

# Annual Report



HARRIS CENTER  
FOR CONSERVATION EDUCATION

July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

## Director's Report

The Harris Center helps people of all ages fall in love with nature. This effort takes many forms: **Jazimina** teaching young parents and children a song about frogs and toads. **Karen and Susie** venturing through the Harris Center's fields and forests with bands of enthusiastic explorers. **Nikko** showing campers how to paddle a canoe for the first time or guiding visitors at the **Pack Monadnock Raptor Observatory** as they marvel at the extraordinary migration unfolding overhead. **John** teaching wilderness survival skills to middle schoolers or sharing the mysteries of the fungal world with both children and adults. **Kara** helping students assess local water quality through invertebrate surveys, and **Jenna** teaching them how to identify insects. **Brett and Nate** leading volunteers of all ages as they move thousands of amphibians to safety on spring's Big Nights. **Phil** sharing the beauty and wonder of kestrels or inspiring a lifelong love of birding. **Eric** working with landowners to expand a connected network of conserved lands to ensure future wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities.

These are just some of the Harris Center staff who work daily on behalf of people and nature as our organization turns 55 — work made possible by you, our extraordinary supporters and volunteers.

**Promoting understanding and respect for the natural world** is essential to ensuring that there will always be people who care for — and carefully steward —



the shared resources we so often take for granted. Equally important, especially in this time of profound societal divisions and uncertainty, is **fostering deeper relationships within our human communities**. Harris Center programs and outings provide countless opportunities to build bonds with others who share, enjoy, and care for this place we call home.

The Harris Center staff and board are so thankful to the hundreds of volunteers and thousands of supporters whose time, effort, and generosity make it possible for us to continue our work — ensuring a grand future for the Monadnock Region and beyond, for generations to come.

**Jeremy Wilson, Executive Director**





▲ Middle School Hawkwatchers at the Pack Monadnock Raptor Observatory © South Meadow School teacher

## Environmental Education in the Schools

Jenna Spear, School Program Manager and Teacher-Naturalist

**D**uring the 2024–25 school year, Harris Center teacher-naturalists worked with more than **3,000 students** in **39 schools** throughout the Monadnock Region. A highlight was at **South Meadow School in Peterborough**, where 6th graders discovered how Broad-winged Hawk migration connects our region to South America, and many points in between!

### Highlights of the Year

Teacher-naturalist Karen Rent developed a curriculum that followed Skatutakee, a tagged Broad-winged Hawk, on her journey south from New England. Students studied Broad-winged Hawk ecology and nesting, the reasons for migration, and how geography shapes migratory routes. Weather and climate topics were also included, along with a field trip to the **Pack Monadnock Raptor Observatory** to witness the migration in real time. This project was supported by a grant from the Harris Center's 50th Fund and a partnership with **Hawk Mountain Sanctuary** in Pennsylvania, whose scientists tagged Skatutakee in 2022.



© Ben Conant

### ◀ On the cover

Top: © Chuck Carlson Bottom: © Ben Conant, Brett Amy Thelen, Tom Momeyer, Katie Hamon, and Jim Hassinger

Another memorable program took place at **Wheelock School in Keene** and **Pierce School in Bennington**, where 4th graders spent quiet time outdoors with our teacher-naturalists, developing observation skills through nature journaling. Throughout the year, naturalists Susie Spikol and I guided students in games and activities related to observation, followed by reflective journaling. Students practiced careful looking, sketching, and writing as they explored the forests and fields near their schools. Our goals were to build their writing skills, support their natural curiosity, and help them develop connections with the local environment.



▲ **Nature Journaling** © Ben Conant

## Educator of the Year

At our 2024 annual meeting, **Patricia Glabach Boulle of Rindge Memorial School** was honored with the Harris Center's **Educator of the Year Award**. The first special education teacher to receive this honor, she was celebrated for integrating outdoor learning into her classroom. Despite limited time with her students, her approach has led to significant improvements in their observation, writing, and teamwork skills.



▲ **Educator of the Year** Rindge Memorial School teacher **Patricia Glabach Boulle** and Harris Center teacher-naturalist **Jaime Hutchinson**  
© Ben Conant

## Professional Development for Classroom Teachers

Throughout the year and into the summer, we also offered **workshops for local teachers** to expand their nature-based teaching skills and knowledge of regional natural history. Teachers learned how to design engaging schoolyard bird studies, track local mammals, and use games to spark outdoor exploration among young children — leaving with practical tools for connecting students to nature through writing, sketching, data collection, and imaginative play. ↗



▲ **Mammal Workshop** © Michelle Aldredge

## The Harris Center for Conservation Education partnered with the following schools in 2024-2025:

Antrim Elementary School  
Chesterfield School  
ConVal High School, *Peterborough*  
Dublin Community Preschool  
Dublin Consolidated School  
First Friends Preschools (*Antrim, Greenfield, Hancock, Peterborough*)  
Francestown Elementary School  
Franklin Elementary School, *Keene*  
Fuller Elementary School, *Keene*  
Great Brook Middle School, *Antrim*

