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2025 ANNUAL
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Dear friends and supporters,

Let me begin by thanking the donors, sponsors, volunteers, partners, and community members who have supported Harford Land Trust (HLT) through 2025. It is because of your commitment to land preservation that HLT can continue protecting Harford County's irreplaceable farms, forests and water ways.

In 2025, we continued our progress and can proudly say that 32.8% of the county is now protected under easements or as parks. Our team and partners have worked diligently for decades to make this happen, but none of it would be possible without you.

This past year also came with new obstacles to land preservation. The 2025 general assembly diverted \$100 million from Program Open Space (POS) to help address a \$3.3 billion deficit. This vital state program funds land conservation, recreation spaces, and heritage areas across Maryland. POS funds helped preserve over 1/3 of the Harford County's protected private land and have been crucial to expanding and acquiring land at many of our state and local parks.

This period of state and federal funding uncertainty underscores the importance of you, our donors and supporters. You provide HLT with the stability to persevere through uncertain times, and that has been the case from the very beginning.

In 1991, a group of concerned residents joined together with a vision and a mission to ensure that important natural systems and our most productive landscapes remain intact. Together, they founded HLT. March 2026 marks 35 years of pursuing that dream. While this milestone warrants celebration, it's also a time to recognize that we must keep pressing forward, because every year land preservation becomes more costly, more resource-intensive, and more difficult.

But no matter what the challenge, we will get it done just as we started — together.

With gratitude,



Kristin Kirkwood
Executive Director

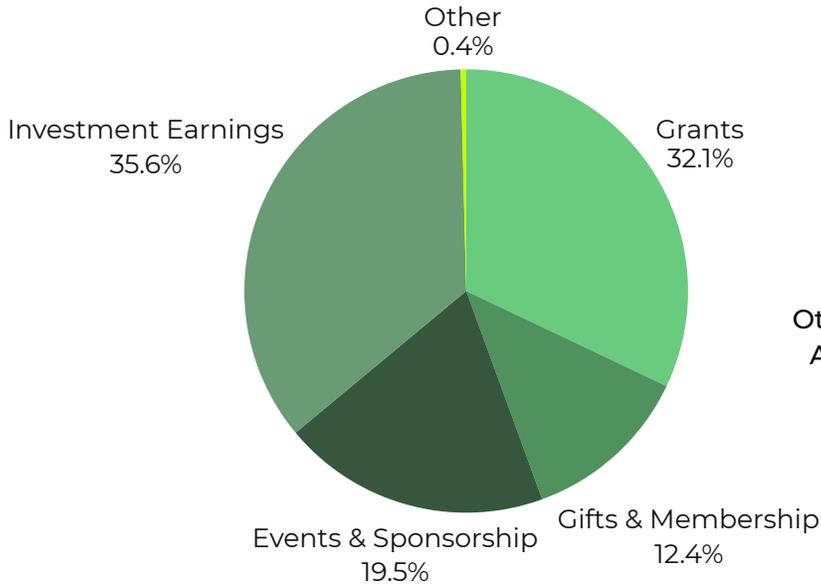


Financials

As a nonprofit organization, we believe that our financials should be completely transparent and open to the public. When you make a gift to HLT, you're making an investment in Harford County.

