



2011



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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, present 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 2011 Annual Report to share the accomplishments of the NRT with the community. The organization’s commitment to sustainable land stewardship, environmental education, and community betterment remains the cornerstone of the many events and activities that NRT offers throughout the year. We strive to make a positive impact on the community every day and value the support we receive from members, volunteers, and friends of the organization.

As with every year, changes came to NRT in 2011. This year the NRT said goodbye to teachers Monique Melcher and Katie Walker, as they left to pursue their professional goals in public education. We were fortunate to welcome new staff members who brought a wealth of knowledge, enthusiasm for the environment, and passion for the community. Rachel Tetrault and Leslie Whitty both joined the NRT as full-time teacher/naturalists in 2011 and have energized Sheep Pasture programs. In addition, NRT welcomed Amanda Bettle as a part-time teacher and outreach provider; she has already expanded preschool offerings and is working on reaching out to the community using both traditional and social media. The teachers look forward to working with children and adults from the local area in 2012.

This past year was also a time for reflection for the NRT as an organization. Now heading into its 45th year, the challenges and opportunities NRT faces were assessed at the Board of Directors’ 2011 retreat. Meaningful discussions have begun in order to create a progressive vision for the organization’s future. Both short- and long-term goals are being addressed for all aspects of operation, and dedication to meeting the NRT’s mission continues to be strong. In 2012 the Directors and staff will continue this important work as they create a vision for the NRT’s future in the community.

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 the NRT, including office manager Jean Crandell, property manager Louis Hain, part-time property worker Richard Ryan, and teacher/naturalists Rachel Tetrault, Leslie Whitty, and Amanda Bettle.

Together with you, our members and supporters, we look forward to 2012.

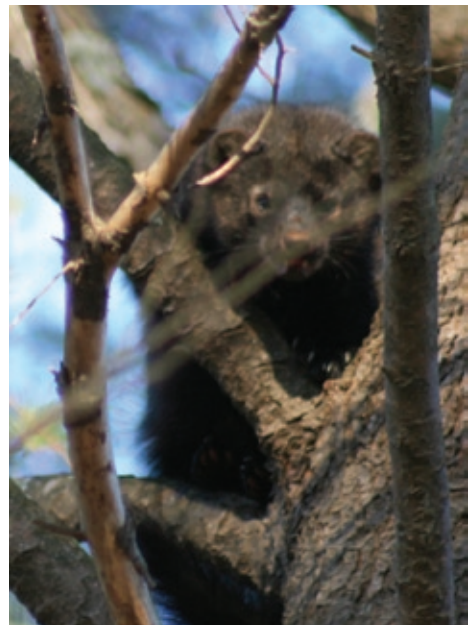
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
Robert Rodgers
NRT President

