

ANNUAL REPORT

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Fall
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A Tribute To Our Supporters And Volunteers

From Chris Filmer, President

The sheer beauty of this year's spring & summer nature show reminded me of how grateful I am to live in this special town.

Darien, with more than 100 charitable organizations, must surely be one of the most generous places in the nation. We at the Darien Land Trust are fortunate and proud to be one of the beneficiaries of this spirit.

Our charge is the preservation of open space and its natural health. Thanks to your wonderful support, our 24 volunteer Trustees are able to:

- Raise funds for conservation
- Control those funds and fiscal compliance
- Take care of our land and improve wild life habitats on behalf of the public and future generations

- Acquire open space in Darien
- Shine our light on the community through our outreach activities

And they do it all happily blurring the lines between work, home and conservation. They fulfill their function and make no claim. At this time of year we are truly grateful to each and every one of them.

We hope to see you at our Annual Meeting on **November 10th at 5pm** at Wee Burn Country Club. Curt Johnson, Executive Director of Save the Sound will present "Links to the Sound: Pathways to Recovery".

Chris Filmer.

YEARS ENDED JUNE 30 2013 AND 2012

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES**REVENUE AND SUPPORT:**

Land gifts	\$ —	\$ 1,750,000
Membership	135,895	141,258
Investment income, including unrealized gains (losses)	22,538	22,045
Contributions and grants	—	8,340
Contributions for land acquisition	1,950,000	—

Total Revenue and Support

2013	2012
\$2,123,806	\$1,921,643

EXPENSES:

Program services	\$ 116,371	\$ 118,338
Management and general	15,837	15,610
Fundraising	14,831	12,416

Total Expenses

\$147,039	\$146,364
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Increase (decrease) in net assets

\$1,976,767	\$1,775,279
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Net Assets—beginning of year

\$24,294,222	\$22,518,943
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Net Assets—end of year

\$26,270,989	\$24,294,222
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BALANCE SHEET

2013	2012
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ASSETS**CURRENT ASSETS:**

Cash and equivalents	\$652,015	\$657,355
Investments	993,275	980,225
Pledges receivable	5,000	5,000
Other current assets	1,528	1,499

Total Current Assets

\$1,651,818	\$1,644,079
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Land and conservation easements

24,629,634	22,679,634
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Total Assets

\$26,281,452	\$24,323,713
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LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**LIABILITIES:**

Accounts payable	2,596	\$22,576
Accrued liabilities	7,867	6,915

Total Liabilities

10,463	\$29,491
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NET ASSETS:

Unrestricted	\$1,641,355	\$1,614,588
Land and conservation easements	24,629,634	22,679,634

Total Net Assets

\$26,270,989	\$24,294,222
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Total Liabilities and Net Assets

\$26,281,452	\$24,323,713
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We have made every effort to ensure the accuracy of this list and apologize for any inadvertent errors or omissions.

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2012 - 2013 Highlights:

Stewardship

Planted Dogwood trees and native bushes at Waterbury Field (opposite Wee Burn) to launch the "Audubon at Home" project.

Opened trails at Dunlap/Selleck's Woods just one week after Hurricane Sandy with the help of dozens of volunteers.

Reintroduced native plants and removed invasive species at Olson Woods, Dunlap Woods and Tokeneke.

Continued habitat restoration work at Nearwater Lane, Mather Meadows and Valley Forge.

Spearheaded the installation of the new infiltration system and new sound barrier at the I-95 rest area adjacent to Dunlap Lake.



Community

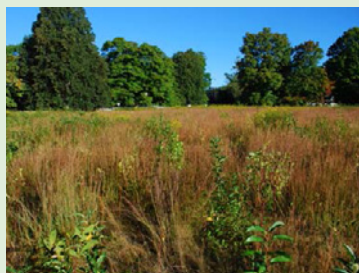
Partnered with Nielsen's on third annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration, attended by 150 members of our community.

Worked alongside Eagle Scouts to develop conservation projects including the installation of purple martin boxes and a new trail system at Dunlap/Selleck's Woods.



Land

Received a conservation easement as a buffer zone alongside Tokeneke Brook.



Education

Hosted 300 second grade students from Darien elementary schools in Dunlap/Selleck's Woods for "Ferns, Fungus and Feathers" natural science program.

Continued a science pilot program for fourth graders from two elementary schools.

Led nature walks for local nursery schools, Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops in Dunlap Woods.





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JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

LINKS TO THE SOUND: Pathways to Recovery

Please join us at our Annual Meeting at 5pm on Sunday, November 10th at the Wee Burn Country Club.

This year we are very fortunate to have Curt Johnson as our speaker. Curt is the Executive Director of Save the Sound, a program of CT Fund for the Environment. Curt will provide a lens into the programs that are helping the restoration of Long Island Sound with particular emphasis on the Western Sound.

This year we will be saying farewell to four valued Trustees: Charlie Janson, Eleanor McKay, Mary Rooney and Greg Willis who have all contributed their time and energy to the Town's open spaces. The DLT membership will then vote to elect a new Trustee, Katie Keith.

The annual meeting is open to all and we hope everyone will join us again this year to receive an update on the recovery of Long Island Sound.

