Bay State Trail Riders Association

2024 Annual Report

What did BSTRA do in 2024?

Fundraise

$18,579.76

Donate

Wyndham Land Trust
$10,500

Mass Parks for All
$500

Friends of USF
$240.30

Hubbardston-Mt Jefferson donated $1,500 for bridge and trail improvements

Events

Tack Sale

Trailer Safety Clinic

Rides

Advocate

Meetings

Letters

BSTRA Property

Open to the Public!

Connects SNETT
To Douglas School

Trail Work

Douglas State Forest

Upton State Forest

Mendon

Upton

Grafton

Hubbardston

Oxford

RI

CT

Collaborate

Sudbury Valley Trustees

Department of Conservation & Recreation

Upton Conservation Commission

Blackstone Valley Chapter NEMBA

Rattlesnake Gutter Land Trust

RI Federation of Riding Clubs

Airline CT

Cross State

Moswansicut Riding & Driving Club

Events

Tack Sale

Trailer Safety Clinic

13 Rides with 487 riders

Advocacy

Meetings

Friends of Callahan State Park in collaboration with Mass Parks for All

Public session for the Wompatuck Circulation Master Plan

Meeting regarding the West Hill Dam Master Plan

Hodges Village Dam Master Plan discussion

Rattlesnake Gutter Land Trust. Assessed financial request for a trail initiative. Reviewed potential BSTRA rides/member engagement and support for fundraising aimed at repairs

Meeting for the Airline Trail

Provided guidance to the Grafton Trails Committee on safe bridges for horseback riding

Collaborated with the Upton Conservation Commission to ensure that the Mechanic & Fowler St. property and five boardwalks are safe for horseback riders

Correspondence/Feedback

Communication with Upton State Forest Supervisor and Commissioner about the state of Dean Pond and Park Roads

Submitted feedback regarding the Master Plan for Hodges Village Dam & West Hill Dam

Volunteers Got Stuff Done 2024!

The Numbers using the Independent Sector rate for Massachusetts hourly volunteer rate of $40.97

48 Volunteers

$ 58,461

Total Hours 1,426.92

- Members: 1,343.91
- Non-Members: 83.01

Hours By Activity

Events
649.97

Fundraising
84.9

Meetings
71.24

Trail Projects
34.25

Trail Work
319.49

Writing
184.06

BSTRA Property
Douglas, MA
Bridge Installation

John Enright generously contributed two pieces of granite, each measuring 8 feet in length and 16 inches in width, which included delivery for use as bridge abutments.

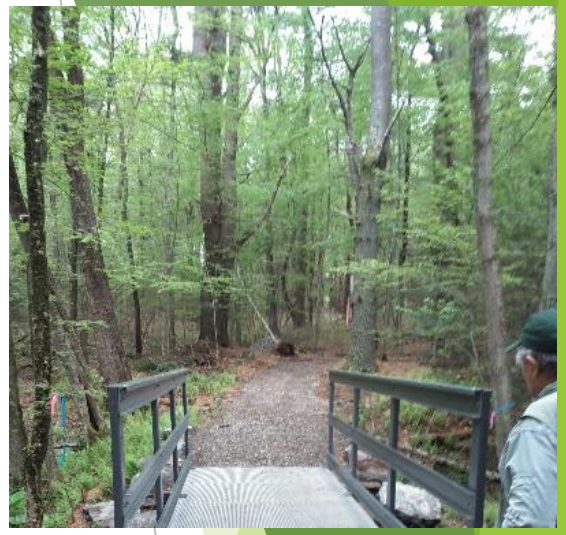
Value: $1,800

February 26, WHP Trucking & Excavating installed the granite for the twenty-foot bridge.

Bill Porter offered his equipment, time, and four loads of gravel. Value: $1,900.

Alex Aquadro provided both machinery and labor to position the granite pieces at the 16-foot bridge.

BSTRA Property Bridge Installation



May 12 &19

Bob Hatch delivered the bridges.

Six volunteers assisted in offloading and installation.

This effort amounted to 38.25 hours, valued at $1,567.

Bob Hatch and Stephanie Frend completed the installation of the railing on the 20-foot bridge and the curbing on the 16-foot bridge.

4 labor hours, valued at $164.