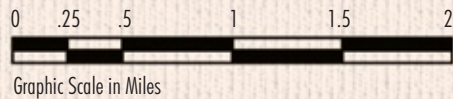
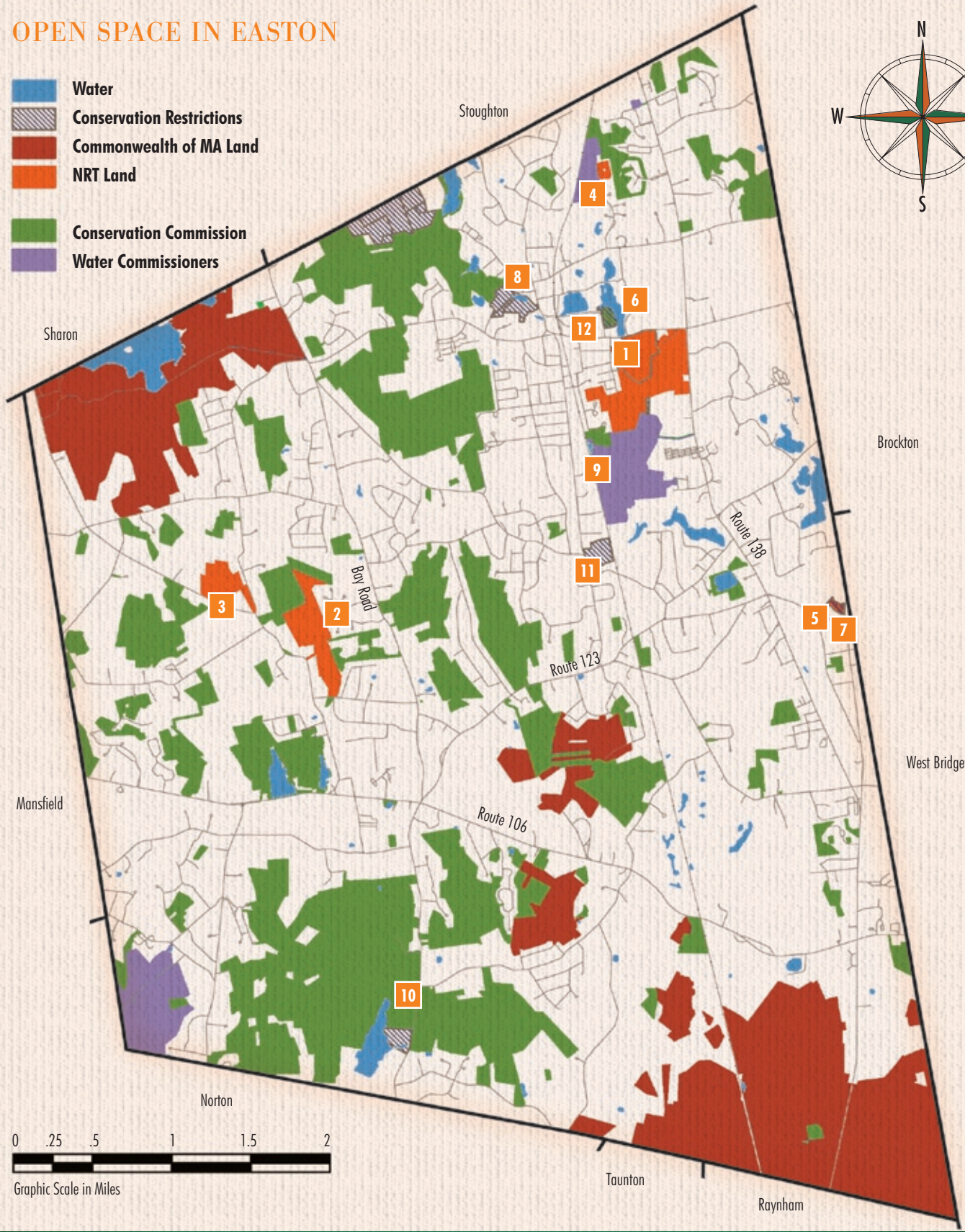


Jennifer Cummings
NRT Executive Director



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

Providing environmental education programs for children and adults is an essential part of the mission of the NRT. This year the NRT has two new full time experienced teacher/naturalists, Ms. Rachel Tetrault and Ms. Leslie Whitty. Both have prior professional experience in environmental education, and they bring many new ideas and plans to the NRT's programming.

School Age Education Programs

School programs continued to make up the largest percentage of the programs offered at Sheep Pasture in 2011. Over 160 classes from Easton and surrounding communities participated in programs throughout the year and used the property as a living laboratory for their learning projects. The NRT's educational programs are unique in their emphasis on engaging children in learning with a hands-on experiential learning model and provide many students with the only true environmentally-based science education they will receive in school. The NRT's programs excite children about science, wildlife, and the environment every day.

Vacation programming was held in February 2011 offering children an opportunity to learn outdoor skills and enjoy the winter weather. Thanks to a particularly snowy winter, participants hiked, looked for tracks and signs of wildlife, and enjoyed outdoor fun at Sheep Pasture.



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. Scouts of many different ages participated in programs in 2011 and many earned merit badges for their work at Sheep Pasture.

