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AMMONOOSUC
CONSERVATION
TRUST

Annual Report 2022

FISCAL YEAR 07/2021 - 06/2022

From Our Board President

Dear ACT Friends and Supporters,

Connecting over our mutual love of the outdoors and the critical issues facing the North Country is crucial to supporting our strong, healthy communities. ACT is small but mighty, and our volunteers, often operating behind the scenes, are a huge reason we can do so much. We could not exist without the countless hours donated by these community members, who believe deeply in our mission and want to help. This is a shout out to all they do with and for ACT.

The volunteers on ACT's Community Outreach Committee work with staff to organize and run all of ACT's many events and incredible opportunities for engagement throughout the year. Events showcase ACT properties, educate our members and communities on the environmental issues of our day and give folks a chance to get together and connect with each other and the outdoors. These volunteers also work with staff to create social media content and help create our monthly E-News.

Our Finance Committee is responsible for ensuring that ACT is financially secure and that funds from you, our landowners, donors, sponsors, and funders will forever provide for the management and stewardship of over 5,200 acres of ACT-conserved lands. Alongside the staff, they oversee the preparation of the Annual Report and the annual operating budget.

ACT's Development Committee is responsible for growing our donor base and financial resources to fulfill ACT's mission and annual objectives. The committee deepens ACT's relationships with and organizes events for ACT's Headwaters Society; they advocate for our mission in the community and help foster a culture of appreciation with our supporters. The committee assists staff during the spring and fall fundraising seasons, which are vital to both "keeping the lights on" and allowing ACT to be a fair and equitable workplace for our incredible staff.

Last but certainly not least are our Lands Committee, trail stewards, and maintainers. Together with staff, committee members evaluate all potential conservation projects. These volunteers also do the annual monitoring of ACT's properties to ensure that the requirements of the conservation easements are upheld. ACT's trail stewards and maintainers, our "folks on the ground," take care of all the trails on our publicly accessible properties. They're out all year, removing blowdowns, debris, and trash. They also work with staff to help create new trails and restore or reroute trails damaged by erosion and other impacts.

Whether you enjoy getting outside on one of ACT's properties or are attending an event, please take a moment to thank our volunteers for their dedication to making ACT such a great organization.

Best Wishes



Marilyn Booth
Board President



Our Mission

The Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust (ACT) works with landowners and community partners to permanently protect land in New Hampshire's North Country for public benefit.

ACT preserves farms, wild and working forests, waterways, and places of natural and cultural importance. We help build healthy communities by creating opportunities for meaningful connections to the natural world and to each other.



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Our Values

We respect the natural beauty, history, and traditional uses of our lands as regionally and nationally significant resources to be protected for future generations. We do not regard land protection as an end in itself; rather, conservation is a tool for building and ensuring community and individual well being, economic vitality, and a healthy environment.

First, we listen. We facilitate approaches to land conservation with integrity, honesty, practicality, and humor!

We value integrity and excellence in our work and collaborate with others to achieve our mission.

We believe local actions with regard to the land and its use have an impact beyond our region and time. We work to ensure public awareness of best practices of environmental stewardship and protection of our inheritance for future generations.

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FEELING INSPIRED TO VOLUNTEER?

GET IN TOUCH WITH THE OFFICE &

JOIN IN THE FUN!

A Note from ACT's Executive Directors

Dear Friends,

As folks attempted to resume “normal” life this year, they seemed to hold onto the lessons learned during isolation. Time outside, be it picnicing, exercising, socializing, mindfulness, or just plain appreciation for our natural surroundings, remain a staple.

And in this time, ACT has been steadfast in our mission. We continue to do the work of protecting forests, farmland, waterways, habitats, and open spaces in Northern Grafton and Coös counties.

This fiscal year we began work on a project to conserve a 19-acre wildlife sanctuary, next to an ACT owned parcel which has some critical trail junctions for the vast network in Franconia. We continue to make progress on two more farm conservation projects and in managing our existing properties. This year, the Bronson Hill Conservation Area got a new kiosk, map and updated information at our trailhead.