Greenfield Elementary School  
Hancock Elementary School  
Harrisville Children's Center  
Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School  
Jaffrey Grade School  
Jaffrey-Rindge Middle School  
James Faulkner Elementary School, *Stoddard*  
Keene Middle School  
Keene State College Child Development Center

Lionheart Classical Academy, *Peterborough*  
Marlborough Elementary School  
Nelson Elementary School  
Peterborough Elementary School  
Pierce Elementary School, *Bennington*  
Rindge Memorial School  
Robin's Nest Nature Preschool, *Peterborough*  
South Meadow Middle School, *Peterborough*  
Surry Village Charter School  
Symonds Elementary School, *Keene*

Temple Elementary School  
The Learning Vine, *Antrim*  
The Well School, *Peterborough*  
Virtual Learning Academy Charter School  
Wells Memorial School, *Harrisville*  
Westmoreland School  
Wheelock Elementary School, *Keene*

*Thanks for exploring  
nature with us* 



▲ **Babies in Backpacks & Toddlers in Tow** Susie Spikol delights young explorers with a close-up look at a grasshopper during an outing at Peterborough's Fremont Field. © Ben Conant

## Community Programs

**Susie Spikol, Community Programs Director and Teacher-Naturalist**

**T**he Harris Center offers programs for people of all ages and from all walks of life — **over 200 opportunities a year**. From our **Babies in Backpacks & Toddlers in Tow** hikes for young families to Zoom talks and accessible field trips for residents of retirement communities, we provide a multitude of experiences to help people fall in love with nature at any stage of their life. This year, more than **5,000 individuals** participated in our community programs.

Our programming continues to grow, reaching more people, new communities, and more diverse populations each year. This year's newest programs included **afterschool book and newspaper** clubs that linked literacy, writing, and nature for elementary aged children; family hikes in Keene in partnership with the **Keene Public Library** and the **Keene Recreation Department**; Climate Cafés with New Hampshire's Climate



© Susie Spikol

and Health Initiative for Caregivers and Kids (CHICKS); and a winter adventure with **OnBelay** — a New England-based organization dedicated to supporting children whose lives are impacted by cancer.



▲ **Birding for All** © Ben Conant

Whether building forts with **homeschoolers**, counting migrating nighthawks with our **Young Birders Club**, learning about the natural history of New England trees in our **Environmental Studies Institute (ESI)** field course, matching wits in a nature trivia contest at **Post & Beam Brewing**, searching for **Abenaki archaeological evidence** with Dr. Bob Goodby, or **hiking local trails** with our volunteer outing leaders, the Harris Center consistently invites, includes, and inspires people to create community and build connections through shared outdoor experiences.

## Online

Our online programs help people from our region and beyond access nature's wonders without leaving the comfort of home. From our armchairs, we've spent time solving nature's mysteries with **Ask a Naturalist**, learning more about turtles with **New Hampshire Fish and Game**, exploring New England's blizzard history with **meteorologist Cyrena Arnold**, and more.

## Partnerships

Many of our programs were co-sponsored with exceptional partners who help amplify our impact. Whether working with other environmental organizations or universities, local businesses, or regional authors, we were inspired and supported — time and again — by our many community partners. ☀



### ◀ **Learning Together**

**Forester Steve Roberge** leads a discussion about local trees during **Perches & Pints**, a Harris Center event co-sponsored with **UNH Extension** and **Post & Beam Brewery**.

© Ben Conant

## Camp

**Nikko Gagnon, Camp Director and Teacher-Naturalist**

In 2025, the Harris Center welcomed **198 campers** from **139 families** for another season of summer adventures. From hiking Mount Skatutakee and canoeing on Lake Nubanusit to playing games and building shelters, campers experienced both outdoor fun and meaningful social-emotional growth.



© Michelle Aldredge

Our camp year began with an unexpected extra session in late June! We had such a demand for our oldest group of **Voyagers** (grades 7 and 8) that we held an early session to accommodate families on the waitlist. We also ran our much-loved mammal camp, **Hairy Beasts and the People Who Love Them**, where campers explored Harris Center forests, practiced tracking techniques, and learned which animals roam unseen.

Our younger campers enjoyed the usual sights and sounds of the fields, forests, and meadows on the Harris Center grounds. From our **Explorers** — who created their own imaginary town — to our **Rovers**, who ventured off to explore Willard Pond, adventure and imagination flourished during summer camp.

