Founded in 1891 in Boston by landscape architect and open space visionary Charles Eliot, The Trustees is the nation’s first and Massachusetts’ largest preservation and conservation nonprofit. Our mission is to preserve and protect distinctive and dynamic places of exceptional scenic, historic, and ecological value for the benefit of the public. These special places include parks, gardens, farms, beaches, historic homesteads, campgrounds, inns, woodlands, and more.

Together with our supporters and partners, we are working to engage a broader constituency of Massachusetts residents and visitors to lead healthy, active lifestyles and form a deeper connection to community, culture, and conservation.

OVERVIEW

Special places at-a-glance

- 26,985 acres (118 reservations) owned, managed, and permanently protected
- 20,500 acres (410 parcels) held under conservation restrictions (CRs); largest owner of CRs in MA
- 24,651 acres (145 projects) protected through assistance

Organizational stats

- Employees: Regular full-time 290, Regular part-time 95, Seasonal 509
- Operating budget: $36,059,001
- Total Revenue: $36,538,148
- Endowment: $128,951,000
- Net Assets: $279,115,715

Constituents (annual)

- 140,000 members
- 2,500 volunteers
- 2+ million visitors
- ½ of MA pop. lives within 5 miles of land we protect

COASTLINE & BEACHES

- 120 miles of coastline protected
  - 75 miles on our reservations
  - 45 miles through conservation restrictions (CRs)
- Largest private owner of coastline in MA

Public beaches:
Crane Beach, Ipswich
Long Point, Martha’s Vineyard
Norton Point, Martha’s Vineyard
Wasque, Martha’s Vineyard (Chappaquiddick)
Cape Poge, Martha’s Vineyard (Chappaquiddick)
Coskata Coatue, Nantucket
FARMS, FOOD, & COMMUNITY GARDENS

Over the last 15 years, we have increased our focus on agriculture, reactivating working farms and community gardens.

Farms

- 2,000+ agricultural acres (among largest private owners of MA farmland)
- 5 community farms (open to the public)
- 2 production farms
- 4 vegetable CSA (community supported agriculture) programs
- 1 meat CSA program
- 550,000+ visitors annually
- 1,300 CSA members
- 3 farm stands
- 1 dairy operation (milk and cheese production)

Production farms
Moose Hill Farm, Sharon

Selected Trustees farm leases
Land of Providence, Holyoke (Nuestras Raices, non-profit farm and farmer training programs)
The Eleanor Bradley Cabot Estate, Canton (non-profit Brookwood Community Farm)
The Stevens-Coolidge Place, North Andover (graduates of New Entry Sustainable Farming Project farmer training program)
Moraine Farm, Beverly (Headquarters for New Entry Sustainable Farming Project)
Fork Factory Brook, Medfield (Neighborhood Farm)

Community gardens & urban food systems

Community gardens
- 56 community gardens
- 8 neighborhoods with gardens
- 1,575 garden plots
- 10,000 Boston residents served
- 60,000 pounds (estimated) of produce every year
- 20,000 pounds of food donated to food pantries

Mobile Farmers Market
- 1,500+ customers in low-income urban areas served (accepts SNAP/EBT)
- 3,000 pounds of produce sold

The KITCHEN at Boston Public Market
- 800+ programs and events
- 20,500+ program participants

RECREATION

- 14 parks
- 350 miles of hiking trails
- Trail connections:
  - Appalachian Trail
  - Bay Circuit Trail
  - Cape Cod Pathways
  - Charles River Trail
  - Mid-State Trail, New England
  - Southeastern Massachusetts Bioreserve

ECOLOGY

- 6,400 acres (80 sites) of ecological landscapes
- 496 acres of grassland habitat
- 175+ endangered or rare species live on our properties

PROGRAMS & EDUCATION

- 5,000+ annual programs
- 5 summer camps
- 1 nature preschool
CULTURAL PRESERVATION

- 24 designed landscapes
- 11 public gardens
- 6 National Historic Landmarks
- 1 National Natural Landmark
- 10 National Register of Historic Places sites
- 340 buildings (11 historic homesteads, most of which are open to the public seasonally)
- 1,600+ land conservation trusts in the U.S. based on The Trustees, including the National Trust for Historic Preservation

Sites and special designations

Historic Homes and Homesteads (Open to the public seasonally or periodically)
- Castle Hill on the Crane Estate, Ipswich
- The Stevens-Coolidge Place, North Andover
- The Paine House at Greenwood Farm, Ipswich
- The Old Manse, Concord
- The Eleanor Bradley Cabot Estate, Canton
- The William Cullen Bryant Homestead, Cummington
- Naumkeag, Stockbridge
- The Mission House, Stockbridge
- The Ashley House, Sheffield
- The Folly at Field Farm, Williamstown (Massachusetts’ youngest historic house museum)
- The Farmhouse at Fruitlands Museum, Harvard

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)
- Wauwinet Wildlife Refuge Reception Station, Coskata-Coatue Wildlife Refuge, Nantucket (1966)

National Natural Landmarks
- Bartholomew’s Cobble, Sheffield (1971)

Museums
- Fruitlands Museum, Harvard
- deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum, Lincoln

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