ACT responded to the need for deeper connections in our communities by adding staff to build and grow our programming, maintain our trails, and train volunteers to steward those trails. Jake Acito and Rosemary Trahan, the two young professionals hired, crafted these positions into dynamic opportunities for folks in our community to connect with the land and each other in meaningful ways.

Our donors continued to show their support financially, as our volunteers gave of their time and expertise on committees, at events, and behind the scenes. Our awesome corps of trail volunteers, managed by our Trails Program Manager, completed an incredible number of maintenance projects. They included bridge building, brush clearing, installing water bars and stepping stones and co-hosting a chainsaw safety workshop to keep our staff and volunteers safe! ACT also co-hosted multiple events with our partners including the Littleton Boy Scouts, Gale River Cooperative Preschool, Colonial Theatre, Boys & Girls Club of the North Country, WMSI, and Meadowstone Farm.

Our successful and uncompromised impact would not be possible without the support of our members, partners, sponsors, and volunteers.

As the outgoing Executive Director I am honored to have been part of this work and to be passing the torch to Kim Cartwright, our new full-time Executive Director.



Rosalind Page
Outgoing Executive Director

And as the incoming Executive Director, it is fulfilling to be chosen to lead this forward thinking organization that focuses on integral North Country conservation and partners extensively within its communities.



Kim Cartwright
Incoming Executive Director



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Welcome New Board Member, Caleb Winder

Caleb Winder co-leads the investment activities of the MemorialCare Innovation Fund (MCIF). He holds an MBA from Babson College Olin School of Business and his BA from Colby College. He has private and public company board experience and currently serves on ACT's Board and Finance Committee as the Assistant Treasurer. Caleb also serves on the Boards of BabyScripts, Censinet, ClearDATA, and InfoBionic.

Caleb grew up spending large chunks of time in the Lakes Region and the White Mountains. He currently divides his time between Franconia and Boston with his wife, two teens, and bird dog, Jack. He enjoys upland game hunting, fly fishing, alpine & nordic skiing, hiking, and just about any excuse to be outside in the wilder parts of northern New England.



Business Partner Spotlight

William Oliver
Attorney at Law



Bill has been in private practice for 42 years. Originally from Sudbury, MA, he was drawn to the region to ski and hike. He spent his college and law school summers working in the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) hut system and volunteering in the Mt Washington Volunteer Ski Patrol. After school, he returned to the North Country to raise a family.

His work with the AMC and his many trips to the White Mountain National Forest instilled a love of wild places and an appreciation for the importance of wise use of them. That stewardship for the good of the planet and our future is vital. With that, when in the early 2000s, Bill shared an office building with ACT and was asked to assist with its corporate and real estate title work and closings, it was a natural fit. When he is not advising ACT and other clients and when the weather permits, Bill hikes and skis with his kids, friends, and dog Fergus. When the weather doesn't cooperate with outdoor fun, he can be found at his woodworking bench.

Fun facts about Bill? He enjoys hosting Robert Burns Suppers and making haggis. He bakes a winning apple pie (he won the ACT-sponsored Keep Growing pie contest a few years ago). Bill also plays the harmonica and has spent much time chasing a good breeze on his windsurfer across three continents.

