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The white pine was dangerously close to the old farmhouse. It came down methodically and was sent off with respect. The water tower undergoes its own long-delayed operation before the end of the year.

A Fulfilling Summer of Art & Science



The leaves are down, as are the temperatures and visitor numbers; it's November as *Watermark* goes to press and into the mail. We're reflecting briefly on our Summer of Art

& Science and already looking forward to a promising 2018.

Our POWER OF PLACE exhibition buoyed spirits and attendance throughout the summer. Admission fees for July to September were up 72 percent over 2016! That's a lot of visitors, many of them here for the first time. We imagine they were impressed... by the sculptures, by the historic campus, by the well-kept trails, and by the people they encountered. Some of them were even inspired to join our community of supporters. If you're among them, welcome! And thank you.

(Just so you know, five sculptures by four artists are remaining temporarily in place: Portal, Sentinel III, Owl Rising, and the two Chaises. Two Barn Swallows are staying here for good, thanks to a generous donor.)

The crafts festival, our 30th, was simply amazing. "A real sweetheart of a show," one artist gushed. "The best one I've ever been to," a long-time attendee raved. Attendance broke 4,000 — a record. Gross income reached \$117,000 — a record. Weather was lovely — a return to normal, thank goodness.

Punkinfiddle, on National Estuaries Day, was cold and wet but fun. It's so heartwarming to know our volunteers and visitors make the most of a day no matter what nature decides to deliver.

These events will be back next fall, but we'll wait a few years before mounting another sculpture show, even though lots of folks are eager for more.

Art and science remain top of mind still, as each directs our attention in specific ways to the wonders of nature. We will keep integrating them into our programs and activities, like the Art & Nature for Veterans sessions we're holding with Art HOPE, using their complementary strengths to encourage learning, wellness, and growth.

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Shoreline Explorer Adds Trolley Route to Reserve

This summer, for the first time, the Shoreline Explorer trolley added the reserve to its route. The new blue line 4B trolley swung through the parking lot seven times a day. Several dozen people disembarked here during the inaugural season and we are working with York County Community Action, which operates the Shoreline Explorer program, to increase that number during the 2018 season, which runs from June 23 to September 3.

Beaches Conference 2017

The 11th Beaches Conference, extended for the first time to include New Hampshire along with Maine, was held at Wells High School in July. More than 230 people concerned about the coast were in attendance and about 85 presented talks, workshops, and displays. The reserve was among 16 organizations on the planning committee, assisting Maine Sea Grant with all aspects of the event. The Beaches Conference combines scientific expertise, citizen involvement, and an open forum for diverse voices.

He`eia Reserve is Number 29

Oahu is the site of the newest National Estuarine Research Reserve. The He`eia Reserve in Hawai`i, dedicated in January, encompasses 1,385 acres of upland forests and grasslands, wetlands, reefs, and seagrass beds, as well as the largest sheltered body of water in the Hawaiian Island chain. It is located within the Kaneohe Bay estuary.

Webhannet Salt Marsh Trail to Open Next Spring

Our first ADA-accessible trail is in the works. Situated along Wells Harbor Road and reached via Harbor Park, the trail will offer salt marsh views and interpretive signage on a wide, smooth path through an inviting mix of young pines and tall grass. We're working with the Town of Wells on this project, which is funded by a reserve system "construction and acquisition" grant and town funds. We plan to open the trail by Memorial Day.

New Trail Map for 2018

Our pocket-size trail map will be revised next year. The map may be our most popular publication; thousands of visitors use it to decide where to walk each year. We're entertaining lots of ideas for the first new version since 2009. We welcome your input on what makes an effective map and how we can complement the paper copy with web-based enhancements. Please let Scott Richardson know what you think.