**Winter camp** expanded to a two-day survival skills program for middle schoolers, giving counselors and campers more time to explore. Day One day featured a Mount Skatutakee hike with lessons in winter preparedness, while Day Two included shelter building, wild tea making, and fire starting. ☀

© Ben Conant





© Nina Duggan

**▲ Salamander Crossing Brigades** Our community scientists moved a record number of amphibians to safety in the spring of 2025, while collecting valuable data about migratory amphibian road crossings throughout southwest New Hampshire. © Nina Duggan

## Conservation Research

**Brett Amy Thelen, Science Director**

**F**rom birds to butterflies, salamanders to saplings, the Harris Center's conservation research programs made an impact this year. Here are the highlights.

### Community Science

In the spring, nearly 400 Salamander Crossing Brigade volunteers provided safe passage for a record 11,650 migrating amphibians across 23 towns, bringing our project total to more than 97,000 rescues since 2007. We also once again partnered with the City of Keene to implement **Big Night detours** at two crossing sites — still the only places in New Hampshire where roads are closed to protect amphibians on the move.



In addition, more than 100 students and community science volunteers helped monitor the Harris Center's long-term **SPARCnet** study plots, contributing to a large-scale research effort aimed at understanding the effects of climate change on red-backed salamanders.

© Maya Carey

During the fourth annual **SuperSanctuary Butterfly Count** with the New Hampshire Butterfly Monitoring Network, 32 butterfly lovers recorded 28 species in a single day, providing valuable data on trends in Granite State butterfly populations. Community scientists of all ages also counted monarch eggs and caterpillars at a Harris Center-conserved milkweed patch for the national **Monarch Larva Monitoring Program**.

181 contributors to our **iNaturalist** project have now recorded more than 7,000 observations and 1,500 unique species on SuperSanctuary lands. Visit [inaturalist.org/projects/harris-center-biodiversity](https://inaturalist.org/projects/harris-center-biodiversity) for species lists, maps, and more — and to add your own sightings.

## Research on Our Lands

In the twelfth year of our **summer internship program** with Keene State College, four motivated undergraduate students gained hands-on research experience while collecting forest inventory data, surveying for emerald ash borer, and more. In addition, wildlife intern **Kate McKay** assisted with Wood Thrush monitoring and kestrel banding, and conducted **forest bird surveys** at two Harris Center properties for a new initiative investigating how young forests support breeding birds.

The **Motus** station on our Granite Lake Headwaters property in Stoddard continues to detect birds that have been affixed with lightweight radio transmitters, contributing to international migration research. For the second year in a row, the Harris Center also participated in an ambitious new study that is using the Motus network to track the movements of more than 600 Wood Thrushes across their range; 34 thrushes were tagged in New Hampshire in 2025, including several in Hancock.

In 2025, Harris Center staff surveyed goshawk breeding territories in and near the SuperSanctuary as part of the

**American Goshawk Bioregional Monitoring Project**, a new research effort focused on this species in decline — and, in the third season of our **Northern Saw-whet Owl Banding project**, our team banded 148 saw-whets on Harris Center lands.

© Ben Conant

## Research in the Region

Last fall marked the 20th consecutive season of migration monitoring at the **Pack Monadnock Raptor Observatory**, where our team tallied a total of 5,770 migrating raptors — and shared the magic of the migration with more than 6,000 visitors.

Staff and volunteers with our **Common Nighthawk migration**

**monitoring** project also counted 4,481 individual nighthawks from the shores of Powder Mill Pond, adding to a growing body of knowledge about this enigmatic species.

Our **Broad-winged Hawk tracking** collaboration with Hawk Mountain Sanctuary soared on, with Harris Center staff and volunteers monitoring seven local Broad-winged Hawk nests. We also helped Hawk Mountain biologists affix cellular transmitters to two hawks; a third hawk is still transmitting data from a tag affixed in 2022, providing invaluable insight into her annual migration between southwestern New Hampshire and South America.



© Lindsay Herlihy



© Phil Brown

With the installation of four new nest boxes in 2025, our **American Kestrel project** has now grown to 49 boxes in 20 Monadnock Region towns; this year, five of those boxes produced a total of 21 young, the second-highest tally in the history of this still-fledgling project. Thanks to a new partnership with the Vermont Institute of Natural Science, ten local kestrels were also tested for lead and rodenticides, and all 21 fledglings were banded.

## Thank You

Heartfelt thanks to all of our project partners and community scientists. Here's to more science in the SuperSanctuary and beyond in 2026! ↗



▲ **Monadnock Paper Mills Land** An aerial view of the Monadnock Paper property, part of a major land conservation effort expanding the Harris Center's SuperSanctuary eastward toward Powder Mill Pond. © James Newsom

## Land Conservation

**Eric Masterson, Land Program Manager**

Since the late summer of 2023, the Harris Center has been working diligently with The Conservation Fund to protect more than 1,100 acres of Monadnock Paper land in Hancock, Antrim, and Bennington. We are particularly excited by this project as it significantly expands the SuperSanctuary eastward toward Powder Mill Pond, where our footprint has hitherto been fairly light. With only a few small gaps, a bobcat will now be able to travel from Powder Mill Pond to the highlands of Andorra Forest in Stoddard without leaving the SuperSanctuary — that's 11 bobcat miles. The project is still in process but Monadnock Paper has already sold more than 750 acres to the Conservation Fund, which is expected to transfer ownership to NH Fish and Game in March 2026.

