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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Baseline Documentation Report this 26th day of February 2017.

WITNESS:

GRANTOR:
CATHERINE CONTE

Address: 85 Fair Rowler
53 South Street
Northborough, MA 01532

WITNESS:

GRANTEE:
LITTLE COMPTON AGRICULTURAL CONSERVANCY TRUST

By: 

Its: 

Address: 40 Commons
Little Compton, RI
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Address:

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By: ____________________________

Its: ____________________________

Address: 40 Commons

Little Compton, RI
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
COUNTY OF NEWPORT

In __________________________, on this ________________ day of ______________________, A.D. 2018, then personally appeared CATHERINE CONTE, to me known and known by me to be the party executing the foregoing instrument, and she acknowledged said instrument, by her so executed, to be her free act and deed, before me,

________________________________________________________________________
Notary Public
Printed Name: ____________________________________________________________

My commission expires:_____________________________________________________

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
COUNTY OF NEWPORT

In __________________________, on this ________________ day of ______________________, A.D. 2018, then personally appeared __________________________, __________________________________________ of the LITTLE COMPTON AGRICULTURAL CONSERVANCY TRUST, to me known and known by me to be the party executing the foregoing instrument, and s/he acknowledged said instrument, by him/her so executed, to be his/her free act and deed in his/her said capacity and the free act and deed of said LITTLE COMPTON AGRICULTURAL CONSERVANCY TRUST, before me,

________________________________________________________________________
Notary Public
Printed Name: ____________________________________________________________

My commission expires:_____________________________________________________

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY

Street Address: 450 West Main Road
Municipality: Little Compton
County: Newport
State: Rhode Island
Plat/Lot: Little Compton Tax Assessor's Plat 19, portion of Lots 34-1 and 34-2 (Figure 1, Figure 2a & 2b)

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Acreage: The conservation area totals 23.77 ± acres (Figure 2a, 2b).

Prior Land Uses: The Premises have a long agricultural history. Early historic aerial photographs from 1939 indicate the Premises itself has been similarly composed since that time, while in the surrounding landscape much historic agricultural land has re-vegetated or been developed for residential use. In historic aerial photographs from 1972, the farm pond is newly visible and the banks of Dundery Brook are cleared all the way north to Meetinghouse Lane, where the pond at the Ponderosa appears to have been recently constructed.

Current Land Use: Today, the Premises contain hayfields and meadows, a farm pond, wooded forestland and wooded swamp, shrub swamp and ruderal shrubland, and Dundery Brook, a first-order perennial stream.

Proposed Future Use: It is the purpose of the Deed to Development Rights and Conservation Restrictions to assure that the Premises will be retained forever in its agricultural and open space condition as described in this Baseline Documentation Report. The Deed to Development Rights and Conservation Restrictions further requires that the Premises continue to be used for agricultural purposes.

CONSERVATION VALUES

Location: The Premises are located in Little Compton, Rhode Island, just south of Meetinghouse Lane, between West Main Road and South of Commons Road (Figure 3). The Premises are comprised of hayfields, meadow, deciduous forest, forested swamp, shrub swamp, ruderal shrubland, a farm pond, and Dundery Brook, a first-order perennial stream. The Premises lie within a complex of mixed agricultural land and medium-density residential development. To both the north and south, Dundery Brook is lined with a dense buffer of deciduous forest, totaling over 500 contiguous acres.
Landscape Context: There are approximately 1,202 acres of conservation land within one mile of the Premises (Table 1, Figure 5).  

Table 1. Conservation land within one mile of the Conte Property in Little Compton, Rhode Island as of July 2018.

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<td><strong>GRAND TOTAL</strong></td>
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Topography: The Premises slope generally east-southeast from West Main Road, and west-southwest from the adjacent hayfields on Wordell Lane, to Dundery Brook which flows from north to south bisecting the Premises (Figure 6). Elevations on the Premises range from approximately 81' above sea level at the northern edge of the Hay and Wild Flower Field north of the drive to approximately 54' above sea level at the lowest point in the Dundery Brook streambed, along the southern edge of the Premises.

Soils: According to the Rhode Island Soil Survey, the Premises contain three different soil types (Table 2, Figure 7).

Table 2. Mapped soils on the Patterson Property in Tiverton, Rhode Island.

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<td>NeA</td>
<td>2.9</td>
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<td>Newport silt loam with 3-8% slopes</td>
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<td>Stissing silt loam</td>
<td>Se</td>
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Newport silt loam with 0-3% slopes (NeA) is a nearly level, well-drained soil found on the crests of drumlins and glacial till plains in the southeast part of the State. The permeability of this soil is moderate or moderately rapid in the surface layer and subsoil and slow or very slow in the substratum. Available water capacity is moderate, and runoff is medium. The soil is very strongly acid through medium acid. This soil is suitable for community development and cultivation; most areas used for farming. This soil is recognized as a Prime Farmland Soil in the State of Rhode Island.

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Newport silt loam with 3-8% slopes (NeB) is a gently sloping, well-drained soil found on the sides of drumlins and glacial till plains in southeastern Rhode Island. The permeability of this soil is moderate or moderately rapid in the surface layer and subsoil and slow or very slow in the substratum. Available water capacity is moderate, and runoff is medium. The soil is very strongly acid through medium acid. This soil is suited to community development and cultivated crops; most areas are used for farming. This soil is recognized as a Prime Farmland Soil in the State of Rhode Island.

Stissing silt loam (Se), is a nearly level, poorly drained soil found on glacial upland hills and drumlins in the southeastern part of the State. Slopes range from 0 to 3 percent. The permeability of this soil is moderate in the surface layer and subsoil and slow in the substratum. Available water capacity is moderate, and runoff is slow. This soil has a seasonal high water table near the surface from late fall through spring. The soil is extremely acid through medium acid. The seasonal high water table and the slow permeability in the substratum make this soil poorly suited to community development. This soil is suited to trees, but most areas are cleared and used for pasture. This soil is suited to most types of wildlife habitat. Stissing soils are hydric soils associated with wetlands and are protected from disturbance under state and federal law. This soil is recognized as a Soil of Statewide Importance for Agriculture in the State of Rhode Island.

Agricultural Resources: The Premises have a long history of agricultural use that continues today. There are actively managed hayfields located on the western portion of the Premises, and animals are planned for the property. Approximately 14% (3.3 acres) of the Premises are classified as Prime Farmland Soil, while the remainder 86% (20.47 acres) is recognized as Soils of Statewide Importance for Agriculture. Agriculture was once considerably more extensive in the region; farmland is recognized as a valuable component of the surrounding landscape.
Water Resources: The Premises are bisected by Dundery Brook, a first-order perennial stream that flows from north to south on the eastern side of Little Compton, from Bumble Bee Farm approximately 1.1 miles upstream, to Briggs Marsh approximately 1.5 miles to the south (Figure 2). The majority of the wooded portion of the Premises is freshwater wetland, both forested (red maple) swamp and deciduous shrub swamp. The Premises also contain pockets of marsh along Dundery Brook, a dug farm pond, and several vernal pools.

The Premises lies within a Non-Community Wellhead Protection Area. Groundwater on the Premises is classified as ‘GA’, indicating that groundwater resources are presumed to be of drinking water quality. Residents of Little Compton rely on groundwater to replenish the wells upon which they depend for drinking water.

Native wetland plants surrounding the farm pond on the Conte Property in Little Compton, Rhode Island. (8.31.18, CLT).

Natural Communities / Wildlife Habitat Resources: The Premises are comprised of open hayfields and wildflower meadow, ruderal shrubland, a farm pond, shrub swamp, red maple swamp, a first-order perennial stream, scattered marsh bordering the stream corridor, and several vernal pools. A single

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A site visit was conducted on the Premises on 31 August 2018, where the following species were observed:

**FLORA**

*Species in bold are listed in the Invasive Plant Atlas of New England catalog and are generally considered to be invasive in the region.*

- American Holly (*Ilex opaca*)
- Arborvitae (*Thuja occidentalis*)
- Arrowhead (*Sagittaria spp.*)
- Arrow-leaved Tearthumb (*Polygonum sagittatum*)
- **Asian Bittersweet** (*Celastrus orbiculatus*)
- **Autumn Olive** (*Eleagnus umbellata*)
- Black Gum (*Nyssa sylvatica*)
- Black Locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*)
- Blackberry (*Rubus spp.*)
- Blue Flag (*Iris versicolor*)
- Bullbrier (*Smilax rotundifolia*)
- **Burning Bush** (*Euonymus alatus*)
- Canada Mayflower (*Maianthemum canadense*)
- Cardinal-flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*)
- Chicory (*Cichorium intybus*)
- Cinnamon Fern (*Osmunda cinnamonea*)
- Common Alder (*Alnus serrulata*)
- Common Cattail (*Typha latifolia*)
- Common Milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*)
- **Common Privet** (*Ligustrum vulgare*)
- Crabapple (*Malus spp.*)
- Curly Dock (*Rumex crispus*)
- Forsythia (*Forsythia spp.*)
- Goldenrod (*Solidago spp.*)
- Grass-leaved Goldenrod (*Euthamia graminifolia*)
- Gray Dogwood (*Cornus alternifolia*)
- Hawkweed (*Hieracium spp.*)
- Hay-scented Fern (*Dennstaedtia punctilobula*)
- Jewelweed (*Impatiens capensis*)
- Joe-Pye-weed (*Eupatorium dubium*)
- **Knapweed** (*Centaurea spp.*)
- Marsh-fern (*Thelypteris palustris*)
- Mint (*Mentha spp.*)
- Mixed Pasture Grasses (*Poaceae Family*)
- **Multiflora Rose** (*Rosa multiflora*)
- