



The Trustees Facts & Background Information

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WHO WE ARE

The Trustees is Massachusetts' largest conservation and preservation organization and the first land preservation nonprofit of its kind in the world. Founded by open space visionary Charles Eliot in 1891, we conserve some of the best of Massachusetts' natural, scenic, and cultural sites for the public to use and enjoy. We've held our "reservations" in "trust" for nearly 125 years and believe in protecting the irreplaceable for everyone, forever.

Today, we care for 114 spectacular and diverse reservations spanning more than 26,000 acres throughout the Commonwealth – from working farms, landscaped and urban gardens, and community parks, to barrier beaches, forests, campgrounds, inns and historic sites – many of which are National Historic Landmarks – located within minutes of every resident. In addition, we are a founding partner and the programming partner of the Boston Public Market, the first all locally-sourced indoor market of its kind in the nation, where we operate our Appleton Farms vendor booth and run classes, events, and more in the Market's demonstration KITCHEN. Our passion is to engage more people in culture, agriculture, nature, and healthy, active lifestyles, using our properties, our community spaces, and our many programs as a powerful and compelling platform to connect people to places and each other in our increasingly digitized world. Funded by our nearly 125,000 members and supporters and 1.2 million visitors, we invite you to explore and learn more: www.thetrustees.org.

PROTECTED LAND

Currently, half of Massachusetts' population lives within five miles of one of the more than 70,000 acres of land protected and cared for by The Trustees:

Land owned, managed, and permanently protected:	26,773 acres (114 reservations)
Land held under conservation restrictions (CRs):	20,014 acres (365 parcels)
Land protected through assistance:	24,651 acres (145 projects)

CONSTITUENCY

Membership: 48,000 households (nearly 125,000 individuals)
Volunteers: Over 1,300 volunteers are an integral part of our organization each year
Visitation: More than 1.6 million

ORGANIZATION

Employment during the 2016 Calendar Year:

- Regular full-time staff positions: 190
- Regular part-time staff positions: 46
- Seasonal staff positions: 450

SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS

National Historic Landmarks

The William Cullen Bryant Homestead, *Cummington* (1966)

The Old Manse, *Concord* (1966)

The Mission House, *Stockbridge* (1968)

Castle Hill on the Crane Estate, *Ipswich* (1998)

Naumkeag, *Stockbridge* (2007)

National Register of Historic Places

The Ashley House, *Sheffield* (1975)

Naumkeag, *Stockbridge* (1975)

The Stevens-Coolidge Place, *North Andover* (1979)

North Common Meadow, *Petersham* (1982)

Tantiusques, *Sturbridge* (1983)

Cape Poge Lighthouse at Cape Poge Wildlife Refuge, *Martha's Vineyard* (1987)

The Paine House at Greenwood Farm, *Ipswich* (1990)

National Natural Landmarks

Bartholomew's Cobble, *Sheffield* (1971)

TRAILS AND COAST

Trail Systems

Our reservations contain more than 350 miles of hiking trails and connect to the following:

Bay Circuit Trail, Appalachian Trail, Cape Cod Pathways, Mid-State Trail, New England National Scenic Trail, Monoosnoc Trail, Tully Trail, and the Southeastern Massachusetts Bioreserve.

Coastlines

Our reservations span 70 miles of coastline in Massachusetts.

THE TRUSTEES & AGRICULTURE

The Trustees has extensive expertise in farmland protection and is among the largest private owners of farmland in the Commonwealth. We have protected over 12,000 acres of farmland in the state, over 2,000 of which remain under our management, including the nation's oldest continually operating working farm, Appleton Farms, located in Ipswich. Over the last 15 years, we have increased our focus on agriculture, reactivating working farms and community gardens to build a more sustainable food system that is accessible to more people. Our growing network of four farms and 60 community gardens are visited by more than 140,000 annually. For the first time in our history, we are now able to share our expertise in the areas of food, nutrition, and farming on a site that is not our own reservation by serving as a founding partner and one of nearly 40 on site vendors at the Boston Public Market, as well as the programming partner in the Market's state-of-the-art demonstration KITCHEN.

COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE FARM SHARE PROGRAMS (CSAS)

Appleton Farms, *Ipswich and Hamilton* (serving 650 CSA members)

Powisset Farm, *Dover* (serving 400 CSA members)

Weir River Farm, *Hingham* (serving 160 CSA members)

Chestnut Hill Farm, *Southborough* (serving 200 CSA members)

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