New England Salt Marsh Conference Planned for May

In May, the four New England estuarine reserves — Wells, Great Bay, Waquoit, and Narragansett — will host a workshop focused on the effects of sea level rise on the region's salt marshes. Details on the conference, to be held in Rhode Island, will be posted to our web calendar as soon as they are available.

nik'snotebook: Storms, political and otherwise

A SURPRISE OCTOBER STORM WITH HURRICANE-FORCE GUSTS recently hobbled Maine's electrical grid, leaving tens of thousands in the dark for nearly a week. Yet even as some Wells Reserve staff returned to candlelit homes each day, they counted themselves lucky: Colleagues at the Jobos Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in Puerto Rico haven't had power since September 20.

Reports from Puerto Rico aren't completely dire. Recovery is slow, but spirits remain unbroken. The staff members there have turned their reserve headquarters into a sanctuary, cooking nightly meals of pork, rice, and beans over propane grills and campfires. The Jobos Bay Reserve truly is a reserve for their community.

I would expect only the same from the Wells Reserve, should calamity ever strike Southern Maine. Our vision continues to be "resilient estuaries and coastal watersheds where human and natural communities thrive." In this semiannual report, we try to detail some of the programs and projects we believe are making our region stronger. This work would not be possible without you.

We weathered another tempest this year — the proposed budget cuts from the new Trump administration last spring have been, for now, pushed back, with your help. I am certain we will prepare for and respond to future storms together as well.

When the winds of change blow hard against science, education, and conservation, I know the Wells Reserve will remain a shelter from the storm and a beacon in the darkness, largely because of support from friends and members like you. Thank you.




The Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve is one of 29 reserve sites throughout the country. All reserves require local funding to match federal grants from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The Wells Reserve is the only reserve that receives its match from a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Each year, Laudholm Trust contributes private funds and in-kind services to support Wells Reserve operations and capital improvements.

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national / partnership

The **National Estuarine Research Reserve System** is a network of protected areas established for long-term research, education, and stewardship. This partnership program between NOAA and the coastal states protects more than one million acres of estuarine land and water, which provides essential habitat for wildlife; offers educational opportunities for students, teachers, and the public; and serves as living laboratories for scientists.

The 29 Sites in the NERR System

ACE Basin, South Carolina
Apalachicola, Florida

Chesapeake Bay, Maryland
Chesapeake Bay, Virginia
Delaware, Delaware

Elkhorn Slough, California
Guana Tolomato Matanzas, Florida

Grand Bay, Mississippi
Great Bay, New Hampshire

He`eia, Hawai`i
Hudson River, New York
Jacques Cousteau, New Jersey

Jobos Bay, Puerto Rico

Kachemak Bay, Alaska
Lake Superior, Wisconsin

Mission–Aransas, Texas

Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island
North Carolina, North Carolina
North Inlet/Winyah Bay, South Carolina

Old Woman Creek, Ohio
Padilla Bay, Washington

Rookery Bay, Florida

San Francisco Bay, California
Sapelo Island, Georgia

South Slough, Oregon
Tijuana River, California

Waquoit Bay, Massachusetts
Weeks Bay, Alabama

Wells, Maine

The National Estuarine Research Reserve Association

is a nonprofit organization established to promote and advance the NERR System. NERRA works with Congress, NOAA, and public and private partners to increase support for research, monitoring, education, and stewardship within the reserves.

Hurricane Damage Prompts Unprecedented Assistance

Three estuarine reserves took heavy hits from hurricanes this year: The Mission–Aransas Reserve in Texas was directly in Harvey’s path, the eye of Irma crossed over Florida’s Rookery Bay Reserve, and Maria dramatically altered the Jobos Bay Reserve in Puerto Rico.

All reserve staff survived the storms, but many suffered significant personal losses. For them and for the affected reserves, it will be a long road to full recovery.

The reserve system forms a tight-knit family. Here in Maine, we anxiously awaited news after each storm. What we learned drove us to do what we could to help our friends and colleagues get back on their feet.

