



2024 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

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Dear friends and supporters,

As I write this message, we are less than 60 days into the new year, and 2024 feels very far in the rear-view mirror. But one of the essential things about these retrospective reports is that it makes our team pause and look back not only at our successes but at the many individuals who deserve credit for making it happen. If you are reading this, I'm talking about you – and your generosity and loyalty that makes land conservation in Harford County possible.

The farms, forests, and open spaces we've protected with your help provide the proverbial "solid ground" that we all need in today's world. In early 2024, Harford Land Trust and partners purchased the 129-acre Foster Branch Park in Joppatowne. This ecologically rich County Park will provide much-needed open space in a densely populated part of our County.

Last year we released "The State of Land Preservation in Harford County" report in which we calculated that Harford County has preserved 31.5% of our lands. To reach 40%, we will need to preserve more than 20,000 additional acres at a cost of nearly \$120 million in today's dollars. So, we have no time to waste. We plow ahead knowing that land preservation is an investment that always pays us back.

I am often asked: "What part of HLT's current work keeps you up at night?" My answer: "That we lose irreplaceable land because we do not have the resources to save them." Every project we complete is as unique as the families that own the land. Fortunately, I sleep well knowing that Harford Land Trust is building the financial capacity to see the mission through, thanks to our generous supporters. Our Belle Vue Circle grew to 73 members this past year, and we would love to have you join us in 2025.

On behalf of the Harford Land Trust board and staff, thank you again for saving the lands we all need and love. This work is at its best when we do it together.

With gratitude,

Kristin Kirkwood
Executive Director



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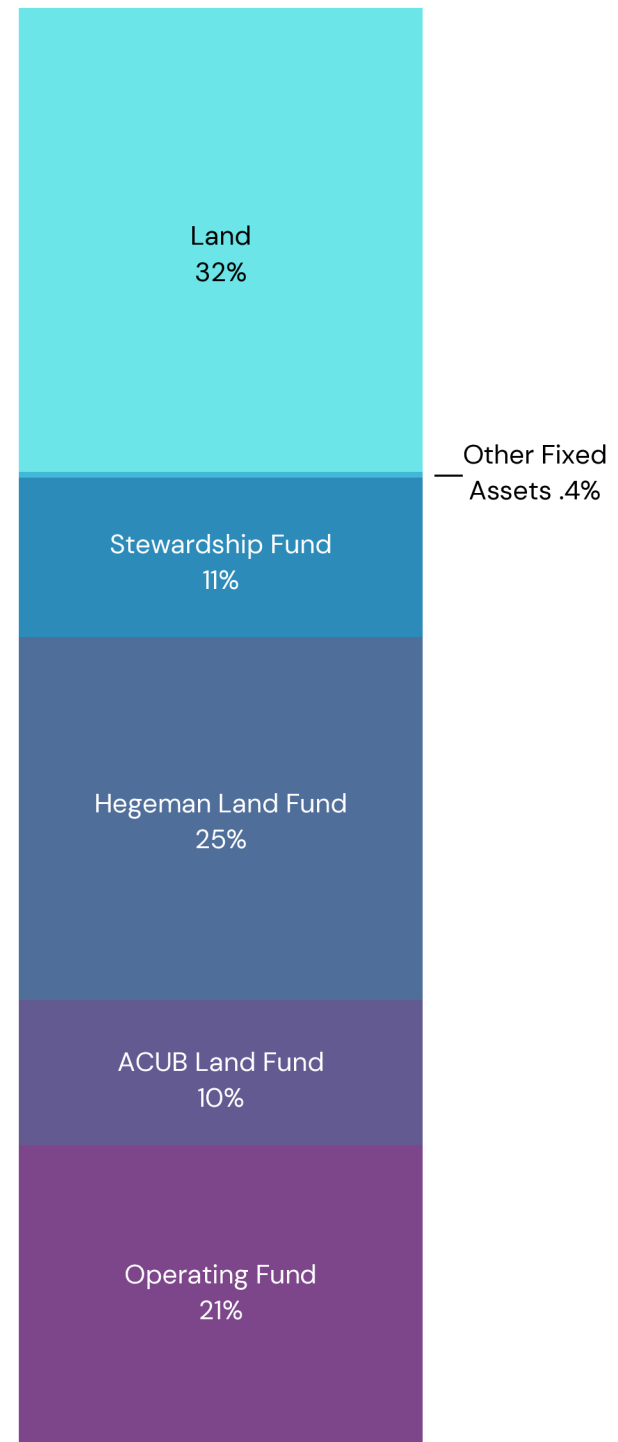
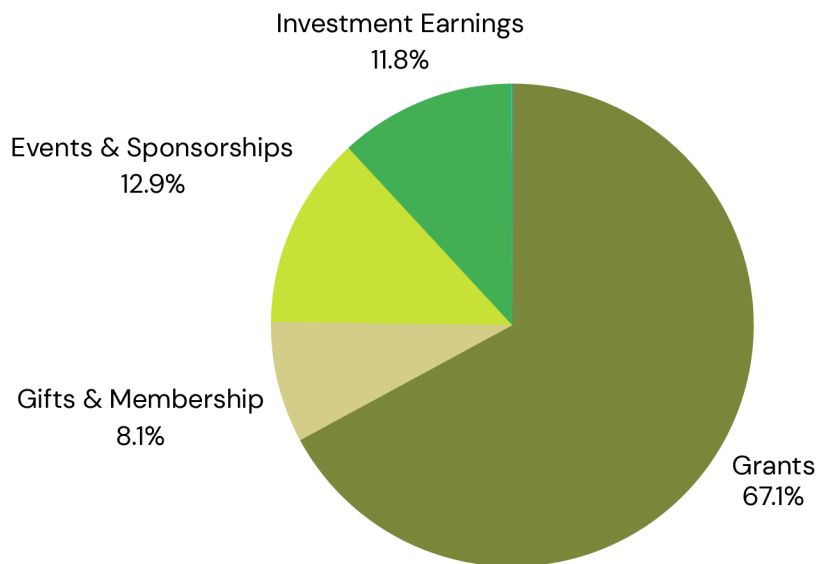
As a nonprofit organization, we believe that our financials should be completely transparent and open to the public. When you make a gift to HLT, you're making an investment in Harford County.

