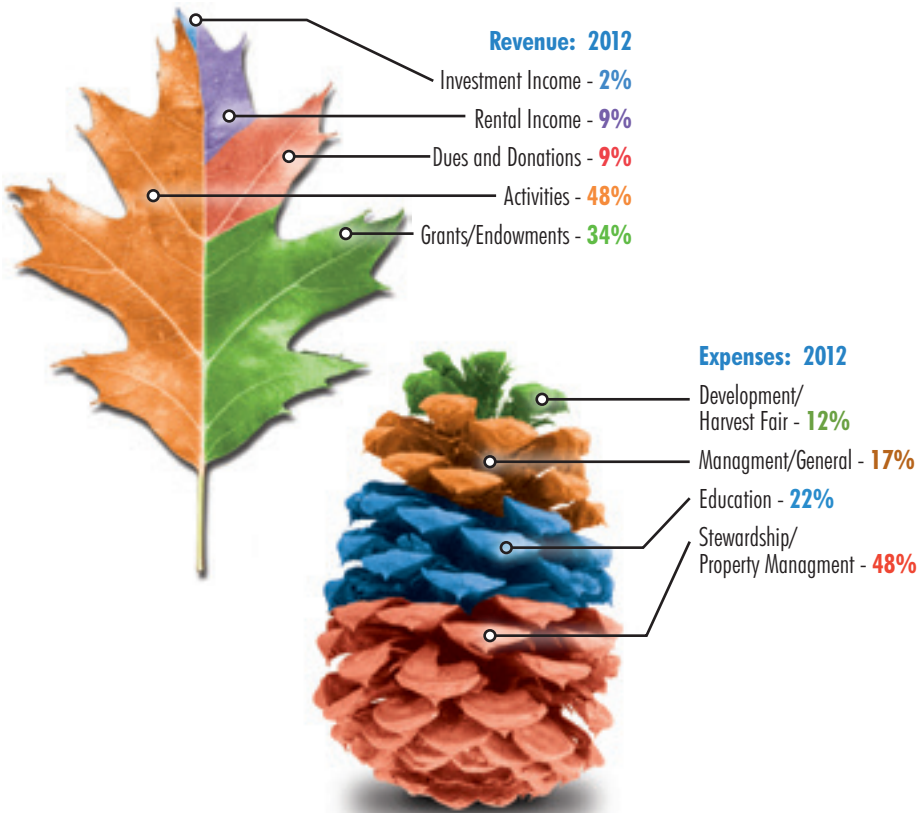
The NRT's longest-running event, the **Annual Harvest and Craft Fair**, was held in September in 2012. While the weather was rainy for much of the day, many hardy supporters

came out to enjoy the fair, which went on as planned. Crafters, musicians, artists, vendors, and others still gathered at Sheep Pasture on the last Sunday in September to create a memorable event. The NRT appreciates the assistance and dedication of all of the organizations and volunteers who have worked so hard to make the day of the fair a success, and we are looking forward to better weather in 2013

In November the NRT's **Annual Meeting** was held at the Carriage House at Sheep Pasture. At the 2012 meeting the **Elise Ames Parker Friend of Conservation Award** was presented to the Green Sanctuary Committee of the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church of Bridgewater, MA. The members of this parish have donated camp scholarships each year over several years, and the NRT was happy to honor their commitment to environmental education for all children. First Parish U.U. members Eileen Hiney and Ginger Irish accepted the award on behalf of their organization.

The NRT also offered many other programs to enrich the lives of people in the community throughout the year. Likewise, in 2012 the NRT worked with many non-profit and school groups throughout the year on events, projects, and walks at Sheep Pasture, including My Brother's Keeper, Brockton's Animal Protection Center of Southeastern Massachusetts, Southeastern Regional Vocational High Schools and the Blue Dog Shelter. We welcome each of our partner organizations and look forward to working with more groups in the future.