BSTRA Property Trail Workday August 3

Transported gravel for ramps in high humidity conditions

Finished ramp for a 20-foot bridge

14 volunteers

Logged 27.57 hours valued at $1,048

BSTRA Property Trail Workdays September

Sponsored by Yered Trailers

September 9, 3 hours were spent transporting gravel to one side of the 16-foot bridge to finalize the ramp. The gravel was generously provided by WHP Trucking & Excavating.

September 19, 2.5 hours were dedicated to moving gravel to the other side of the bridge.

September 29, 4x4 PT posts were installed for signage, and additional rocks and gravel were relocated. 14.33 hours by 3 volunteers

19.83 hours worked, valued at $806

Donated gravel not included in the valuation.

Trail Workdays on BSTRA Property October

October 18,

2 Volunteers

5 hours dedicated to clearing trees, primarily along the Peerless Relic Path and installed signpost valued at $205

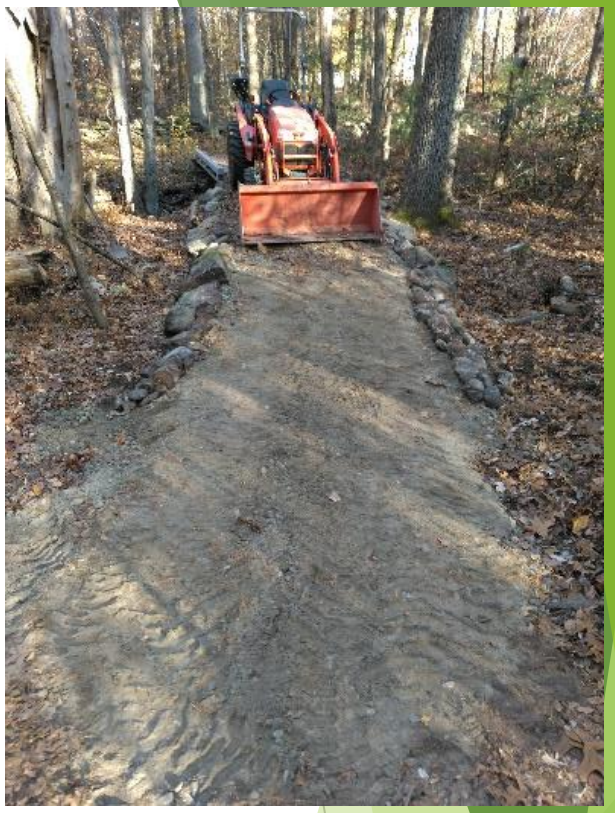
October 28,

1 Volunteer worked for 2.4 hours spreading gravel on a 16-foot bridge ramp valued at $98

October 30, 31

Cut & Installed Geo-Textile Material

2 Volunteers contributed 4.67 hours valued at $191



Trail Work BSTRA Property November& December

Nov 1: Pea Stone Preparation

1 Volunteer

50 minutes filling buckets. Valued at $34

Nov 2: Placed Pea Stone on Bridges and Installed Signs

6 Volunteers contributed

Total labor hours: 19.98, valued at $819.

Nov 20: Installation of Trail Marker Discs

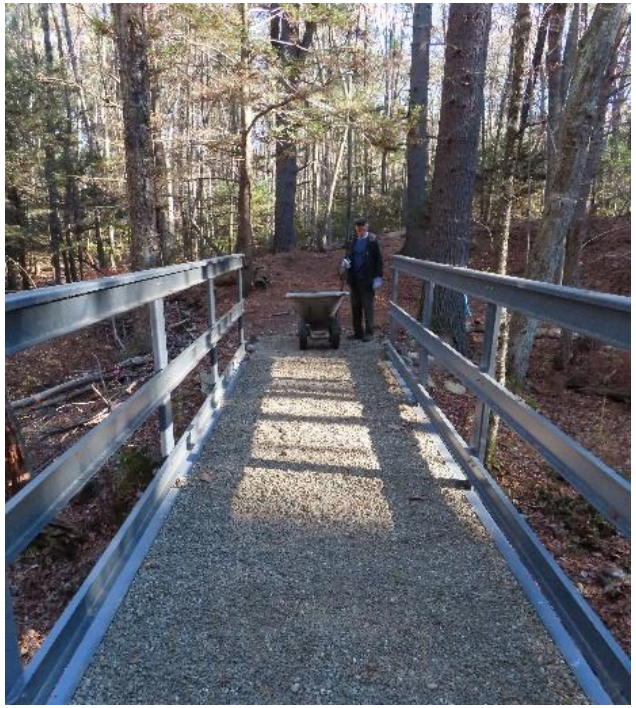
4 Volunteers

Total hours: 5.01, valued at $205.

