



# ANNUAL REPORT 2015

## 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.

Our work area includes:

Essex, Gloucester, Manchester and Rockport.

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# 2015 OVERVIEW

**Pole Hill, Gloucester:** Our trail steward Sandy Barry helped coordinate work days at Pole Hill to install signage and clear lines of site to a historic feature of the property. Our steward also helped organize a walk of the property with local grade school students.

**Trail Stewards:** CATS acquired new trail stewards for Delamater Sanctuary, Pole Hill and Fernwood Lake.

**Briar Swamp Boardwalk:** Volunteers from Gordon College and neighboring communities helped rebuild and repair the Briar Swamp boardwalk in Dogtown.

**Dogtown Trail Marking:** Volunteers helped mark 2 designated trail loops through this large city-owned property.

**Trail Mapping Assistance:** Provided assistance to The Trustees of Reservations on trail connections on a newly acquired property near Agassiz Rock.

**Trail Mapping on Cape Ann:** CATS continues its trail mapping effort to map Cape Ann trails. We compiled a complete set of trail data for every town in Cape Ann.

**Guided Trail Walks:** CATS stewards and directors held various guided walks around Cape Ann throughout the year.

**Trail Kiosks:** Volunteers built and installed kiosks at various trail heads in Gloucester and Rockport, including Delamater Sanctuary, Forest Lane, Pine Pit, Pole Hill, Rafe's Chasm and Dogtown.

Volunteers dedicated hundreds of hours in 2015. Thank you for your hardwork and effort!

2015 Financial Summary	
Income	
Species Guides	\$538.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$538.00</b>
Expenses	
Staff	\$4,424.00
Non-Staff	\$6,797.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$11,221.00</b>
Operating Reserve	\$33,221.00