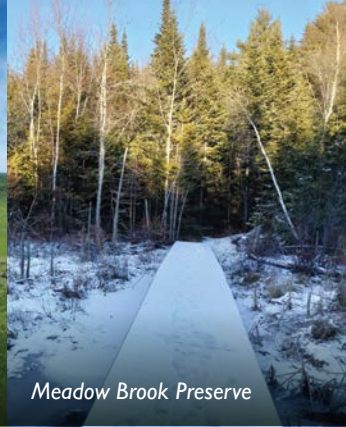


Mount Tuck Preserve

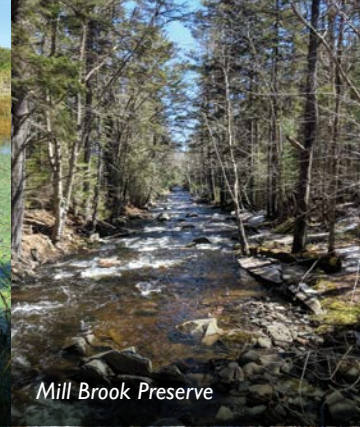
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Meadow Brook Preserve



Marsh Meadow Preserve



Mill Brook Preserve

3 YEARS, 1,175 ACRES, AND A LOT OF LOVE

Initiative success builds capacity for future conservation in Waldo County

The Waldo County Conservation Initiative, launched in November 2022, set out with an ambitious goal: to conserve land in the 13 Waldo County towns served by Coastal Mountains Land Trust to support wildlife, recreation, outdoor learning, and climate resilience. Over the past three years, the initiative made a *remarkable* impact.

With Waldo County being one of the fastest growing counties in Maine, some of the most cherished natural areas in the community are under threat of development. The Land Trust saw a window of opportunity to conserve a significant amount of land, focusing on properties of two kinds:

- land in ecologically significant areas that contain the most diverse ecosystems in our region, and
- properties that provide for trails, access to lakes, rivers and the ocean, and spaces for outdoor learning.

Thanks to the generosity of individuals, local businesses, grants, in-kind supporters, and land donors, the Initiative raised over \$1.5 million. Contributions to the Initiative supported both land acquisition and the ongoing stewardship essential to caring for these properties forever.

These resources fueled the completion of 19 projects, adding 1,175 acres of permanently protected land in Waldo County — including six new preserves and three learning landscapes projects, which provide access and improvements to outdoor learning spaces for schools and child care facilities.

This effort was powered by a dedicated committee of 12 local volunteers: **Cloe Chunn, Courtney Collins, Gianne Conard, Jennifer Craig, Jim Krosschell, Penny Linn, Barney Lutsk, Bindy Pendleton, Maiara Rebordao, David Thanhauser, Matt Wagner, and Elisabeth Wolfe.** Month after month, they brought creativity, persistence, and passion to the cause—organizing events, fundraising in the community, writing personal notes, spreading the word, and contributing their own resources. Their commitment was instrumental to the success of the initiative.

Elisabeth Wolfe, Committee Chair and Board Member reflected, “This initiative brought tremendous momentum and attention to our work in Waldo County. It highlights what we can achieve together, and created a strong launching point for the future of conservation in the region.”

PROJECT SUMMARY

New Preserve
 Preserve Addition
 Learning Landscape
 Trail Enhancement
 First Conserved Parcel in Town
 Donation or Partial Donation

2022–2023: 11 Projects

Marsh Meadow
Knox, 212 acres (4 projects)

Meadow Brook
Swanville, 44 acres

Mount Tuck
Stockton Springs/Prospect
170 acres (4 projects)

Main Stream
Stockton Springs, 50 acres

Mill Brook
Searsport, 29 acres

2023–2024: 4 Projects

Waldo Pound
Waldo, 117 acres

Kingfisher
Morrill, 28 acres

Mount Tuck
Prospect, 20 acres

McLellan-Poor
Northport, 23 acres

2024–2025: 4 Projects

Belfast Area Children's Center
Waldo, Outdoor Classroom

Hurds Pond
Swanville, 113 acres

Basin Pond
Monroe, 350 acres (in progress)

Mendall Marsh
Prospect, 19 acres (transferred to MDIFW)