On September 21, the Laudholm Trust board of trustees voted to send emergency relief funds to the Mission–Aransas and Jobos Bay reserves. These one-time, emergency donations, taken out of record ticket proceeds from this year’s crafts festival, are being distributed by the nonprofit National Estuarine Research Reserve Association (NERRA).

NERRA will fulfill specific requests for assistance after the affected reserves learn about insurance coverage and any possible federal supplemental funds available. The exceptional need in Puerto Rico led NERRA to make immediate financial contributions to provide reserve staff with food and water.

For more information on recovery progress and to contribute to relief efforts, visit nerra.org/give.

Mission–Aransas (Harvey)

The reserve’s Estuarine Research Center was hard hit. Storm surge and water damage affected all three floors of its headquarters, removed portions of its roof, and scattered its solar panels across the landscape. A marine animal rehabilitation facility was destroyed.

Rookery Bay (Irma)

The reserve’s Environmental Learning Center suffered minor roof damage. The storm downed trees and power lines.

“Our system of places has created not only a network of professionals who can share best practices and lessons learned, but a social web of people who care about each other and hold many of the same values — a love for special places, a passion for science and education, and a respect for nature.”

Cory Riley, NERRA President

Rebecca Roth, NERRA Executive Director

Jobos Bay (Maria)

The entire island was affected so severely that, weeks later, we still do not know the full extent of damage at this reserve.

Related Reading

- Hurricane Relief Sent to Texas and Puerto Rico Estuarine Reserves
- Wing’d XL: A Texas Legend
- The Greatest Show on Earth

Visit wellsreserve.org/blog

Extending Science Education to Hearing-Impaired Students



E S T U A R Y

The project team for “Watershed Stewardship in Action: Deaf Students on the Estuary” fingerspells ‘estuary’ after their October meeting in Wells. Teaching estuary and watershed concepts to students who use American Sign Language as a first language is impeded by the lack of native ASL equivalents for technical terms. This group aims to fix that. Team members are Todd Czubek, Boston University; Suzanne Kahn, Wells Reserve; Jeanne Reis, The Learning Center; Joan Muller, Waquoit Bay Reserve; Maureen Dewire, Narragansett Bay Reserve; and Caryn Beiter, Wells Reserve.

Did you know that a few months ago, American Sign Language (ASL) had no signs for estuary or watershed or many other common ecological terms? These concepts are at the core of what the Wells Reserve is all about and are part of our daily lexicon. And yet, if members of the deaf community want to communicate about the work we do, they need to fingerspell “e-s-t-u-a-r-y” and “w-a-t-e-r-s-h-e-d.” This barrier forces them to think in their second language, English, rather than through the conceptual ASL lens.

This hurdle in science communication may help explain why only 0.2 percent of deaf or hard-of-hearing people choose careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, compared with 15 percent of the general population.

To encourage STEM learning in New England’s deaf community, we and our partners are introducing new terms and teaching tools. Over the past several months, our team has developed signs and instructional videos and taken them through a round of testing with the help of 10 deaf-education graduate students. At our September workshop, it was language in the making!

Based on the feedback, our videos will be fine tuned and, next summer, shared with teachers and interpreters from schools for the deaf through a special Teachers on the Estuary

This project is funded by a \$44,853 science transfer grant from the NERR Science Collaborative. Partners include:

- Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (lead)
- Boston University Graduate Program in Deaf Education
- The Center for Research and Training and Marie Philip School at The Learning Center for the Deaf, Inc.
- Governor Baxter School for the Deaf
- Horace Mann School for the Deaf
- Narragansett Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve
- READS Collaborative
- Rhode Island School for the Deaf
- Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve

Learn more about the project at wellsreserve.org/asl

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Volunteers and Staff Receive Recognition for Their Efforts

50 Mainers

Leading by Example

Maine magazine's June 2017 issue features, among 49 other notables, Nik Charov, president of Laudholm Trust.

The magazine wrote mini-biographies of Mainers who "make their communities healthier, more prosperous, more educated, more diverse, and more culturally rich."

