



ANNUAL REPORT

2013

CAPE ANN TRAIL STEWARDS

helps to maintain existing trails, improve access and promote the responsible and safe use of the Cape Ann trail system and recreational areas. CATS works with municipalities and like-minded conservation organizations to protect and preserve land for its recreational and ecological values.

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Essex, Gloucester, Manchester and Rockport

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2013 OVERVIEW

Andrews Woods, Rockport: Wrote letter of support for the protection of this town-owned parcel.

Delamater Sanctuary: A dozen hearty CATS volunteers turned out to help mark and clear a mile-long loop through the wooded upland.

Formation of Open Space Committee, Manchester: Wrote to the Town Manager in support of creation of a new Committee to formulate a new open space plan and oversee management of town owned open space.

Goose Cove, Gloucester - Inaugural Work Day: CATS volunteers removed trash and brush on the road around the reservoir and major feeder trails.

Norcross Gateway, Gloucester: Wrote letter of support for the conservation of the Norcross Gateway parcel in West Gloucester by Essex County Greenbelt, which will substantially improve access to Greenbelt's Tompson Street Reservation.

North Gloucester Woods, Gloucester: Directors contacted City Councilors to push for City support for reservation designation and investigation of tax title properties.

Pole Hill, Gloucester: With approval from the city of Gloucester, 14 CATS volunteers improved trails by clearing and trimming brush.

Red Rocks/Mt. Ann/Tompson Street, Gloucester: Volunteers from CATS and the Cape Ann Climbing Coalition cleaned up major access points for bikers and hikers. Hiltz donated a dumpster on site for debris.

Upland Species Guide, Cape Ann: Published guide to 150 upland species of Cape Ann with guidance of Christopher Leahy, Mass Audubon.

Volunteers dedicated over 300 hours in 2013. We extend a heartfelt thank you to all our wonderful volunteers for their amazing hardwork and effort!

2013 Financial Summary	
Income	
Start-up Operating Grant	\$45,400.00
Programs and other	\$20,000.00
Contributions	\$2,025.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$67,425.00
Expenses	
Staff	\$7,770.00
Non-Staff	\$6,659.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$14,429.00
Operating Reserve	\$52,996.00