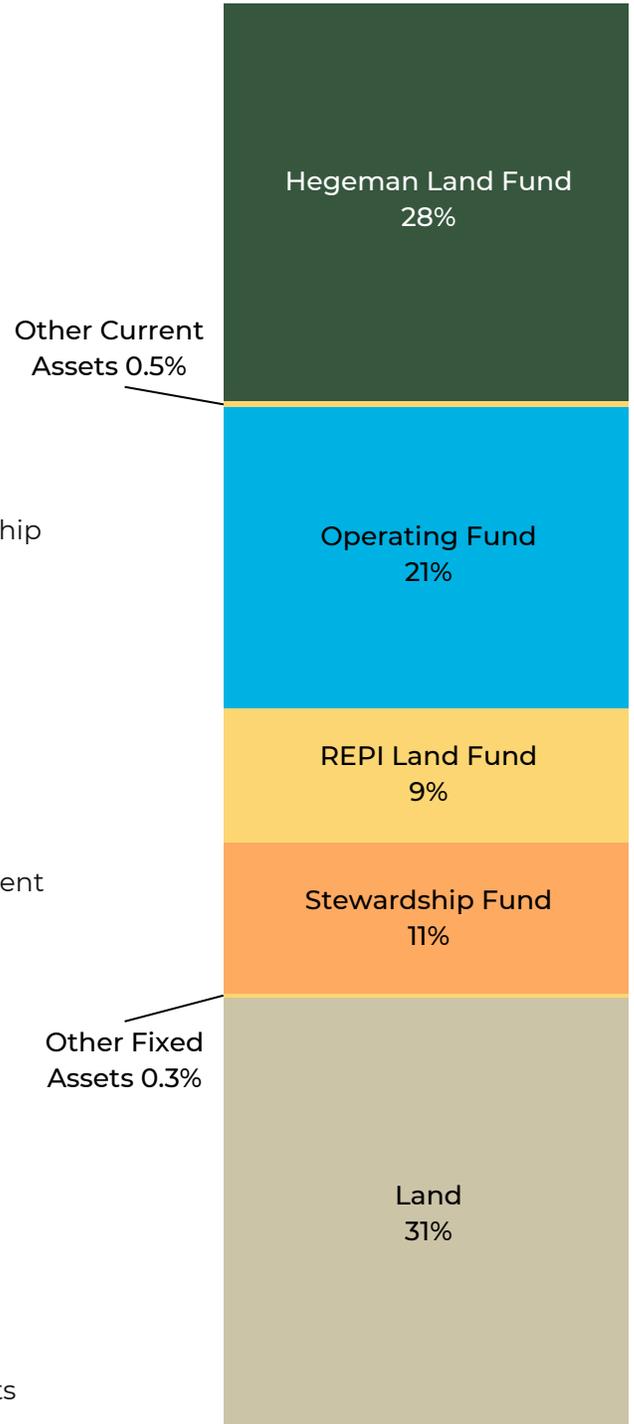
REVENUE BY SOURCE

Total Revenue FY25 \$677,526



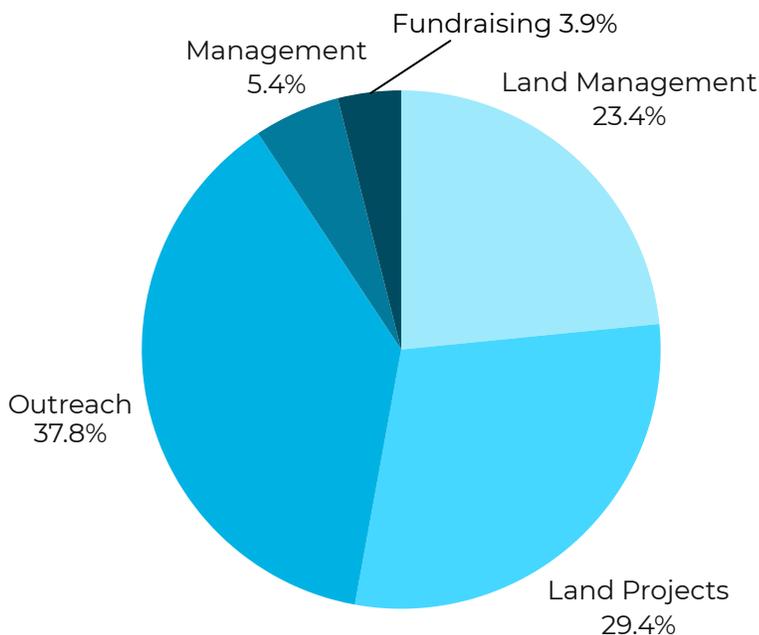
TOTAL ASSETS

Total: \$3,275,188



EXPENSES BY SOURCE

Total Expenses FY25 \$502,103



HLT's fiscal year runs from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. All figures above are unaudited. Audited financials and Form 990's for prior years can be found at HarfordLandTrust.org.

Land

32.8%

of Harford County is preserved land and parks

Harford County surpassed the state goal of conserving 30% of Maryland's land by 2030, well ahead of the deadline.

The state's next goal is to conserve 40% of it's land by 2040.

While protecting 7.2% in 14 years doesn't sound like much, it will be the hardest lift yet due to land fragmentation, increasing land prices, and growing pressure to develop open space.

500 acres

in the HLT project pipeline

HLT is actively engaging with landowners about preservation options for their properties.

380 acres

assisted in preserving in 2025

We work with landowners to explore all preservation options. This includes opportunities from state and county programs and other land trusts. This number encompasses the landowners who were approved for programs other than those administered by HLT with HLT's assistance.

66,421 acres

private land preserved in Harford County

The 2016 HarfordNEXT Master Plan set a goal of preserving 75,000 acres by 2040.



Grow Wild

HLT and our Grow Wild partners focus on educating and engaging urban and suburban residential communities about the benefits of converting at least a portion of their yards to native and pollinator-friendly plants where pollinators and other wildlife can thrive.



12
new certified tree stewards

26
trees planted at the Forest Hill Nature Preschool



14
trained Riparian Rangers



18
participants at the Rain Barrel Workshop



At Spring Fling, we gave away...
500 tree whips
1,000 native plant plugs
10 pounds of wildflower seeds
500 tote bags
... and had **20** vendors!



48



new certified, pollinator-friendly residential gardens, **bringing the total to 114**

4



new gardens on the Pollinator Gardens Trail, **bringing the total to 20 gardens at 19 sites**

Our core partners

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Your generous support for land preservation in 2025 has benefitted families across Harford County - now and for generations to come. Your support allows HLT to focus on protecting the productive farmland, habitat-supporting forests, quality waterways and scenic open spaces that residents and visitors cherish.

With fewer contiguous tracts of land and a challenging real estate market, land preservation continues to become more expensive every year. Your contributions are an investment in Harford County's natural resources, and are put to work to protect these irreplaceable treasures.

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

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SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026
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8AM - 12PM

KAYAK POKER RUN

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2026
FLYING POINT PARK
9AM - 1PM

Party to Preserve

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026

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successful year!*



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