Nik was selected for raising "funds, awareness, and understanding of educational, research, and conservation opportunities at the Wells Reserve at Laudholm... [which] studies how changes in climate and land use transform salt marshes, fisheries, watersheds, and coastal communities."



Peter Anthony has been rebuilding all of the windows in the big barn, which are then painted by volunteer Carolyn Broad. For their dedication, the two were presented with the Bob Ludwig Preservation Award at the Volunteer Party in August.

It's joy in doing the work that keeps people striving, not the pat on the back. But now and then, it is certainly worthwhile to give a little praise.

At our Volunteer Party in August, several regulars were recognized for their efforts over the past year. We are pleased to be able to thank them again here:

Lily Rice Kendall Volunteer Spirit Award

For uncommon grace, wit, and affability on behalf of our organization and in the community at large: **Edie Lamberts**

Bob Ludwig Preservation Award

For preserving the historical integrity and cultural value of the buildings and grounds of Laudholm Farm: **Peter Anthony, Carolyn Broad**

Laudholm Good Neighbor Award

For generous and gracious hospitality on behalf of the Wells Reserve and Laudholm Trust: **Joan and David Morse**

Joy obviously drives the director of the Wells Reserve, too, and the spotlight found him late last year. Congratulations, Paul Dest!

NOAA's Dr. Nancy Foster Habitat Conservation Award

For exceptional achievement and dedication to habitat conservation in the coastal and marine environment.



Paul was presented with his award at the National Summit on Coastal and Estuarine Restoration and 25th meeting of The Coastal Society in New Orleans last December.

Maine Senators Susan Collins and Angus King praised Paul for his dedication and leadership. "He and the entire team at the Wells Reserve are doing fantastic work to help study and conserve coastal ecosystems across Maine," they said in a joint statement.

Just 21 recipients have been honored with the award since its inception in 1997.

Hollings Scholars Hosted by Wells Excel at National Level



Two of this summer's research interns were recognized for outstanding presentations at the national Hollings Science and Education Symposium held in Silver Spring, Maryland. We congratulate Blair Morrison (oral) and Brianna DeGone (poster) for their winning presentations. Research Director Dr. Jason Goldstein expressed appreciation for their contributions in the field and lab, saying "They did a tremendous amount of work and had lots of success."

Blair focused on green crabs in her study, which suggested that the invasive crabs have the potential to maintain their populations and continue spreading even as southern Maine's coastal waters become warmer and more acidic. Blair is now a senior at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

Brianna DeGone studied runoff from roads and other developed areas as a source of bacterial contamination in coastal watersheds. Brianna is a senior at the University of Maine in Orono.

Related Reading on *The Wrack*

- Green Crabs are Likely to Remain in Maine Even as Waters Change
- Stormwater Runoff Contributes to Increased Bacteria Levels in the Kennebec River

Read these at wellsreserve.org/blog.



Ernest F. Hollings

Undergraduate Scholarship

The Hollings Scholarship Program provides undergraduates with academic assistance for two years of full-time study and a 10-week paid summer internship at a NOAA facility. These Hollings Scholars selected the Wells Reserve for their internship experience:

2008	Laura Wood
2012	Shaza Hussein
2013	Benjamin Sevey
2015	Steffanie Munguia
2016	Alex Golden
2017	Mitchell Miller
	Blair Morrison
	Brianna DeGone

Hollings Program Facts

- 120 scholarships per year
- 1,300+ alumni from over 300 universities
- 75% of alumni go on to graduate school
- 95 alumni have been awarded National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships

The next application deadline is January 31, 2018.

Mitchell Miller, camp assistant, was a 2017 Hollings Scholar in the education program. He presented results from an independent research project during an August talk in Mather Auditorium.

conservation / coastal training

Improving Water Quality in the Cape Neddick River

The Cape Neddick River watershed covers about 10 square miles. Land cover includes several large forest blocks and a few small agricultural areas. Development is concentrated along the coast and is largely residential, with a few commercial locations.