In 2011 Eagle Scout candidate Jacob Jennings worked with NRT staff to plan and create a new gardening area behind the Carriage House as his Eagle project. With cooperation from other scouts, local businesses, NRT staff, and others, Jacob was able to install a raised bed garden that will be used with the Sheep Pasture Nature Camp program in 2012. The raised bed kits were provided to the NRT with the assistance of a grant from RBC Dain. We appreciate the hard work of Jacob and his volunteers.

School Year Pre-School Programs

In 2011 the NRT hired part-time teacher/outreach provider Amanda Bettle to work with both preschool programs as well as other outreach services. Amanda began her work with NRT as an intern and we are pleased to welcome her to the staff.

Amanda has implemented new school year programs for preschool children. Each month she hosts weekly classes for children ages 4-5 using the natural world to inspire the children through hikes, animal interactions, nature crafts, stories, and more. Parents and children have been delighted with the programs, and we look forward to increasing pre-k programming in 2012.



Sheep Pasture Nature Camp and Knee High Summer Program

Sheep Pasture Nature Camp, NRT's long-running summer day camp program for elementary and middle school aged students, was a tremendous success in the summer of 2011. Most sessions were completely filled, and the feedback of participants was overwhelmingly positive for the program. Four hard-working counselors, Matt Vogel, Derek Powers, Briana Perry, and Genny Mudd, all worked closely with camp director Rachel Tetrault to make the summer of 2011 memorable for all campers. Wonderful weather helped to complete a perfect camp season.

As part of a redesign of the CIT program, our older camp participants received additional opportunities for leadership training in 2011. One day each week the CIT's accompanied SPNC staff to Borderland State Park for a day of learning workshops, special events, and team building exercises which were uniquely designed for their age and experience level. Everyone felt that this weekly outing was the highlight of the week for CIT's. We would like to thank the staff of Borderland State Park for their support with the CIT program in 2011, and we look forward to working with them again in 2012.

In 2012 the CIT program will be called the "SPNC Leadership Program" to reflect the training and experience the program provides, and the program will again be offered throughout the summer.

The **Knee High Adventures Program** ran during the summer of 2011 and was enjoyed by many of our youngest Sheep Pasture adventurers. Games, songs, arts and crafts, hiking, and more filled the summer days. Each year NRT is proud to be able to offer programming specifically designed for children ages 4-5. The staff works hard to provide age appropriate activities that not only teach, but encourage children's curiosity in the natural world.

All of the many outreach and education programs offered by the NRT are designed to inspire children and their parents to learn more about the importance of the environment we all share. With limited exposure to all of the wonders the natural world has to offer, the NRT's educational programs serve a more vital role than ever in the community and will inspire future conservationists, biologists, foresters, and other environmental caretakers.



EVENTS AND SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AT SHEEP PASTURE IN 2011

Each year the staff at the NRT strives to find as many opportunities as possible to work with the community and excite people about nature and the outdoors. The specialized programs and events offered at Sheep Pasture cross a wide range of interests and seek to engage adults and children alike.

February and March brought an opportunity for visitors to learn more about the art and science of raising backyard chickens, as the New England Bantam Club partnered with NRT to offer two **Poultry Seminars**. Each class was well attended, and participants were able to learn from experienced instructors how to best choose and care for their own chickens. With growing interest in local food, these seminars were of great interest.

April brought another learning opportunity for visitors in an **Alternative Energy Seminar for Homeowners**. This workshop, presented by SolarFlair, gave people information not only on how modern solar technology works, but how it can benefit their own homes while it benefits the planet. Information about current rebates and incentives was available, as was information from current SolarFlair clients who shared their experiences with solar energy.