Dec 1: Trail Work

3 Volunteers

Total hours: 7.15, valued at $293.



BSTRA Property Ribbon Ceremony December 8, 2024

Official Opening of the trail connecting the Southern New England Trunkline Trail to the trails behind Douglas Schools.

26 Attendees, including Representative Joseph McKenna, Selectmen Michael Fitzpatrick and Ross Smith

Project 2022 - 2024

38 Volunteers

302 hours of on the groundwork

37 hours of oversight, meetings, and paperwork.

Donations of material & equipment services $3,900

Two for the Trails Grant $10,000

Cash $19,051

Property cost not included

Total: $32,951

Bridge Warren Brook Conservation Area Bridge Upton, MA January 6

Collaborative Initiative

- Upton Land Stewardship Committee
- Blackstone Valley NEMBA

Updated decking on a 60-foot bridge constructed as an Eagle Scout project in 2010

Horse-friendly decking featuring fiberglass reinforced polymer molded grating, covered with non-woven geotextile material, and topped with pea stone

15 Volunteers

52.5 labor hours valued at $2,151

Legrand Reynolds Horsemen's Camping Area, RI - April 6th

Joint Effort to Clean up Camping Area

- Moswansicut Riding & Driving Club
- Cross State Trail Riders
- The RI Federation of Riding Clubs

20 Volunteer hours - Value $819

Park Serve Day – Douglas State Forest April 20

Sponsored by J.F. Cove Insurance Agency

Removed 2.1 miles of brush and winter debris along the Bill Annese Trail

17 volunteers divided into three teams

Contributed 47.67 hours, valued at $1,953

Park Serve Day Upton State Forest - April 21

Sponsors

Bob Clark's Dog Training & Doggie Day Care

Milford Federal Bank

Cleared 0.2 miles of Rabbit Run, which involved trimming back mature burning bush shrubs located between Westborough and Ridge Roads.

13 volunteers participated.

39 labor hours valued at $1,598.

Hodges Village Dam, Oxford – May 4

Removed 1 mile of brush and debris along the Pump House Trail.

6 volunteers.

A total of 29.3 hours, valued at $1,200.