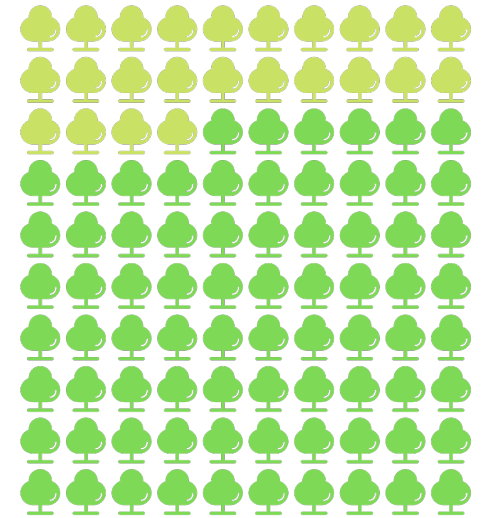


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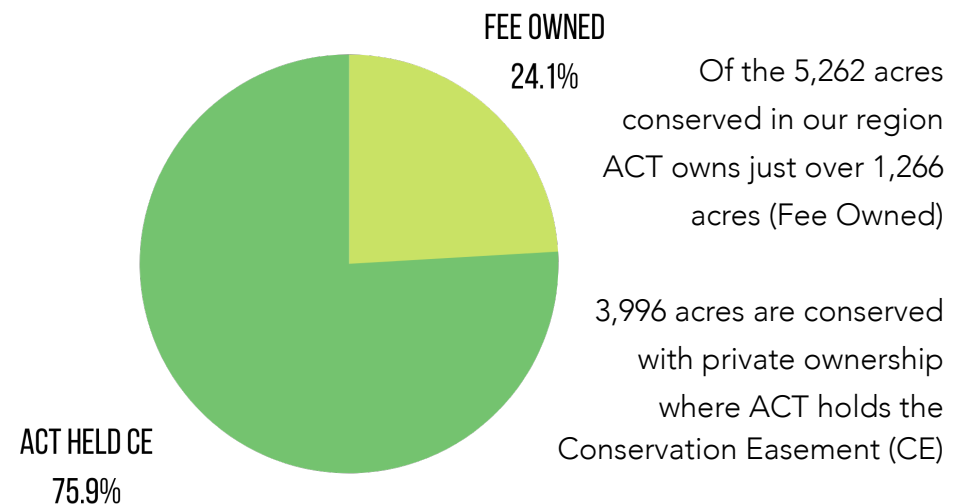
5,262

That's just under 3,980 football fields!

Though ACT owns some of this land, also called Fee Owned (~24%), most of ACT's conserved land is privately owned.



When a property is privately owned ACT holds a conservation easement (CE) to assure the land will stay undeveloped forever.



Land is protected for its conservation values. For ACT to take on a project, we put it through a rigorous, scientifically-based analysis, and have several rounds of review by staff, lands committee, and the full board.

Though there are many more than four ways to assess conservation land we identified four areas of value to our community and make sure that our projects fall within at least one of these guidelines. They are: forests/wildlife habitat, water quality, agriculture, and recreation.

We are proud to share these values through our logo, which reminds us every day where our focus lies.



CONSERVATION IN YOUR BACKYARD!

Listed are all of ACT's conserved properties to date and where each is. We continue to add properties almost annually and currently have conservation properties as far south as Piermont and as far north as Lancaster.

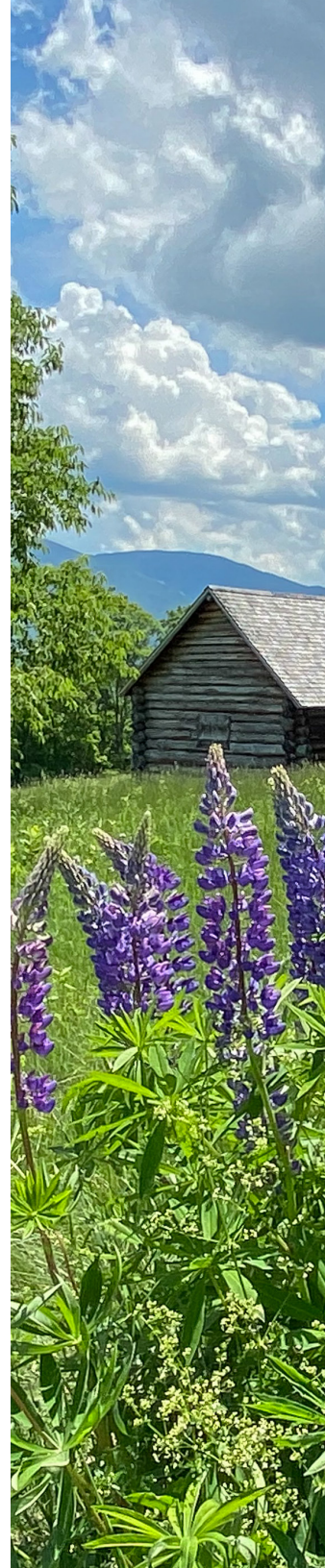
ACT Fee Owned:

- Cooley-Jericho Community Forest - Easton 
- Wells Rd Trail Access - Franconia 
- Ammonoosuc Meadows Floodplain Area - Littleton 
- Ammonoosuc River Wildlife Management Area - Lisbon 
- Foss Forest - Sugar Hill 
- Gale Family Forest - Lyman   
- Whipple Farm - Sugar Hill  
- MacCornack-Evelyn Forest - Sugar Hill  

ACT Held Easements:

- Brebner Farm & Forest - Bethlehem  
- Creamery Pond and Lower 40 - Sugar Hill  
- Gardner Mountain - Lyman 
- Godfrey Memorial Conservation Area - Lyman  
- Ilacqua Wildlife Conservation Area - Littleton 
- Jean Chamberlin Conservation Areas (North & South) - Bath/Haverhill  
- John L. and Jean P. Wedick Natural Area - Bethlehem  
- Johnson Farm and Islands - Monroe   
- Lawrence Family Forest - Franconia   
- Lloyd's Hills Conservation Area - Bethlehem  
- Lupine Field - Sugar Hill  
- McGee-Echoridge Farm - Lancaster  
- Michelsen Conservation Area - Landaff  
- Overlook Farm - Sugar Hill   
- Pearl Lake Shorefront - Lisbon  
- Perkins-Porter Family Preserve - Sugar Hill  
- Peters Farm - Bath 
- Pettyboro Farm - Lyman  
- Red Oak Farm - Lisbon  
- Rexford Conservation Area - Whitefield   
- Robie Farm - Piermont   
- Rt 116 Mitigation - Bethlehem 
- Stewart Maple Farm - Sugar Hill  
- Sunset Hill Golf Course - Sugar Hill  
- Tranquil Vewe Croft - Lisbon  
- Walling-Wharey Conservation Area - Bath   

For a [locator map](#) of all of ACT's conserved properties go to: act-nh.org/land-conservation





ACT's Year in Photos

This last year was a big one! Thank you for joining us or getting out to enjoy the land on your own and together finding your happy place on local conservation lands!



Annual Report

'21-'22 fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

We are deeply grateful to all of our landowners, members, and supporters.

Thanks to your commitment, our incredible community of members, partners, and volunteers, the Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust has continued both our conservation and community partner projects and are growing to better serve our region. Thank you for all of your time spent and advocacy of conservation and community connection in the North Country!

- ▲ indicate sustaining members who generously contribute monthly to ACT.
- indicate ACT's Headwaters Society who give at or above \$1,000 as their annual membership.
- ★ indicates ACT Board of Trustees, advisors, committee members, and volunteers.

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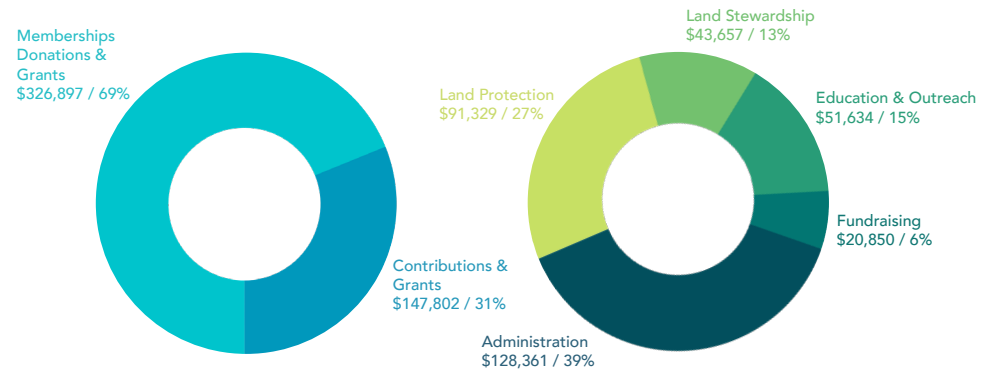
WMSi & Gale River Cooperative Preschool Family Fun Day Foss Forest in Sugar Hill, NH - Conserved 2001

Financial Highlights

'21-'22 fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

Operating Income:
Total Income: \$474,699

Operating Expenses:
Total Expenses: \$335,831



Income Category Definitions:

Memberships, Donations & Grants: membership dues, personal donations, event donations, employer matches, private, organizational and government grants including federal pandemic relief, and merchandise sales.

Contributions & Grants: Trails Program Manager donations, personal donations for land acquisition, private and public institutional grants designated for specific purposes.

Expense Category Definitions:

Land Acquisition & Protection: Costs associated with negotiating and acquiring both donated and purchased land easements. Expenses for new landowner outreach, grant funding outreach, grant writing, new project analysis for conservation values, due diligence of proposed easements, staff support for volunteer lands committee projects, baseline documentation reports.

Land Stewardship: Expenditures dedicated to annual property monitoring and reporting, land management plans, signage, kiosks, trails repair and management, staff management of over 100 volunteers and landowner communications.

Education & Outreach: Costs associated with ACT's Community Education & Outreach commitment such as building and sustaining local partnerships with other organizations, individuals, and businesses, guest speaker programs, website and social media management, marketing and publicity, on-line newsletters and public educational events.

Fundraising: Expenses for donor appeal letters, capital campaigns, membership management and communication, grant writing, donor stewardship and gift acknowledgement.

Administration: Overall operating expenses such as: staff salaries, rent, utilities, accounting and bookkeeping, legal advisors, insurance policies, technology and website costs, national accreditation and tax reporting compliance, staff education, and grant reporting requirements.

Please direct all finance questions to Executive Director Kim Cartwright (kcartwright@act-nh.org).

ACT Committee Updates

Finance

Jeff Burt, Treasurer

Caleb Winder, Assistant Treasurer

This year we welcomed Anwiti Bahuguna, to ACT's Finance Committee. We regretfully accepted the resignation of Jim Pasman, our Treasurer for the previous two years. He was instrumental in setting up new financial measurement tools and his guidance and thoughtful input was much appreciated. We are grateful to Jeff Burt, who stepped in as Treasurer, and Caleb Winder, who took on the role of Assistant Treasurer.



The committee continued to focus on the potential revenue and expense impact the pandemic imposed on our organization. In previous years we successfully acquired two federal PPP loans and NH's Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) loan. All three were forgiven this fiscal year, which offset our budgeted revenue shortfall.

Finally, under the guidance of committee member Stephen Pelletier, we continued to use our Four Key Metrics process to support our long-term financial planning with critical goals. Those goals are: correction of structural deficits, establishing annual operating surpluses, developing healthy operating reserves, and a diversified revenue mix. With our June 2022 balance sheet total liabilities and equity of \$3.53 million, ACT is in a strong financial position to sustain and support its mission now and in the future.

Outreach

Joanne Jones, Chair

Margaret Gale, Co-Chair

The Outreach Committee was excited to ramp things back up and resume our group hikes and walks this year. It was wonderful to have Jake Acito join the ACT team as Outreach Coordinator to help support all the opportunities for connection we created this year. We were also incredibly grateful to add Margaret Gale as Outreach Committee co-chair.



After a long hiatus, we worked hard to find ways to reconnect with as many folks in our community as possible. ACT is extraordinarily fortunate to have many partners and supporters in our region, without whom we couldn't accomplish all we do in a year. We are extremely grateful to the Gale River Cooperative Preschool, WMSi, the Colonial Theatre, the Littleton Food Co-op, Meadowstone Farm, the Ammonoosuc Chapter of NH's Audubon, and the Abbie Greenleaf and Littleton Libraries, to name a few.

Thanks to our event sponsors' generosity, our Virtual Speaker Series included Lori Jean Kinsey from Tin Mountain Conservation Center, Anthea Lavallee from Hubbard Brook Research Foundation, Pam Hunt of NH Audubon, and Dave Govatski.



Lands

Chris Nicodemus, Co-Chair

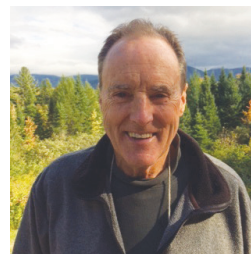
Charlie Wolcott, Co-Chair

ACT's Lands Committee is now monitoring 36 properties annually and growing! Thankfully we also added two members, Kathy Ryan and Ken Haberman, to ACT's largest committee.

