



annual report **2017**

PROTECTING the
WILDERNESS of our **UNIQUE**
ARCHIPELAGO

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skies of the bay



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dear friends

some of our accomplishments this year

It is a pivotal moment for conservation in Canada. In the fall of 2017, GBLT and a select group of Canadian Land Trusts and the Nature Conservancy of Canada presented a well-researched case for expanding Canada's Natural Areas Conservation Program. We were delighted to learn that the federal government listened to these proposals and has committed \$500M over 5 years to a national Nature Fund. The Fund will provide support to secure Canada's ecologically significant natural areas including its lands, wetlands and waters and the species that rely on these wild places for their survival.

This significant commitment by the Canadian government to preserve Canada's biodiversity begins a march of lasting benefit to our world's species, its habitats and its people. Our not-so-little land trust is a part of that march. From its early beginnings 26 years ago in 1991 your land trust has grown to an organization now stewarding 55 nature reserves, most of which shelter multiple at-risk species and their habitats. Our properties include 6 provincially significant wetlands and 6 provincially designated Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest.

The notable increase in 2016 in the number wilderness properties coming under protection continued in 2017 with 7 new reserves. An Environment and Climate Change Canada grant to enhance communication outreach and property securement outreach is building awareness of the importance of land conservation within our biosphere and will help further increase the number of protected places in our natural area.

Our Thanks and Appreciation to All of You

We have an amazing breadth of passionate donors that make our work possible. Our thanks to all of you for supporting conservation. Equally it is our talented, hard-working and engaged directors, staff, advisors and volunteers that make the rubber hit the road through implementation of our conservation work.

2017 saw us focus our messaging through our new Conservation Wheel (see page 2) which brings together and inter-relates our pillars of land conservation, planning, stewardship, conservation education and conservation research into a succinct and logical message. A new GBLT brochure gives any reader a concise over-view of all aspects of our work through the lens of conservation.

We wish to thank our staff: Brooks Greer, Sarah Koetsier, Janet Brough and Irina Denisova. Working hard together as a team they made 2017 a very successful year.

As we look to 2018 and beyond our land trust is poised to add significantly to its already substantial contribution to conservation. Our participation in the Motus Bird Program to help scholars understand reasons behind the drastic decline in migratory bird populations and implement recovery strategies will expand and will include work with the University of Guelph on the Common Nighthawk and Eastern Whip-poor-will.

Our conservation planning work in 2018 & 19 will accelerate with the production of a new Natural Area Conservation Plan that will now include the critical components of connectivity, natural corridors, and climate change resilience that can be used by our land trust and by governments to understand how our 550,000 hectare natural area can be a mosaic of naturally connected protected habitats.

In closing, our greatest thanks to our very strong, multi-talented and capable Board of Directors who in 2017 brought their experience, professional ability, wisdom and direction to bear on new initiatives: accelerating land protection, differentiating our communications messaging, and ensuring very positive growth in our stewardship and education endowed funds. To our Secretary, Treasurer and all Committee Chairs thank you so much for a job well done!

We also wish to thank those advisors who stepped up to provide their wisdom. As we have said before, our advisors are our corporate memory – and every year we benefit from you when we reach out for much needed information.

See you all this summer!

Jan Ruby, Chair

Bill Lougheed, Executive Director

Conservation LEADERSHIP on Georgian Bay

A CONSERVATION PLAN FOR
21,000 acres

PRIORITIZED
15 key
specific habitat types



PROTECTING the WILDERNESS of our UNIQUE ARCHIPELAGO

plan

Using science to identify and prioritize key habitats for conservation so that species are protected and our coastal ecosystem remains resilient.

Grounding our conservation work in good planning is one of the GBLT's core mandates. This includes scientific studies and mapping to identify priority conservation areas, as well as collaborative planning with other stakeholders in conservation and the environment.

This year, our planning efforts focused on working with other Canadian organizations to contribute to the fantastic success for national conservation in the 2018 federal budget: \$500 million over 5 years to support the work of land trusts, Indigenous communities, and others in protecting land. Our Executive Director Bill Lougheed was active on the Canadian Land Trusts Working Committee throughout 2017, developing coordinated plans and recommendations for the federal government's partnership with land trusts. This includes an update to the Natural Areas Conservation Program, through which the government financially supports conservation throughout the country.

In November, Bill attended meetings in Ottawa where representatives of the conservation community presented Minister of Environment and Climate Change Catherine McKenna with their plans and goals for conservation over the next five years. We were delighted to see our work recognized and supported through the budget in early 2018.

Great things are coming for conservation on the Bay!



protect

Securing ecologically significant lands to protect habitats and species and to create open spaces for community enjoyment

In 2017, three new donated properties and three conservation easements were protected forever under the stewardship of the Georgian Bay Land Trust. We're delighted to introduce you to the following properties, which stretch from Port Severn to McGregor Bay.

McGregor Bay - La Cloche Mountains **8 acres** **Donated by Lynn & Ned Jessen, Angel Lillard & Bill Detmer, and Jim & Paula Preschlack in honour of Paula & John Lillard and Pauline & Lewis Polk, Sr.**

Located just west of Killarney Provincial Park, this property consists of a larger mainland portion and a small island, both containing high quality habitat for eight confirmed at-risk species, including Bald Eagle, Monarch Butterfly, and Northern Map Turtle. Particularly exciting is the presence of the threatened Algonquin Wolf, a first for a GBLT property. Wolves are a rare sight on Georgian Bay, but the largely undeveloped nature of the Killarney region means that it is one of the few areas left in southern Ontario where they can be found, outside of Algonquin Park itself. Protection by the Land Trust means that this property, otherwise slated for development, can continue to be a home to wolves and many other species for years to come.

Cognashene - Portage Island Reserve **5 acres** **Donated by Rob & Val Thompson**

The Portage Island Reserve adds a further measure of connectivity to a large and crucial protected area, neighbouring a section of Georgian Bay Islands National Park and the Cognashene Lake Conservation Reserve. This property includes a variety of important habitats, including a generous and high quality coastal meadow marsh shoreline, open rock barrens, shrubbed rock barrens, and mixed forest communities. A staff visit to the property yielded sightings of several Northern Map Turtles, a very wary—and listed at risk—turtle species that inhabits open water shoreline.



McGregor Bay - La Cloche Mountains



Portage Island Reserve

properties

Severn Township – Life Interest Property 4 acres Donated anonymously

The GBLT's first Life Interest donation, this is a pretty four acre inland parcel located upstream from Lock 45, the outlet of the Trent-Severn System at Port Severn. The property's location in the transition zone between the Precambrian bedrock of Canadian Shield and the Paleozoic bedrock of southern Ontario creates an interesting assemblage of species at the extremes of their southern and northern ranges, resulting in an area with high biodiversity in vegetation community types, flora, and fauna. The terms of the donation mean that the donors will retain exclusive use of the property for the rest of their lives, after which the property will officially be donated to the Land Trust.

Go Home Bay – Zimmerman Easement 10.5 acres Donated by Barbara Zimmerman

In terms of ecological values, the Zimmerman Easement is exceptional even by Georgian Bay standards. Six vegetation communities, including high quality elevated wetlands, provide habitat for five documented herpetofauna species at risk (Eastern Massasauga, Eastern Foxsnake, Five-lined Skink, Snapping Turtle and Northern Map Turtle) one insect (Monarch Butterfly) and another suspected turtle. The Zimmerman Easement also has two rare plant species, Stiff Yellow Flax and Carolina Yellow-eyed Grass. A local favourite bird, the Prairie Warbler, is also believed to nest on the property.

Wah Wah Taysee – Grant Conservation Easement 13.4 acres Donated by Doug & Ruth Grant

The Grant Conservation Easement is identified as a priority area for biodiversity, and provides habitat for at least five at-risk species: Snapping Turtle, Eastern Ribbonsnake, Eastern Musk Turtle, Eastern Whip-poor-will and Five-lined Skink. Its coastal and inland marshes are ideal turtle habitat, and are likely home to additional species. This easement connects to the neighbouring GBLT Kofman Moose Bay Reserve and is just across Moose Bay from the O'Donnell Point Conservation Reserve, increasing the size of a valuable connected corridor and enhancing each property's conservation value.

Bayfield Inlet – Hangdog Islands Easement 4.75 acres Donated by Marilyn & Paul Shepherd

These two beautiful islands are part of a relatively undisturbed Crown land archipelago in outer Bayfield, whose habitat will now remain unfragmented. The islands provide high quality and undisturbed habitat for numerous species at risk, including Blanding's Turtle, Five-lined Skink, Eastern Massasauga, Eastern Foxsnake, Whip-poor-will, Snapping Turtle, Northern Map Turtle, and Bald Eagle. The shoreline shelters high quality stretches of Georgian Bay Coastal Acidic Mineral Meadow Marsh containing a large population of Carolina Yellow-eyed Grass, a provincially rare plant identified as an Atlantic Coastal Plain disjunct species and a conservation target within the Great Lakes ecoregion.



Zimmerman Easement



Grant Conservation Easement



Hangdog Islands Easement

steward

Working alongside communities to monitor and maintain wilderness lands forever.