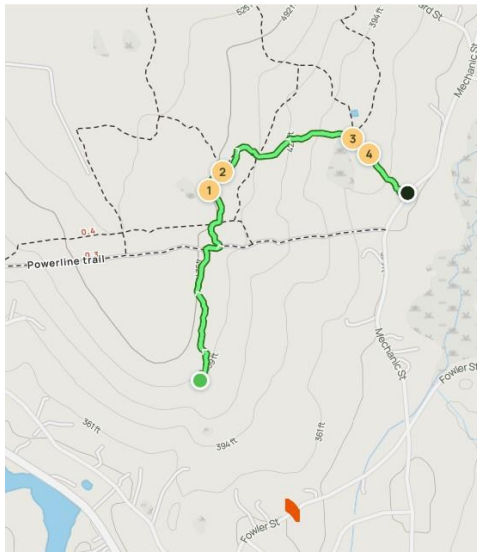
Mechanic Street Trail Work Upton

Supported Sudbury Valley Trustees (SVT) on 92 acres preserved by SVT and Upton

Ensure trails and bridges are horse friendly

Created .1 Mile of new trail where a bridge is planned

Opened the trail from the powerlines into the woods



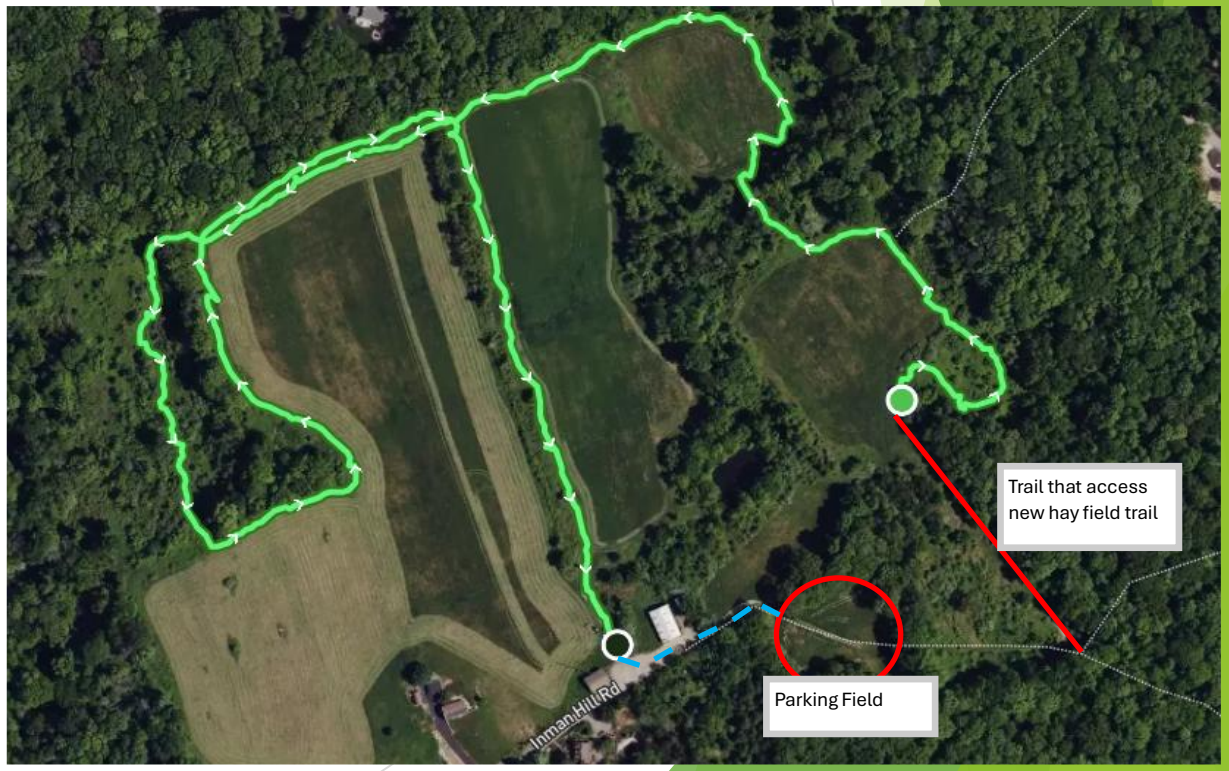
Mendon Trail Project – Hay Field Trails

Added 1.2 miles of new trails at Inman Hill Wildlife Conservation Area

Cost $10,700

24.76 hours project oversite and work worth $1,014

Total project $11,714



Grafton MA Bridge Hassanamesit Woods

Supported Grafton Trail Committee and Eagle Scout Project

Donated geo-textile material for horse friendly bridge

Upton Bridges

Dec. 16, 18, and 19

Supporting Sudbury Valley Trustees (SVT) Installation of two bridges, 12’ and 16’

2024 Sponsors and Donors

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Yered Trailers

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Webster First Federal Credit Union

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Wegmans

West End Creamery

Wych Family Dental

Zone Protects

Statement of Financials 2024

- **Revenue**
  - Contributions, gifts, grants $18,442
  - Additional Revenue :
  - Program services $5,108
  - Membership Dues $4,292
  - Annual Fundraiser and other fund raising $15,559
- Total Revenue $43,401

- **Expenses**
  - Program $33,134
  - Administration $5,470
  - Annual Fundraiser and other fundraising $ 6,867
- Total Expenses $45,471

- **Net Assets**

Cash Unrestricted

Savings $20,410

Checking $38,402

Money Market $80,866

CD Unrestricted

Unibank $53,698

CD's Restricted

Restricted Lea MacInnis endowment $3,172

Restricted Lifetime memberships $7,064

Restricted CD's Trail Projects $93,276

Land $42,824

Net Assets $339,712

Thank You to our 2024 Volunteers

Alex Aaquadro
Angie Knott
Ann Degnan
Anna-Maria Paul
Barbara McCumber
Becky Kalagher
Bill Knott
Bill Taylor
Billy Grigaitis
Bob Hatch
Brian Forestal
Bruce Rioux
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Cheryl Fitzpatrick
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