This fiscal year many of ACT's monitored parcels required additional stewardship efforts ranging from boundary line confirmation to trail sign maintenance. We are grateful for ACT's staff support to ensure we collectively manage these properties well.

Beyond monitoring and stewardship, the Lands Committee and ACT staff oversaw the successful completion of the riparian shore restoration project on the Trust's property along the Ammonoosuc River in Lisbon under the direction of the Connecticut River Conservancy and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

We were also lucky to have Rosemary Trahan join as ACT's Trails Program Manager. She seamlessly facilitated the team and expanded opportunities for volunteer work days and training workshops to improve the quality of ACT's stewardship and our engagement with community volunteers. Thanks to Rosemary's presence, we engaged our volunteers to help improve trails and accessibility on ACT lands. Most notably, these improvements were made at the Cooley-Jericho Community Forest in Easton, the Bronson Hill Conservation Area, and Whipple Farm & Field in Sugar Hill, some of our most popular recreation areas.



Development

Ned Brewer, Chair

During the fiscal year 2021-2022, the Development Committee helped fundraise for ACT's operations through the usual membership renewal and bi-annual fundraising letter, nearly hitting the goals ACT's Executive Director set by the budget.

This year the committee, alongside ACT staff, created a business membership program to help introduce local businesses to ACT and offer opportunities to show their connection to conservation and increase their visibility in our communities. The program was being built at the end of the fiscal year and will roll out in the next fiscal year.

ACT's Headwaters Society, made up of donors who give \$1,000 or more annually, receives exclusive ACT news, invitations to special events, and an annual party. In June 2022, we could finally hold a Headwaters party after a two-year break due to Covid restrictions! It was an excellent opportunity to introduce ACT's staff and connect with Headwater Society members. As a special treat, Headwaters members were invited to tour the shoreline restoration project on ACT's property along the Ammonoosuc River in Lisbon up close and personal as it was underway. The committee was pleased to accompany a few Headwaters members to the project, show them how it was going, and share the planned effects of the shoreline restoration on the river's erosion and habitat.

Volunteer Spotlight

Gary Harwood
ACT volunteer since: 2013

What brought you to ACT?

The former owner of what is now the Cooley-Jericho Community Forest, wanted to sell the site, and was alternatively proposing a wind farm on the property's ridgeline or a large subdivision. As a certified real estate appraiser I had previously appraised other parcels of land under consideration by ACT. One morning, I received a call from former Executive Director, Rebecca Brown, who floated the idea of a community forest. I thought it was a great idea and provided what assistance I could at the time. The short story is that Rebecca orchestrated all the pieces of a complex puzzle to make it happen. I have heard that the Cooley-Jericho Community Forest has become a case model for other land trusts.



What keeps you active with us?

The dedicated and supportive ACT administrative staff make it easy and rewarding to be a volunteer.

What is your favorite volunteer activity? Why?

My favorite activity is working with other volunteers to plan, develop and maintain the growing network of trails. I also enjoy being a member of the ACT Lands Committee where we vet, review and select suitable conservation properties for conservation. I have a deep belief in conservation and the preservation of natural resources for current and future generations. I have a B.S. in Environmental Conservation from UNH that I never engaged professionally, but I have always loved being outdoors, year round. I am heartened by meeting people using the trail system who convey their enthusiasm and appreciation of the work ACT has taken on. ACT is a valuable resource that promotes the benefits of land conservation as well as drawing visitors to the area.

What do you love most about ACT?

The mission to encourage and support landowners and community partners to conserve land for present and future generations.



What's one thing you'd share with a friend who'd like to volunteer?

If you appreciate the natural world, like being outdoors and have a desire to preserve the local and global environment, volunteering is an easy way to help.

What do you hope for the future of ACT?

To continue to educate and support landowners, community partners and the public to recognize the importance and value of land preservation for quality of life, the environment, recreational purposes, wildlife management and water quality.



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- \$35 (basic membership) \$500
 \$100 \$1,000+ Headwaters Society
 \$250 Other \$ _____

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