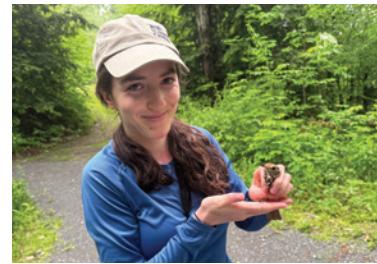
The Harris Center and friends were heavily involved in this project throughout. For example, Friends of the SuperSanctuary donated a separate 105-acre parcel to Fish and Game to be used as a match for federal funding from the Pittman-Robertson wildlife restoration program to purchase the acreage. When the dust settles on this project, the Harris Center will end up with a legal interest in roughly 100 acres of the entire project, which is why last year we changed the way we count conserved acres to include Harris Center-

facilitated projects. These 750 acres, plus the additional 105 donated acres, will fall into this column. We don't need to own the land. We're just glad it's protected.

In the coming year we are working towards completing additional conservation projects in Hancock, Antrim, and Stoddard. Stay tuned!

### Stewardship

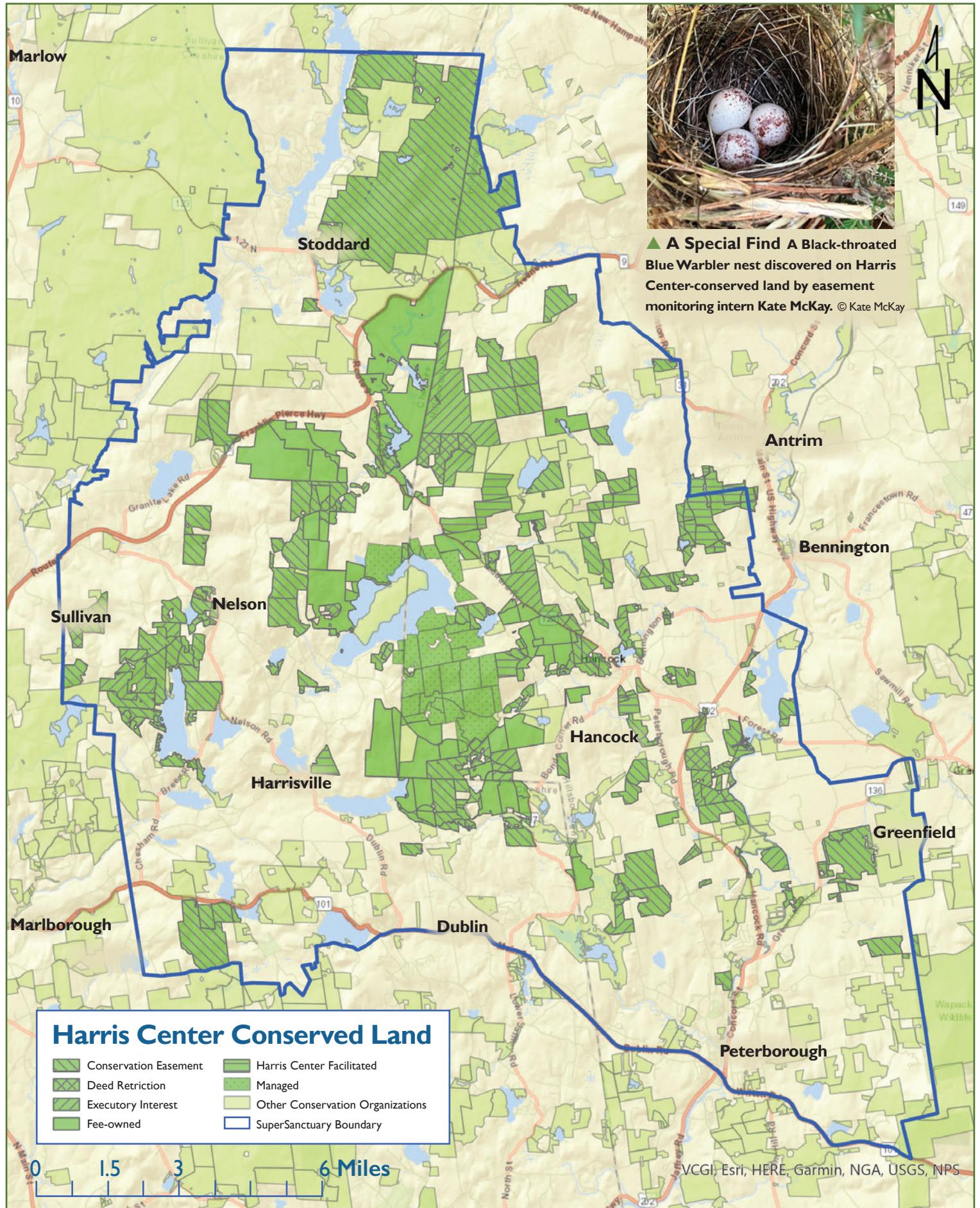
Protecting land through easement and outright acquisition is just the start of a perpetual commitment to the land. Many thanks to **Kate McKay** and **Siobhan Day**, our conservation easement interns for the 2024 field season, and a crew of