The main stem of the Cape Neddick River, about 4 miles long, descends from Mount Agamenticus to Cape Neddick Harbor. A dam forms Chases Pond, which is the reservoir for the York Water District.

Waste from pets and wildlife can be a challenging pollutant to manage, but with a concerted effort the Town of York, the Wells Reserve, and other partners are working to lift the Cape Neddick River off the state's "threatened streams priority list."

The town recently enlisted the reserve's Coastal Training Program to assist with several projects after receiving a grant meant to reduce the amount of fecal bacteria entering the river.

In one effort, several hundred York residents living within the Cape Neddick watershed received a postcard this fall encouraging them to "scoop the poop" of their domesticated animals and dispose of it in the trash. Pet waste carried by stormwater runoff accounts for almost 30 percent of fecal bacteria in the river, so this simple action could make a big difference for clean water.

Canada geese are the focus of a second tactic to cut pollution. Project partners will work with three landowners along the river to test plantings that should deter geese from congregating along the water's edge. These sites will serve as a showcase for other landowners in the watershed through visits planned for next fall, when the plantings have become established.

While managing waste from pets and geese is expected to improve water quality, the primary source of fecal contamination in the river is people. As part of the grant, project partners will educate homeowners on the critical importance of proper septic system maintenance for good water quality.

This grant is funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and administered by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.

Project Partners

Town of York
Cape Neddick River Association
York Land Trust
Mount Agamenticus Conservation Program
York Water District
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve

Related Reading on wellsreserve.org

- Restoring Cape Neddick River Watershed (Projects)
- Cape Neddick River (Conservation/In Your Community)

Canada geese congregate by the edge of the Cape Neddick River in York. Photo by Linda Scotland; inset by Dendroica cerulea CC-BY-2.0



Who's Edna? No: What's eDNA?

Reserve scientists are getting involved in cutting-edge research that could dramatically change the way they survey local streams, rivers, and estuaries for finfish and crustaceans. Modern methods built on genomics could permit our scientists to canvass more sites faster when surveying for biodiversity or species of concern.

Environmental DNA (eDNA) is genetic material in an environmental sample, such as water or sediment. It may contain entire microorganisms (like algae or bacteria) or fragments of tissue, reproductive and waste products, and other cellular material from larger organisms. eDNA methods can identify what species are in a system without requiring field researchers to capture and identify living organisms, which is often a time-consuming process.



Rainbow Smelt caught in the York River in April 2017.

Reserve scientists began collecting eDNA during a rainbow smelt study this spring. Project manager Jacob Aman said, "We surveyed fish in the York River using nets while also collecting water samples for DNA testing. We detected smelt DNA even at low concentrations and several weeks after we were no longer

catching smelt in our nets." After this promising start, methods will be refined for continuing the study next spring.

The reserve will now be expanding its use of genomic research in fisheries management through a partnership with the University of New Hampshire. UNH was awarded a \$496,887 grant for the project "New Technology for Old Problems—Using DNA Methods to Monitor Invasive Species and Biodiversity in Estuarine Systems." The Wells Reserve and other research reserves will help UNH design and test a DNA-based method for monitoring invasive species and biodiversity, with a focus on green crab and other crabs on the east and west coasts.

"These environmental DNA techniques may revolutionize fisheries field work and population monitoring," said Research Director Dr. Jason Goldstein.

The UNH study is funded by the National Estuarine Research Reserve System's Science Collaborative, which supports collaborative research that addresses coastal management problems important to the reserves. The Science Collaborative is managed by the University of Michigan's Water Center through a cooperative agreement with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Funding for the research reserves and this program comes from NOAA. Learn more at <https://coast.noaa.gov/nerrs/> or www.graham.umich.edu/water/nerrs.

Genetics is the study of heredity, how characteristics of living organisms are passed from one generation to the next through DNA. Genetics involves the study of specific and limited numbers of genes, or parts of genes, that have a known function.