In 2012 the NRT's commitment to environmental programming, community access to the outdoors, and land stewardship remained strong. The organization has relied on member support as well as grant support to continue its tradition of working for the benefit of the community in all areas. This year the NRT worked with several local councils of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the North Face Explore Fund, and a number of businesses who have generously donated to support the community programs offered throughout the year.

The NRT faced a serious financial challenge in 2012 with the discovery and removal of two underground storage tanks (UST's) on the Sheep Pasture property. The required remediation of this unexpected situation created a significant financial burden for the organization, which is reflected in the property management expenses for 2012.

**Capital Improvements**

- 2001** - Carriage House renovated
- 2002** - Foundation repaired
- 2003** - Continued Ames Foundation repointing project; purchased new truck, hay baler and tedder; replaced portion of siding on Carriage House
- 2004** - Continued Ames Foundation Project, purchased new hay wagon and brush mower
- 2005** - Carriage House siding project finished, replaced roof on 261R Main Street rental house
- 2006** - Completed Foundation repair work, Jaycees Stable Barn built
- 2007** - Replaced bridge over Queset; replaced roofs on: workshop, storage shed, chicken coop; built new goat barn
- 2008** - Added floor supports to Jaycees Stable Barn; upgraded electrical system in chicken coop; new hay rake
- 2009** - Replaced potting shed roof; reclaimed new teaching space in heavy horse barn; purchased DR leaf collector
- 2010** - Purchased new John Deere lawn tractor; repaired stone retaining wall at 261R property; repairs to 307 Main St. property; forestry report for Sheep Pasture property

Statement of Activities- Cash basis - 30-Jun-12		
Support and Revenue	2012	2011
Activities	\$230,283	\$214,953
The Boston Foundation / Grants	\$160,917	\$169,417
Dues and Donations	\$36,492	\$40,180
Rental Income	\$41,400	\$35,400
Investment Income	\$10,260	\$8,159
<b>Total Revenue and Support</b>	<b>\$479,352</b>	<b>\$468,109</b>

Expenses	2012	2011
Stewardship/Property Management	\$256,979	\$164,553
Education	\$119,986	\$112,081
Development/ Harvest Fair	\$64,389	\$62,636
Management/ General	\$92,177	\$101,648
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$533,531</b>	<b>\$440,918</b>
<b>Total Change in Assets</b>	<b>-\$136,993.00</b>	<b>\$26,692</b>

Net Assets	2012	2011
Beginning	\$256,979	\$2,271,246
Ending	\$119,986	\$2,297,938

Statement of Financial Position- Cash Basis - 30-Jun-12		
Assets	2012	2011
Cash and Certificates of Deposit	\$752,763	\$789,472
Land	\$1,016,191	\$1,016,191
Buildings and Equipment	\$865,576	\$860,782
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	-\$386,804	-\$363,899
<b>Net Land, Buildings &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>\$2,247,726</b>	<b>\$2,302,546</b>

Liabilities	2012	2011
Payroll Deductions	\$0	\$0
Security Deposits	\$4,560	\$4,608
Other	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$4,560</b>	<b>\$4,608</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$2,243,166</b>	<b>\$2,297,938</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$2,247,726</b>	<b>\$2,302,546</b>

**Capital Improvements (continued)**

- 2011** - Purchase of forks for John Deere tractor; removal of white pine from driveway
- 2012** - Update and repair of electrical system of Gatekeeper House; structural analysis of Stable Barn building; removal of underground fuel storage tanks from Sheep Pasture property;



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 Jean Crandell: Office Manager  
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 Kristen Bousquet: Teacher/Naturalist  
 Leslie Whitty: Teacher/ Naturalist  
 Amanda Bettle: Part-time Teacher  
 Richard Ryan: Part-time Property Staff

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 Ed Hands\*



\* Served more than one 2-year term

## THANK YOU FROM NRT

### Thank you to our members and volunteers

As a member-supported non-profit organization the NRT depends on the generosity of individuals, families, and civic organizations throughout the local area. We appreciate the unique contributions of every member and supporter and we know that many of our most popular events would not be possible without their assistance. Property volunteers, event workers, interns, and others all help the NRT meet its mission daily.