REVENUE BY SOURCE

Total Revenue FY24 \$1,037,861

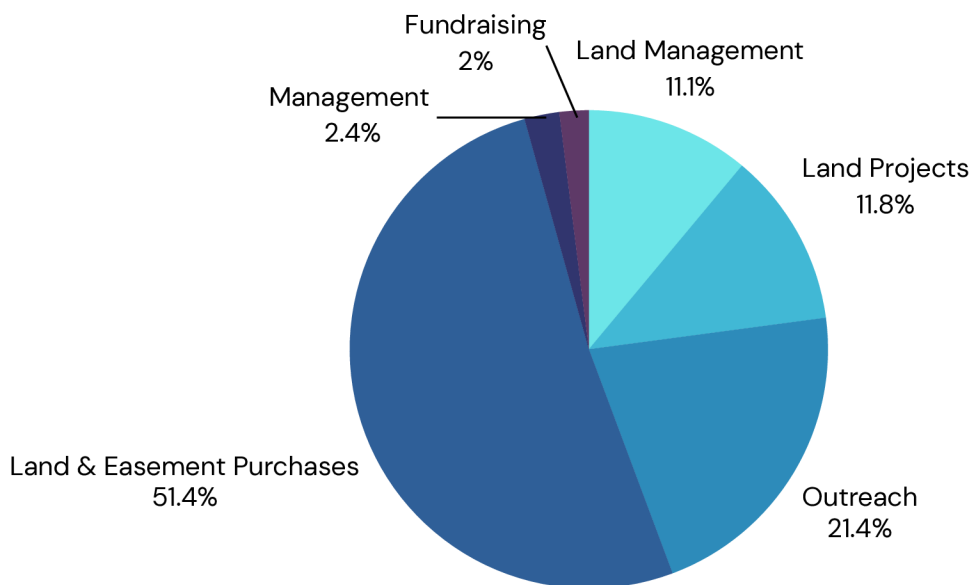
TOTAL ASSETS

TOTAL: \$3,102,251



EXPENSES BY SOURCE

Total Expenses FY24 \$890,802



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

CONSERVATION IMPACT

As your land trust, Harford Land Trust is in the “forever” business.

FOSTER BRANCH PARK

In January 2024, Harford County Government, in collaboration with Harford Land Trust, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, and Aberdeen Proving Ground, purchased 129-acres of open space in Joppatowne on the eastern side of Trimble Road for \$8.6 million. Foster Branch Park will be the County’s newest public park and is permanently preserved with a conservation easement through Maryland’s Program Open Space.

COUNTY AG LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM

The Harford County Council voted to approve modifications to the County’s Agricultural Land Preservation Program in March 2024. The changes expanded eligibility to include properties of 20 acres or more that meet soil and development criteria in any zoning category. Harford Land Trust invested nearly two years in the effort working alongside Council members, County Planning & Zoning, and community members to recommend program modifications.



32%

**PERCENTAGE OF PRESERVED
LAND IN HARFORD COUNTY**

As of Dec. 31, 2024

2,111 ACRES
**PROTECTED LANDS
MONITORED BY HLT**

267 ACRES
**OWNED AND MANAGED
BY HLT**

1,000
ACRES
HLT PROJECT PIPELINE



NEW FOREST CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Harford County is among the first Maryland counties to take advantage of a new State opportunity to gain Chesapeake Bay nutrient reduction credits through preservation of forested land. Harford Land Trust and the County entered into a grant agreement in November 2024 to design a new easement program targeted at protecting forested lands under development pressure.

Harford Land Trust continues to administer Department of Defense land preservation funding to protect land in the southern part of the county near Aberdeen Proving Ground. With the uncertainty of future federal funds, the addition of the new Harford Forest Conservation Program provides another essential avenue to protect key open space properties in and around the County’s Development Envelope.



Grow Wild serves all of Harford County, Maryland. We focus on educating and engaging urban and suburban residential communities about the benefits of converting at least a portion of their yards to more natural spaces where pollinators and other wildlife can thrive.

16

POLLINATOR GARDENS TRAIL

DESIGNATED GARDENS

RESIDENTIAL POLLINATOR GARDENS

66

CERTIFIED GARDENS

MARYLAND TREE STEWARDS

80

PARTICIPANTS

GROW WILD PLEDGE

4

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Members who donate \$1,000 or more each year are welcomed into Harford Land Trust's Belle Vue Circle.

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Your generosity and commitment to land preservation in 2024 made a significant and lasting impact on Harford County. Your support makes a difference for our farms, forests, streams, and future.

Land preservation requires a great deal of resources. Your generosity will positively affect our community today for generations to come.

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 in error or omission or if you wish to be recognized by a different name.

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SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025

8 AM – 12 PM

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SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025

FLYING POINT PARK

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Party to Preserve

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025



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