Genomics is the study of organism's complete set of genes. Genomics involves analyzing enormous amounts of DNA-sequence data to find variations. Genomics is a much newer field, which came about through technical advances in DNA sequencing and computational biology.

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Amending the Laudholm Trust Articles of Incorporation

The Laudholm Trust Board of Directors has approved updates to its original 1982 Articles of Incorporation. In summary, the three updates will 1) place the mission statement (adopted in 2007) within the Articles of Incorporation; 2) increase the number of allowable board members from 5 to 20; and 3) revise the meaning of current member to include “anyone making a minimum donation within the past 18 months” rather than 12 months.

Maine law mandates that amendments to Articles of Incorporation be adopted at a public meeting of the membership, after public notice, through a vote of members. A majority is required to amend the Articles.

Vote at Annual Meeting of Members, December 6, 2017 at 5pm

Recommended Amendments to the Laudholm Trust Articles of Incorporation

Subject	1982	2017 (proposed)
Statement of Purpose	To preserve land forever for conservation of water, wetlands, beaches, farmlands, forests, wildlife, and open space. To keep these natural resources forever available to the public for education, research and other compatible purposes.	Laudholm Trust is dedicated to advancing the coastal research, education, and stewardship programs of the Wells Reserve and to preserving its historic buildings. The Trust strives to extend its unique legacy by galvanizing community support and inspiring actions that protect Maine’s coastal environments.
Number of Directors	Between 3 and 5 directors	No less than 3, no more than 20 directors
Membership Dues	Failure to pay dues within 90 days of the date of request shall cancel the membership.	Failure to pay dues within 180 days of the date of request shall cancel the membership.

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Special Events

Would you like to be involved in event planning? Both the Laudholm Nature Crafts Festival and our Punkinfiddle Family Festival (our National Estuaries Day Celebration) need new members in key roles that will keep the events creative and strong.

Board of Directors

Are your talents in organization leadership? Those who serve with Laudholm Trust’s guiding body maintain and grow one of Maine’s most successful nonprofits and a leading partner in the national network of estuarine reserves.

Marketing

Do you have an interest in marketing or member cultivation? Are you skilled in obtaining sponsorships? Help spread the word about our national treasure, the Wells Reserve at Laudholm, and all the great work happening here.

See a Fit? Talk with Nik:

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In-kind Contributions

The Whitney Galleries

for a laminator, pedestals, wine glasses, benches, folding chairs, office supplies, easels, rug, sprinkler w/hoses, library table, outdoor racks, window seats, LED projector and screen, patio set, large totes, library table, and more

Maine Magazine

for advertising space
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for a kayak, paddle, and PFD
James O. Buck & Norma Fox
for a refrigerator
Bruce, Carolyn & Brooke Gowdy
for a framed print of the farmhouse porch

And...

Dozens of Crafts Festival artisans for donating items to our raffle
Local businesses for supporting Punkinfiddle and the Crafts Festival

Extending Science Education, from page 5

workshop. During the 2018/2019 school year, those educators will immerse their students in watershed-focused lessons culminating in a student field trip to their nearest reserve site. We will be hosting the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf here in Wells.

Our hope is that educators, interpreters, and students within the deaf community will adopt the new ASL signs, connect with coastal science, and share their passion with others. If one of these students circles back to work at a National Estuarine Research Reserve, we would enjoy the ultimate measure of success.

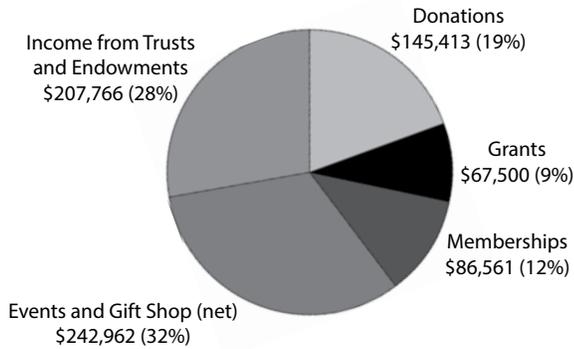
(DRAFT) FY 2017 Financial Report

July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

This condensed information has been derived from draft financial statements. Upon completion, reviewed financial statements for the Wells Reserve and Laudholm Trust will be available online and in our offices.