Farm and Fun Day in May, 2011 was a terrific day at Sheep Pasture! On the first Saturday in May the weather was perfect for families to come out to enjoy all that Sheep Pasture has to offer. Visitors saw the chicks and ducklings, interacted with farm animals brought by local 4H groups, enjoyed children's races offered by the Easton Grange, and even had some hot dogs to enjoy! It was an exciting day that was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

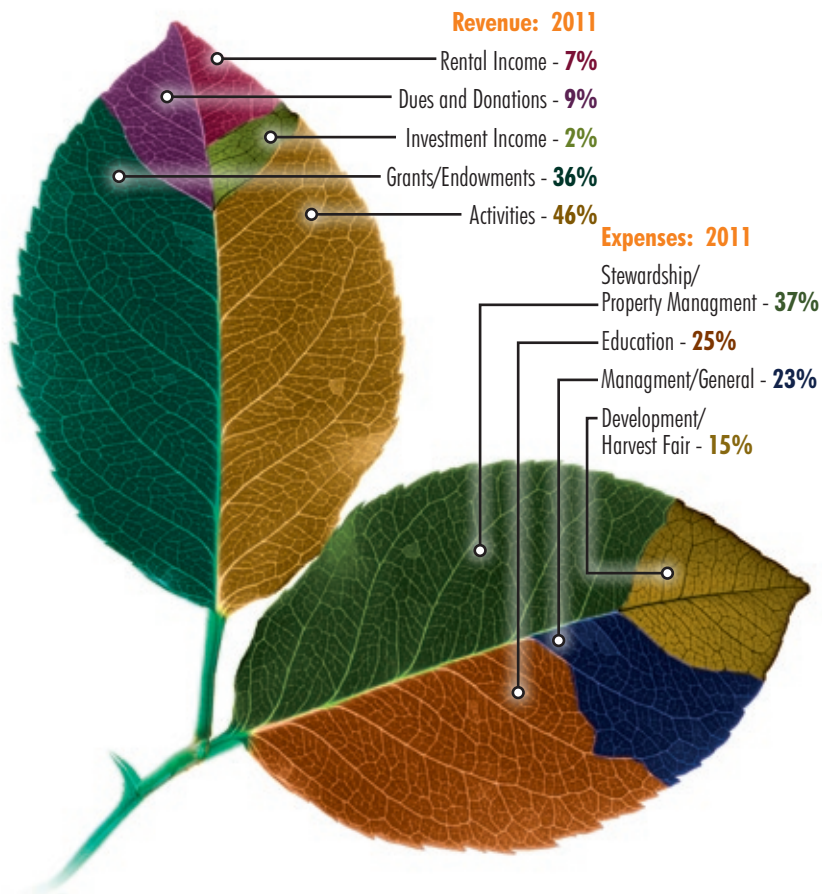
May also brought a new season for the **NRT's Farmer's Market**. The 2011 season had a wonderful selection of local businesses, including vegetable farmers, jam and jelly creations, pickles, honey, pet treats, breads, and more. This year the Farmer's Market was also visited by UMass Extension Service representatives as they offered recipes and tips on cooking healthy foods with local veggies and fruits. Everyone enjoys not only the goods available at the Farmers Market, but also the sense of community that forms around the people that meet each week.

The NRT's longest-running event, the **Annual Harvest and Craft Fair** in October, dodged some rain showers this year to be a success for the organization. Thanks to the help and effort of many, many volunteers and friends of the NRT, the Harvest Fair was a wonderful event for families and friends to share. Crafters, musicians, artists, vendors, and others gathered at Sheep Pasture on the first Sunday in October to create a memorable event which is much-loved throughout the local community. In 2011 each and every volunteer helped to make it a great day!

In December the NRT's **Annual Meeting** was held at the Carriage House at Sheep Pasture. At the 2011 meeting the **Elise Ames Parker Friend of Conservation Award** was presented. Given to an individual or group who supports the mission of conservation in the community, this year's award was presented to the Brocton High School Cross Country Team. The hard work and effort of the team at Harvest Fair made a significant contribution to the overall success of the event. Coach Cliff Canavan and team captain Kiana Weary accepted the honor on behalf of the team.