In 2012 many individuals continued to volunteer their time to serve on the boards and committees that help the NRT grow as an organization. Through their donations of time and effort Sheep Pasture and the other NRT properties continue to be wonderful destinations for individuals and families seeking



passive recreation opportunities, classes, workshops, and programs. This year we would like to thank parting NRT Board of Directors member Jay Pike for his service to the organization. After serving on the Stewardship Committee, we also wish Dr. Ginger Johnson well as she begins her new veterinary practice in Maine. A sincere thanks to all of our board and committee members who work hard to make the NRT the wonderful organization it is.

In addition to our volunteers, the hundreds of members who support the NRT and its mission are essential to the continued operation of this organization. We appreciate the support of each NRT member and the many civic groups who work with us throughout the year.

### Thank you to our business partners

Each year the NRT is fortunate to work cooperatively with partner organizations from throughout the local area. We appreciate the support of each of these groups and would like to thank each for their contributions:

Andrews Farm Bakery  
Bristol County Sherriff's Office  
Connolly Insurance  
Dunkin Donuts  
Fernandes Lumber  
Grillman Propane  
Harbor One Credit Union  
Lloyd's Animal Medical Center  
MA Cultural Council and its local partners  
Dana Marshall Photography  
My Brother's Keeper  
North Easton Savings Bank  
Powers and Waitt  
Roche Bros.  
Sharkansky LLP  
Shaw's Markets  
Stonehill College  
Subway  
Tedeschi's  
The North Face Planet Explore Fund  
Town of Easton  
Wendy's

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**Businesses**

Animal Protection Center of S.E. MA  
 Black Pond Veterinary Service, Inc.  
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 Easton Pool and SPA, Inc  
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**The various displays of farm animals** at Sheep Pasture continue to be favorite visitor attractions for people of all ages. Animals serve to connect us with nature and the outdoors. NRT is pleased that our animals bring joy to so many people all throughout the year.

The farm animals, including the sheep, miniature horses, chickens, and others, make Sheep Pasture a special destination for families. This year Sheep Pasture welcomed Simba, a Jersey bullock, to the NRT animal family. Simba was given to the NRT by a local farmer and has quickly become a visitor favorite. Simba will be a permanent resident at the farm, and we look forward to having him here for many years to come.

Animals also make the NRT's education programs particularly engaging for program participants. In 2011 the education staff used many Sheep Pasture residents as part of their

lessons. During school programs students got to meet silkie Rocco, ornate box turtle Francine, the red bellied toads, and others. Preschoolers had many opportunities to interact with these animals, and they had special opportunities to meet some of our larger residents. Teddy, the miniature horse, and Brian, one of Sheep Pasture's long-time sheep residents, both were program highlights for our young visitors! Use of the animals in programming allows our staff to capture the interest and imagination of the next generation of learners in a unique and special way.

At Sheep Pasture many of the animal residents have lived here for many, many years, and we often see them through all the stages of their lives. This year at Sheep Pasture we said goodbye to one of our cashmere goats and one of our older ewes. Both animals had lived here for years and had delighted visitors in every season. Staff and visitors will miss them.

The care and well being of each and every animal is an important part of the management of Sheep Pasture. We thank our veterinarian, Dr. Dana Pantano, and her staff for all of her hard work as we care for all of our animals, regardless of their stage in life.

Each of the animals at the farm serve to connect our present with our past, introduce visitors to animals they may otherwise not get to meet, and help us bring environmental education to visitors each day. The animals who live at Sheep Pasture are an integral part of the NRT's educational mission and our visitors' experiences as they visit here.







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