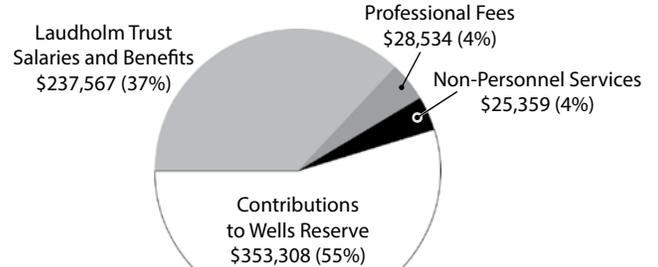
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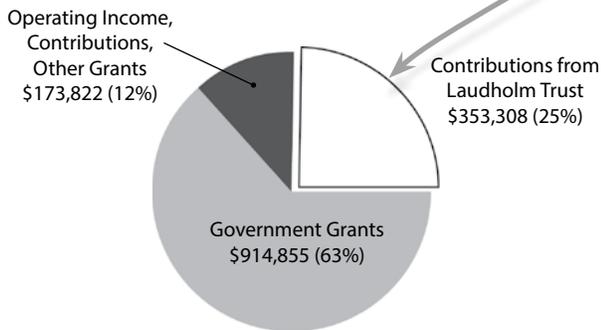
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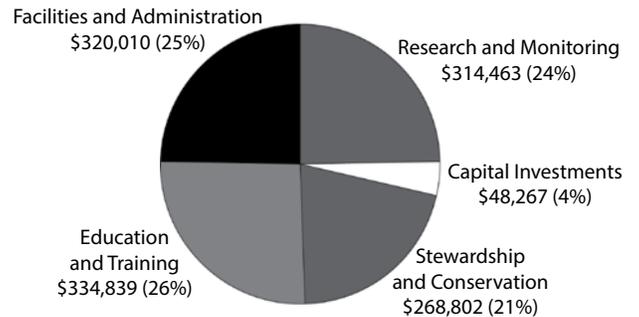


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The public-private partnership between Wells Reserve and Laudholm Trust makes this place and its programs possible. Essential local support provided by the nonprofit Trust matches federal and other competitive grants to fund the operations of the Reserve. Neither organization is possible without the other; though we perform different activities, we inseparably work toward one vision.

The Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve works to expand knowledge about coasts and estuaries, engage people in environmental learning, and involve communities in conserving natural resources, all with a goal of protecting and restoring coastal ecosystems around the Gulf of Maine.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SUPPORT

Thank you, members of Laudholm Trust, for making possible the education, training, conservation, and research programs of the Wells Reserve, as well as the preservation of its historic buildings. You help the Wells Reserve at Laudholm accomplish great things.

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Will the Wells Reserve at Laudholm be here in the future? We certainly hope so, but recent storms, political and otherwise, have us thinking about our long-term survival. Our existence depends on more than just today's donations; this place you saved, that has become such a vital part of Maine's coast, needs tomorrow's donations too.

Some good friends have already added the Laudholm Trust to their wills. Their generosity and forethought are helping to ensure the future of this place. Will you consider adding us to your estate plans? It's quick and easy and, best of all, we can thank you while you're still with us.

Call Trust president Nik Charov to think ahead and join The Forethinkers in 2018: 207-646-4521 ext 144

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January Yoga Tuesdays, Saco River Collaboration, Snowshoeing

February Winter Wildlife Day, Camp, Wildlife Tracking, Art HOPE

March Landscaping for Wildlife

April Earth Day Celebration, Woodcock Walks, Day Camps

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