

ANNUAL REPORT

2020



*Protecting the land you
love since 1991*





Dear friends,

Last year was one we'll never forget, and the challenges of 2020 made us more determined than ever to protect the irreplaceable lands that make Harford County so special.

As you'll see in this report, your continued support led Harford Land Trust to our most successful year of land preservation in our 30 year history. These successful projects were the result of many years of hard work behind the scenes, and we couldn't have done it without your support.

Organizationally, we are well-positioned for the future. We continue to develop our stature as a trusted resource for landowners, partners, and citizens. Our team is ready to use our growing base of support and resources in new and exciting ways.

We are extremely grateful for your support, and we hope that through our land preservation successes that we have earned your continued backing. As always, we welcome your feedback and encourage you to share our message with others in our community.

With thanks,

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Grateful. Committed. Resilient.

2020 was a year like no other, but despite its many challenges, the land and the work of Harford Land Trust remained a constant. Land preservation has never been more important to our community, as more and more residents seek open spaces and connections with local farmers.

Member support made 2020 a banner year for the Harford Land Trust and laid the groundwork for an even more ambitious 2021.

Landmark preservation successes: 440 acres of farms and forests preserved forever, including the acquisition of the 347-acre Belle Vue Farm, completing the longtime goal of protecting Harford County's iconic Oakington Peninsula.

An expanding team: HLT welcomed Deb Bowers and Scott Kearby to the Board of Directors and Sara Hummer to our professional staff (and Jackie Koehn joined in early 2021 too!).

Committed volunteers: HLT's volunteers cared for our five Conservation Preserves, monitored over 1,890 acres, and helped launch two new events—*Harford 20/20 Challenge* and *Harford Harvest*.



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LAND PRESERVATION

440

**Acres preserved
forever in 2020.**

1,891

Acres monitored.

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Belle Vue Farm: 347 Acres

A historic bayside property on Oakington Peninsula in Havre de Grace, this ecologically rich landscape is the future site of a county park. Belle Vue was purchased and preserved through a partnership with HLT, Harford County Government, and Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Lesser Property: 17 Acres

The Coopstown property adds to more than 300 acres of nearby preserved land in Forest Hill and is part of a 50-acre forest lined with numerous small streams.

Thompson Property: 54.5 Acres

The property is made up of two contiguous properties, owned by the same landowner, and includes rolling pasture, forest, and a Susquehanna River tributary.

Guercio Property: 22 Acres

The Forest Hill property includes 18 acres of forest, 4 acres of meadow, and nearly 900 feet of Winters Run buffered by steep wooded slopes.



Photo by Matt Hafner

OUTREACH & FUNDRAISING

Membership and Donors

Membership, the backbone of HLT, remained strong in 2020 with 340 members. HLT also welcomed 76 new donors in 2020, many of whom were first engaged through events.

Events

The *Harford 20/20 Challenge* and *Harford Harvest* virtual events replaced the annual *Kayak Poker Run* and *Harvest Moon Dinner and Auction* due to COVID-19.

The pivot to virtual events allowed for increased participation, broader outreach to new audiences, and opportunities for community partnerships.

Communication

HLT developed a modern, easy to use website in 2020. Launched in January 2021, the website includes landowner profiles, **details about HLT's community impact**, and information on how to engage with HLT and the land in Harford County.

HLT shared good news with the public via our newsletters, direct mailings, monthly E-news, and social media including a new HLT Instagram account.

Our successes and letters to the editor were featured by numerous media outlets throughout the year.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

HLT remained vigilant over our finances as 2020 unfolded. Loyal donors, granting partners, and sponsors demonstrated their unwavering commitment to land preservation despite 2020's many unknowns. HLT's operating reserves allowed the organization to continue our work without disruption. Significant grant support from Aberdeen Proving Ground and late year investment earnings capped off a positive year.

Sources of Funds

Grants	\$843, 838
Gifts & Memberships	\$34,215
Events	\$46,893
Other	\$2,248
Investment Earnings	\$121,708
TOTAL	\$1,048,903

Programs & Operating Expenses

Programs	\$292,700
Land & Easement Purchases	\$770,000
Management & General	\$9,405
Fundraising	\$7,022
TOTAL	\$1,079,127





To all our valued 2020 supporters - **THANK YOU!**

Your generosity and commitment to land preservation in 2020 made a huge and lasting impact on Harford County. Thanks to your support, HLT was able to preserve hundreds of acres of highly valuable land, protecting our waterways, vital animal habitat, and unmatched scenic beauty.

Please feel free to reach out to HLT at any time for information about our work, programs, and land preservation resources.

We would also like to recognize all the *Harford Harvest* Sponsors (*) whose generous support allowed us to raise over \$28,000 for land preservation and emergency food need in Harford County in October 2020.

We strive to ensure that our records are accurate and to properly acknowledge all donors. Please contact us if you see that we have made an error or omission or you wish to be recognized by a different name.

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VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, February 27th

9-10am

Online viewing details to come via email.



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