Kate McKay © Michael Akresh; Siobhan Day, courtesy photo

energetic volunteers, who, along with Harris Center staff, managed to monitor every easement. Easement violations are the exception, not the norm, and none were reported in FY2025.

Harris Center land conservation is only possible with your support, including donations of time, talent, and treasure. Thank you for your generosity. ☺



**▲ The SuperSanctuary** The Harris Center has now protected 27,222 acres in our eight-town land conservation focus area.



▲ **Eleanor Briggs Open Lodge** Newly built pathways will enable people using wheelchairs, walkers, and strollers to navigate the Harris Center grounds. © James Newsom

## Nature for All

**Brett Amy Thelen, on behalf of the Harris Center's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee**

**T**he Harris Center is committed to ensuring that our trails, lands, educational programs, and conservation research projects are welcoming to all. Here are some of the ways we worked toward that goal in the past year.

### Accessibility

Work is nearly complete on the **Eleanor Briggs Open Lodge**, a new outdoor gathering space at the Harris Center — complete with accessible parking, new accessible outdoor restrooms, and accompanying hardscaping upgrades to significantly improve the accessibility of our grounds.

This year, we also made improvements to the **online salamander forecast** associated with our popular Salamander Crossing Brigade program to ensure that it's legible for people who are color-blind.



### Teaching & Learning

We strive to highlight the knowledge, experiences, and voices of naturalists, scientists, and outdoorspeople from diverse backgrounds in our rich **calendar of events**. In the past year, we featured a Zoom talk with hawk biologist Diego Gallego García and a history hike to Jack's Pond with the **Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire**, among others.

In addition, our **educational programs** at local assisted-living communities and **afterschool clubs** with the Jaffrey Public Library and Keene Recreation Department offered opportunities for people of all ages, abilities, and economic backgrounds to explore nearby nature.

We also hired two highly qualified educators to provide **behavioral support for summer campers** in need of a little extra help.

**Thanks to generous donors**, the Harris Center has a **GRIT all-terrain wheelchair** (pictured) and an all-terrain rollator for use on our grounds and nearby trails, free of charge. For more information or to reserve either piece of equipment, contact Miles Stahmann at (603) 525-3394 or [stahmann@harriscenter.org](mailto:stahmann@harriscenter.org).



▲ **GRIT Chair** A 6th grader uses the Harris Center's all-terrain wheelchair on a field trip to Cynthia's Pond. © Karen Rent



▲ **SheJumps** Girls search for tadpoles at the Harris Center during a field trip co-sponsored with **Elevate Youth** and **SheJumps**. © Ben Conant

## Cultivating Belonging

This year, we hosted new outdoor adventures in partnership with three extraordinary organizations: **On Belay**, which offers specialized adventure programs for kids who have been affected by a loved one's cancer diagnosis; **SheJumps**, which creates outdoor experiences that foster growth for women and girls; and **Elevate Youth**, which gives kids from urban settings a chance to try new activities, learn new skills, and develop an appreciation for the outdoors.



▲ **Creating Community for Veterans** Veterans enjoy a spring wildlife walk at MacDowell Lake, an event co-sponsored with the **Vet Center of Keene**. © Ben Conant

In addition, our **LGBTQ+ community hikes**, **Birding for All** outings, and **programs for veterans** continue to offer welcoming spaces for connecting with the natural world — and with one another. ↪

# The Year in Giving

**Amy Fackelmann, Development Manager**

*The Harris Center is deeply grateful for our loyal and generous community of donors — many of whom have supported us for decades. Thank you. We truly couldn't do this work without you!*

Our staff is always innovating, developing new programs, and finding creative ways to connect people with the natural world. Throughout the Monadnock Region, we offer more than 200 community programs each year for people of all ages (most of them free of charge).

In addition to our public programs, we lead many community science projects and bring environmental education directly into local schools. Our teacher-naturalists work with students from pre-K through 12th grade, reaching more than 3,000 young people annually with hands-on, science-based lessons taught outdoors, in close connection with nearby nature.