Our stewardship program continued to grow in 2017, welcoming 12 new stewards and conducting 40 additional property visits. In addition to monitoring general conditions, cleaning waste and engaging with visitors, our stewards participated in invasive species removal, at-risk species reporting, reptile monitoring, and more.

120+ volunteer stewards

49 properties stewarded

200 property reports submitted

30+ species observed making use of properties

50+ person hours spent removing invasive Phragmites

2 Conservation Interns looked after southern properties and assisted with stewardship tasks



Excerpts from volunteer steward reports:

"First visit of the year. No obvious garbage debris found on our walk. The signs are still in place. Last entry in the guest book was Sept. 30, 2016. Spotted a 4.5 foot fox snake making its way up through the middle of the island. Also spotted a Blanding's turtle on its back in the middle of the island. We relocated it to the shoreline into shallow water where it appeared to revive and move off into deeper water." – **Scott & Ellen Moody, Little McCoy**

"George Martincek and I started from his house and went to the "sandbar" at the NE to scout for next week's workday. The large Phragmites patch near Ingersoll has come back but not nearly as thick or vigorous as last year. We monitored the shoreline toward the South end and went around to the shack and beyond. We found a couple of patches on that end of the island. We also scouted for a couple of locations to post GBLT signs." – **Brian Rohde, Sandy & Ingersoll Islands**

learn

Advancing scientific knowledge by collaborating with academic partners and using our properties to support research in the biosphere.

Part of the GBLT's mission is to make our properties available to leading researchers, and work together to advance environmental knowledge and conservation science. We were so happy to work with a number of partners on exciting projects in 2017:

1. Motus Wildlife Tracking Program with Bird Studies Canada

2017 marked the official beginning of the GBLT's participation in the Motus Wildlife Tracking Program, something that we have been working towards for several years and are excited to continue to expand. This year saw the installation of two inaugural towers, at our Port Severn Wetlands property and on Brebeuf Island. These towers are picking up signals sent by tagged migratory birds, and helping researchers track the movements and habitat requirements of a number of species.

2. Reptile Surveys with Blazing Star Environmental

The presence or absence of at-risk species on a property has significant implications for development, mitigation, and conservation actions. One of the difficulties when surveying is knowing how to reasonably confirm that a species is not there. In 2017, the GBLT assisted John Urquhart and Monique Aarts from Blazing Star Environmental in their efforts to determine the amount of survey effort required to be 95% sure that a snake species is absent from a particular site. John and Monique conducted surveys on our West Lookout Reserve (confirmed home to Eastern Foxsnakes, Massasaugas, and Milksnakes) multiple times over the course of the season to collect data for their research.

3. Massasauga Gestation Site Monitoring with the Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve (GBBR)

Massasaugas are a threatened species, and like any species, their survival depends upon successful reproduction. Females only give birth every 2-3 years, and return to the same carefully chosen gestation site each time, making protection of these sites crucial for species survival. To better understand population trends and reproductive success, Glenda Clayton and her team at the GBBR are monitoring known and suspected gestation sites in the Georgian Bay area. GBLT staff are assisting with locating and monitoring these sites on several of our properties as part of this multi-year study.

4. Bat Monitoring with Ontario Land Trust Alliance (OLTA)

The Ontario Land Trust Alliance is monitoring bat populations across the province as part of their work with species at risk. In 2017, GBLT summer students Nick and Mel helped OLTA staff install a long-term bat detector at our Tadenac Lots, and set up a portable detector at three additional properties. Nick and Mel used these detectors throughout the summer to contribute important data to OLTA's study.



inspire

Bringing communities together and cultivating the next generation of conservationists that will protect our land and species.

Engaging with communities is one of the most rewarding parts of our work, and we're always exploring new ways to involve people in conservation. A great success in 2017 was our first-ever distribution of milkweed seeds, which helped people throughout the Georgian Bay area and beyond create pollinator-friendly habitat in their yards and gardens. The response was wonderfully enthusiastic, and we ended up mailing out over 150 seed packets to dedicated gardeners and conservationists.

2017 also saw a full slate of summer events around Georgian Bay, including a new yoga series, the ever-popular Kids' Conservation Quest, and guided visits to some new properties. Thank you to all who came out and joined in the fun!