The NRT continued to offer many community programs to enrich the lives of people of many ages. Each year the NRT hopes to continue to work with more and more groups in the community to expand our offerings and create fun, educational programs for everyone to enjoy. The NRT is proud of the community programs produced in 2011, and we will work to continue to offer new learning and enjoyment opportunities for people in 2012.





In 2011 the NRT worked hard to maintain its high standards for land stewardship, public access, and programming. As the organization deals with many of the same challenges faced by other businesses, organizations and families, we continue to rely on the support of our members as we also investigate new means of economic support. This year's grant funding increased from several local Massachusetts Cultural Councils, helping the NRT to fund local artists' performances at Harvest Fair. The NRT also continues to work with MassDevelopment to bring facilities evaluation and planning grants to NRT as well. While the economic challenges can be difficult, NRT directors and staff will continue to work hard to keep the organization strong.

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
- 2010** - Purchase of forks for John Deere tractor; removal of white pine from driveway

Statement of Activities- Cash basis - 30-Jun-11		
Support and Revenue	2011	2010
Activities	\$214,953	\$207,923
The Boston Foundation / Grants	\$169,417	\$192,036
Dues and Donations	\$40,180	\$36,394
Rental Income	\$35,400	\$41,400
Investment Income	\$8,159	\$12,832
Total Revenue and Support	\$468,109	\$490,575

Expenses	2011	2010
Stewardship/Property Management	\$164,553	\$163,015
Education	\$112,081	\$117,386
Development/ Harvest Fair	\$62,636	\$60,883
Management/ General	\$101,648	\$97,567
Total Expenses	\$440,918	\$438,850
Total Change in Assets	\$26,692	\$51,173

Net Assets	2011	2010
Beginning	\$2,271,246	\$2,220,073
Ending	\$2,297,938	\$2,271,246

Statement of Financial Position- Cash Basis - 30-Jun-11		
Assets	2011	2010
Cash and Certificates of Deposit	\$789,472	\$757,371
Land	\$1,016,191	\$1,016,191
Buildings and Equipment	\$860,782	\$861,108
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	-\$363,899	-\$358,851
Net Land, Buildings & Equipment	\$2,302,546	\$2,275,819

Liabilities	2011	2010
Payroll Deductions	\$0	\$0
Security Deposits	\$4,608	\$4,573
Other	\$0	\$0
Total Liabilities	\$4,608	\$4,573
Net Assets	\$2,297,938	\$2,271,246
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$2,302,546	\$2,275,819

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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 businesses throughout the local area. Memberships, donations, and volunteering all work to support the wonderful land, staff and events that make the NRT and Sheep Pasture special for Easton and all of the surrounding communities.

In 2011 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 Ed Hands for his service to NRT, and a warm welcome to new Board members, Kristi Marsh and Randi Graham. 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. Funding received from memberships and donations goes directly to support the animals, land, staff, and programs available all throughout the year. The NRT would not be able to host all of the wide variety of events and programs currently offered without the financial support of our members. We know we are fortunate to have so many caring and dedicated members at NRT; we thank you for your continued support in 2011 and look forward to continuing our community involvement in 2012.

A Special Thank You

We would like to extend a special note of appreciation to an anonymous donor who gave generously to the NRT this year. The donor's gift of \$25,000 will be used for a future capital improvement project related to NRT's education building.



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 Invasive Image
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 Prestige Portraits by Lifetouch
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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 educa-

tion staff used many Sheep Pasture residents as part of their lessons. During school programs students got to meet silkie Rocca, 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.

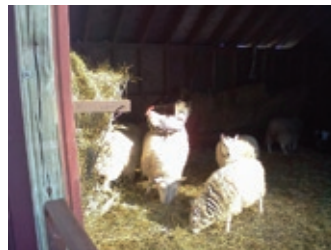
At Sheep Pasture many of the animal residents have lived here for many, many years, and we often see them through all the stages of their lives. This year at Sheep Pasture we said goodbye to one of our cashmere goats and one of our older ewes.

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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