To our more than 900 donors: thank you. Your support makes this work possible!

## Annual Giving

Each year, we send an annual appeal to our donors — and the gifts to our Annual Fund are vital to our operations. These donations provide flexible funding that can be used where it's most needed.

Annual Fund gifts help cover everyday expenses, including staff salaries and benefits. While staffing is our largest budget item, our wonderful team of naturalists is also our greatest asset! Their passion, expertise, and deep commitment to our mission drive everything we do.

From our youngest participant — just seven days old in a Babies in Backpacks & Toddlers in Tow program — to lifelong learners, we offer engaging, high-quality programs for all ages. Our teacher-naturalists create meaningful experiences that often leave participants with a sense of wonder and a deeper appreciation for the natural world.

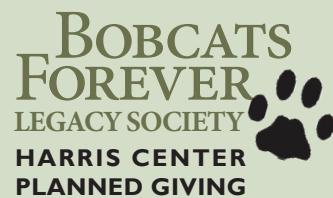
Thousands of people also explore our extensive network of trails on conserved land, taking in the views from atop a local mountain, along a meadow brook or wetland, or beneath a canopy of forest trees. And our conservation research initiatives collect vital data to inform careful stewardship of that land and the wildlife who rely on it.

Whether they're teaching students in local schools, leading community programs, adding conserved land to our SuperSanctuary, conducting research on a species in decline, or working behind the scenes to support conservation and education, our staff is the heart of the Harris Center. Your support ensures they have the resources they need to continue this vital work.

Thanks to you, our community of supporters, we continue to inspire awe, curiosity, and connection in the very places where we live, work, and play — right outside our doors.

## Bobcats Forever Legacy Society Estate Gifts

We extend our sincere thanks to all members of our **Bobcats Forever Legacy Society**, who have included the Harris Center in their estate plans. By naming the Harris Center as a beneficiary of your will, trust, or other assets, you help ensure that land protection, environmental education, and conservation research are part of your lasting legacy. This year, we received a very generous bequest from the estate of Regina Bringolf, a long-time Hancock resident, for which we are deeply grateful. To discuss an estate or other planned gift to the Harris Center, please contact Jeremy Wilson at [wilson@harriscenter.org](mailto:wilson@harriscenter.org).



*The Harris Center has been given a four-star rating by Charity Navigator, America's premier independent charity evaluator.*



▲ **Laurie Bryan Partnership Award** In 2024 Susie Spikol (left) honored Erika Rosenfeld from Post & Beam Brewing in Peterborough (right) for her “generosity of heart, community consciousness, and dedication to the Harris Center’s values and mission.” © Ben Conant

## Harris Center Business & Foundation Partners

Business partner donations and foundation grants are essential to fulfilling our mission.

### Business Partners

We are grateful to all of our Business Partners, with special appreciation for those listed below.

- Harrisville Designs
- Microspec Corporation
- Monadnock Paper Mills
- Petrone Real Estate, LLC
- Timken Company

### Foundation Partners

We wish to thank all the foundations and funders who provided grants to further our goal of connecting people to the natural world.

- Anonymous Foundations
- The Bailey Charitable Foundation
- Beech Hill-Dublin Lake Watershed Association
- Davis Conservation Foundation
- Grimshaw-Gudewicz Charitable Foundation
- New Hampshire Charitable Foundation
- New Hampshire Women’s Foundation
- Osaic Foundation
- REI Cooperative Action Fund

## Thank You to All Our Volunteers

Harris Center volunteers help us in countless ways throughout the year, including maintaining trails, leading outings, assisting with amphibian crossing efforts, counting migrating raptors, helping around the office, and caring for our pollinator gardens and grounds. These dedicated individuals provide incredible support and expertise. We’re deeply grateful for their hard work and commitment to the Harris Center. ☺



► **Volunteer Extraordinaire** Teacher-naturalist Jenna Spear (left) presented Susan Masters (right) with our 2024 Volunteer Extraordinaire Award for her dedicated, behind-the-scenes work in support of the Harris Center’s school programs.

© Ben Conant



▲ **Kestrel Box Builders** Volunteers from M&T Bank came together to build nest boxes for our kestrel conservation initiative.

© Phil Brown

► **Grounds Cleanup Day** Each year, dozens of volunteers — including Peggy Howard (pictured) — help maintain the Harris Center’s gardens and grounds.

© Ben Conant



# Partners and Co-Sponsors

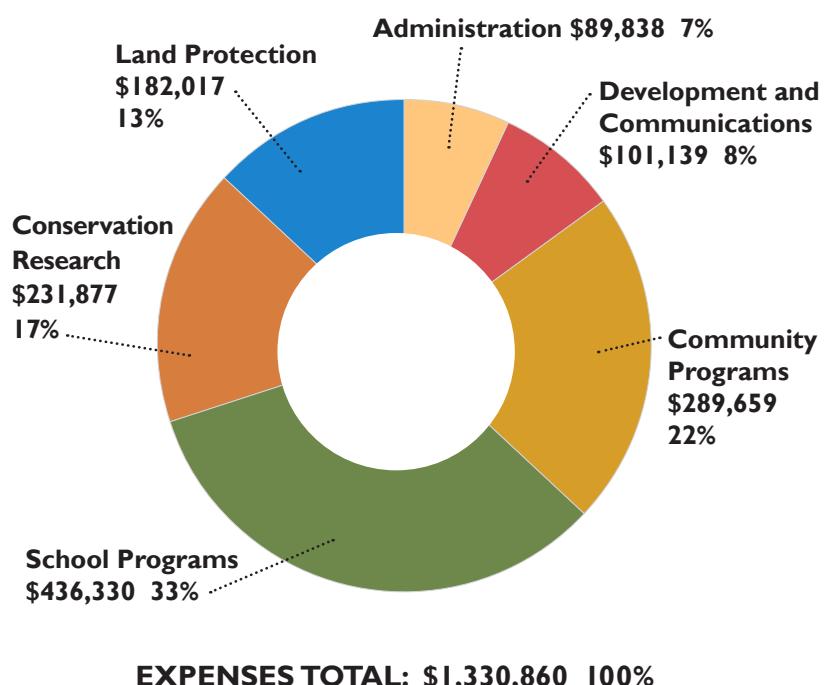
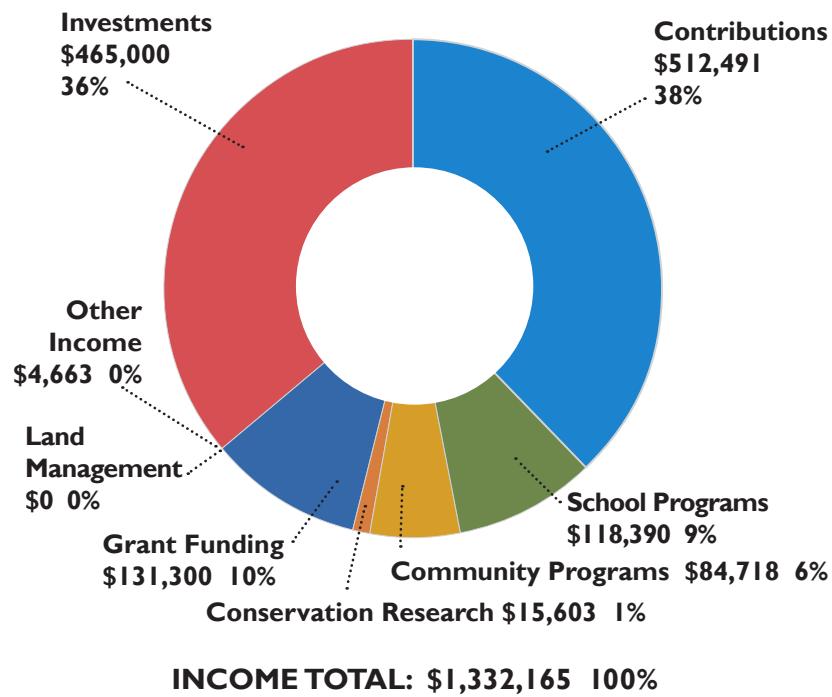
We work with many others every year to connect people to the natural world. Our 2024-2025 community partners and event co-sponsors included:

American House	Keene Public Library	Northern Woodlands
Antioch University New England	Keene Sentinel	Norway Pond Commission
Antrim Conservation Commission	Keene State College	Nubanusit Lake Association
Appalachian Mountain Club	Keene Vet Center	On Belay
Apple Hill Center for Chamber Music	KSC Film Society	Pennsylvania Game Commission
Ashuelot River Local Advisory Committee	Lead with Nature	Peterborough Community Theater
Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire	Loon Preservation Committee	Peterborough Players
Beech Hill-Dublin Lake Watershed Association	Mass Wildlife	Peterborough Recreation Department
Bennington Conservation Commission	Meadowsend Consulting Company	Peterborough Town Library
Cathedral of the Pines	Miller State Park	Post & Beam Brewing
Celebrate Stoddard 250	Monadnock Bird and Nature Club	Project OwlNet
Cheshire County Conservation District	Monadnock Center for History and Culture	Quabbin-to-Cardigan Partnership
City of Keene	Monadnock Conservancy	REI
Climate and Health Initiative for Caregivers and Kids	Monadnock Ledger-Transcript	RiverMead
Connecticut River Conservancy	Monarch Larva Monitoring Project	SheJumps
Covenant Living	Monarch Watch	Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests
Crotched Mountain	MONIFF	Southwest Region Planning Commission
Distant Hill Gardens & Nature Trail	Moosewood Ecological LLC	SPARCnet
Dublin Community Center	Nature Groupie	Stoddard Historical Society
Dublin Public Library	Nelson Trails Committee	Stone Fence Farm
Electric Earth Concerts	NH Association of Conservation Commissions	Stoneridge Art Studio
Elevate Youth	NH Audubon	The American Chestnut Foundation
Fitzwilliam Town Library	NH Butterfly Monitoring Network	The Conservation Fund
Forest Stewards Guild	NH Conservation Corps	The Dublin School
Franklin Pierce University	NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources	The Grapevine Family and Community Resource Center
Friends of Pisgah	NH Fish and Game	The Nature Conservancy
Friends of Sargent	NH Land Trust Coalition	The River Center
Friends of the Wapack	NH Parks	Toadstool Bookshop
Hancock Board of Water Commissioners	NHPR	Troubadour Coffee
Harrisville Conservation Commission	NH Transportation and Wildlife Working Group	UNH Cooperative Extension
Hancock Town Library	NH Turtle Rescue	UNH Department of Natural Resources and the Environment
Harrisville Trails	NH Water Works Association Young Professionals	US Army Corps of Engineers
Hawk Migration Association	North American Butterfly Association	Vermont Institute for Natural Sciences
Hawk Mountain Sanctuary	Northeast Motus Collaboration	Virtual Learning Academy Charter School
Historical Society of Cheshire County		Winchester Conservation Commission
Horatio Colony Nature Preserve		Wings of the Dawn Wildlife Rehabilitation Center
Jaffrey Public Library		
Keene Parks and Recreation		

# Harris Center Financial Report

Operating Budget — July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

The Harris Center for Conservation Education's audited financial statements are available for public view at the Harris Center office in Hancock, New Hampshire. The Harris Center for Conservation Education is a tax-exempt, nonprofit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.



During the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the Harris Center received an additional \$827,000 in donations to the Open Lodge, land conservation projects, and bequests. We're so grateful for this tremendous support.



## ▲ Bird's-eye View of Spoonwood and Nubanusit

© Ben Conant

July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

### Harris Center Staff

Jeremy Wilson, *Executive Director*  
Margaret Baker, *Print Communications*  
Michelle Aldredge, *Communications Manager*  
John Benjamin, *Teacher-Naturalist*  
Phil Brown, *Bird Conservation Director and Land Specialist*  
Meade Cadot, *Naturalist Emeritus*  
Jazimina Creamer-MacNeil, *Teacher-Naturalist*  
Amy Fackelmann, *Development Manager*  
Nikko Gagnon, *Teacher-Naturalist*  
Jaime Hutchinson, *Teacher-Naturalist*  
Eric Masterson, *Land Program Manager*  
Nate Marchessault, *Staff Ecologist*  
James Newsom, *Land Protection Specialist*  
Karen Rent, *Assistant School Program Manager and Teacher-Naturalist*  
Kara Reynolds, *Teacher-Naturalist*  
Jenna Spear, *School Program Manager and Teacher-Naturalist*  
Susie Spikol, *Community Programs Director and Teacher-Naturalist*  
Miles Stahmann, *Operations Manager*  
Eric Swope, *Building and Grounds*  
Brett Amy Thelen, *Science Director*

### Board of Trustees

Sandy Bibace, *Peterborough*  
Tom Burgess, *Peterborough*  
Beth Corwin, *Peterborough*  
Michael George, *Chair, Jaffrey*  
Ethan Harper-Lentricchia, *Treasurer, Greenfield*  
Daniel Henderson, *Secretary, Hancock*  
Brian Hutchings, *Hancock*  
Katri Jackson, *Hancock*  
Tara Kessler, *Dublin*  
Steven Lamonde, *Vice Chair, Hancock*  
Terry Martland, *Hancock*  
John Odgers, *Peterborough*  
Jim Rothnie, *Jaffrey*  
Jenn Sutton, *Hancock*  
Denise Zimmer, *Peterborough*

### Honorary Trustees

Hunt Dowse, *Hancock*  
Roger Sweet, *Sullivan*  
Francie Von Mertens, *Peterborough*



Harris Center for Conservation Education

83 King's Highway

Hancock, NH 03449

(603) 525-3394 • [harriscenter.org](http://harriscenter.org)

 [@harriscenterforconservationed](https://www.instagram.com/harriscenterforconservationed)

 [facebook.com/harriscenterconservation](https://www.facebook.com/harriscenterconservation)

 [youtube.com/user/harriscenter](https://www.youtube.com/user/harriscenter)

## Annual Report *July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025*



**HARRIS CENTER**  
FOR CONSERVATION EDUCATION