17 community events

engaged people of all ages with the natural world around them

- Reptile education
- Kayaking at the Kofman Moose Bay Reserve
- Yoga on the Rocks
- Discovering geology with our "Rock Walk" series

8 land protection seminars inspired and informed potential property and easement donors

500+ kids attended **Conservation Quest**

150+ packets of **milkweed seeds** were planted by residents in communities around Georgian Bay



looking ahead

our plans for 2018 and beyond

plan

Initiate an ambitious GIS mapping project to update and improve our Natural Area Conservation Plan, the foundation of our land protection work.

protect

Scale up our protection of ecologically significant lands by making the most of the federal government's recent financial commitment to conservation.

steward

Monitor and care for our protected properties with an increasing number of enthusiastic and empowered community volunteers.

learn

Support new research on the Bay's flora and fauna, and expand our array of Motus Wildlife Tracking towers to contribute more fully to this important program.

inspire

Continue to expand engagement and environmental learning opportunities for people of all ages in communities around Georgian Bay.

financials

Fundraising Committee

For many of us, our thoughts and plans for the upcoming cottage season are in full swing. The same is also true for the GBLT! Dates and details for many of our fundraising events have been finalized for 2018, and it looks like another exciting line up.

I'm pleased to announce we again surpassed our fundraising goals for 2017. I would like to acknowledge Janet Brough, Senior Development Officer, who in her first year in this position was integral in hosting events as well as spending many days going up and down the Bay getting our message out. With the support of Bill, Sarah and Brooks and many of the organizing committees, the following events are ones not to miss! Visit gblt.org/events for all the details:

- LandMark Speaker Series, bringing conservation leaders to your cottage community this summer
- Scotiabank Charity Challenge, October 21st (join our team!)
- Bayscapes Art Auction, November 16

As always, a big thank you to everyone who supported the GBLT in 2017. See you all on the Bay.

David Doritty, *Chair, Pointe au Baril*

Treasurer's Report

The GBLT enjoyed another very solid year based on financial measures. Over \$ 2.1 million of property was added to lands under our protection. The GBLT now holds over \$ 33 million in property, though, of course, it is impossible to put a price on the importance of conserving large tracts of the Georgian Bay archipelago and shoreline area.

Our invested Stewardship Funds again enjoyed earnings well above the 4% target level, allowing us to continue to expand our work taking care of the properties entrusted to us. Our financial success permits us to expand our research and knowledge, leading to more directed future efforts.

It is an honour to work with such dedicated volunteers, supporters and staff. We are very grateful to be entrusted by our donors to continue our conservation work on Georgian Bay.

Thank you all very much!

Peter Koetsier, *Treasurer, Honey Harbour*

Georgian Bay Trust Foundation, Inc.

Condensed Balance Sheet Year Ended December 31, 2017

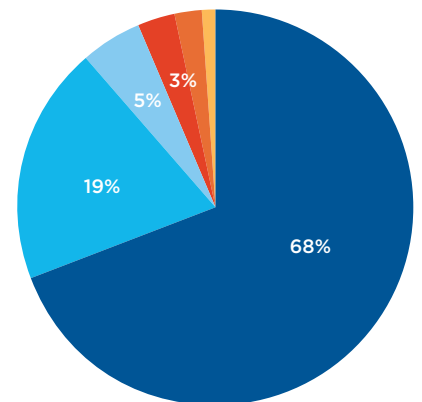
ASSETS	2017	2016
CURRENT		
General	187,221	150,088
Conservation Lands Securement Fund	200,000	161,595
Conservation Working Fund	400,000	450,000
	<u>787,221</u>	<u>761,683</u>
Sundry Receivables	11,801	26,254
HST Rebate Receivable	38,483	61,956
Prepays	12,522	13,295
	<u>850,027</u>	<u>863,188</u>
LONG TERM INVESTMENTS		
Protected Property	32,370,431	30,319,321
Stewardship & Endowment Funds	1,544,743	1,523,293
Wally and Marilyn King & Family Fund	115,115	113,615
Equipment	13,176	2,599
	<u>34,043,465</u>	<u>31,958,828</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>34,893,492</u></u>	<u><u>32,822,016</u></u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	38,554	24,995
Current Portion of Mortgage Payable		37,778
Loan Payable		25,000
Deferred Contributions	20,495	60,691
	<u>59,049</u>	<u>148,464</u>
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted Net Assets	190,978	165,907
Internally Restricted Net Assets	600,000	611,595
Externally Restricted Net Assets	1,659,858	1,636,908
Net Assets Invested in Property	32,383,607	30,259,142
	<u>34,834,443</u>	<u>32,673,552</u>
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	<u><u>34,893,492</u></u>	<u><u>32,822,016</u></u>

Condensed Statement of Income & Expenditure

January 1 to December 31 2017

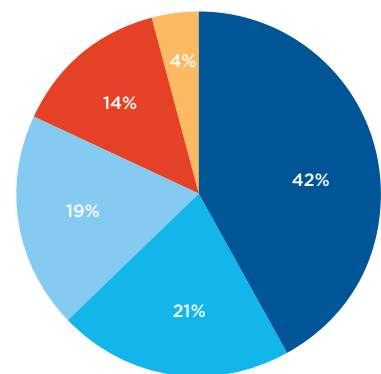
OPERATING REVENUE	2017	2016
Donations & Grants	501,645	451,400
Georgian Bay Book Sales (Net)	22,569	
Events (Net)	40,916	29,915
Investment	144,797	188,373
Miscellaneous	1,084	1,335
	<u>711,011</u>	<u>671,023</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Land & Wetland Protection	231,021	212,868
Conservation Stewardship & Research	114,490	109,258
Conservation Communications & Education	104,837	88,022
Fundraising	73,556	60,467
Administration	20,879	25,885
	<u>544,783</u>	<u>496,500</u>
Excess of Revenues over Expenses	166,228	174,523
Transfer to Working Capital Fund	141,157	150,000
	<u>25,071</u>	<u>24,523</u>
CAPITAL REVENUE		
Donations: Endowment Funds	6,450	187,166
Donations: Land Acquisition Fund	67,771	81,541
Donations: Immediate Land Acquisition	71,535	856,145
Value of Donated Land	2,051,110	3,183,000
	<u>2,216,866</u>	<u>4,307,852</u>

Revenue



- Donations of Land
- Annual Giving, Grants & Other Income
- Investment Income
- Donations Received & Used to Secure New Nature Reserves
- Donations to Land Securement (3%)
- Event Income (2%)
- Donations to Restricted Funds (1%)

Expenses



- Land & Wetland Protection
- Conservation Stewardship & Research
- Conservation Communications & Education
- Fundraising & Development
- Administration

Georgian Bay Trust Foundation Inc.
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financial statements are available upon request

partners

The GBLT would like to thank all those that worked with us on a variety of projects and activities of mutual interest in 2017. Thank you for being part of another great year in the conservation of Georgian Bay.

American Friends of Canadian Land Trusts
Bayfield Nares Islanders Association
Bird Studies Canada
Blazing Star Environmental
Cognashene Cottagers Association
Eastern Georgian Bay Stewardship Council
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Georgian Bay Forever
Georgian Bay Today
Georgian Bay Township
Great Lakes Basin Conservancy
Honey Harbour Association
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McMaster University
Nature Conservancy of Canada
North Channel Preservation Society
Ontario Land Trust Alliance
Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
Pointe au Baril Islanders' Association
Parks Canada – Georgian Bay Islands National Park
Parry Sound Chamber of Commerce
Sans Souci Copperhead Association
Township of the Archipelago
Wah Wah Taysee Association
West Carling Association
White Squall Paddling Centre

Many Thanks to our Generous Sponsors



thank you

Cumulative Giving

LUMINARIES- Over \$500,000

John & Margaret Catto

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Anonymous Donors

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Your generous donations ensure that the spectacular wilderness of our unique archipelago is protected in perpetuity. We are honoured to celebrate the following supporters who made gifts from January 1 through December 31, 2017.

PROTECTED PROPERTIES

Our deepest appreciation to those who donated property or made contributions for land protection projects in 2017:

Grant Conservation Easement, Wah Wah Taysee

Doug & Ruth Grant

Hangdog Islands Easement, Bayfield Inlet

Marilyn & Paul Shepherd

Life-Interest Property, Severn Township

Anonymous

McGregor Bay – La Cloche Mountains, McGregor Bay

Bill Detmer & Angel Lillard
Lynn & Ned Jessen
Jim & Paula Preschlack

Portage Island Reserve, Cognashene

Val & Rob Thompson

Zimmerman Easement, Go Home Bay

Dr. Barbara Zimmerman

Little McCoy, Pointe au Baril

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The Langar Foundation
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Steamboat Channel Reserve, Pointe au Baril

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PLEDGE FOR THE BAY

The five-year Pledge for the Bay enables the Land Trust to better plan for the future in land protection, stewardship, education, and outreach, knowing resources are in place from committed supporters. Thank you to these supporters for your generous pledges:

Leader of the Bay (\$25,000 over 5 years)

Margaret & John Catto
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Dr. T. James & Maureen Cooper
Sue & Fred Dalley
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Jan Ruby & Mary Thomson
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Conservator of the Bay (\$5,000 over 5 years)

Mike Dalakis

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Stewardship Funds are long-term investments that support the ongoing annual stewardship of our protected properties. Thank you to those who made contributions in 2017:

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Beverly Stager

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Peter S. Watson

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Wally & Marilyn King

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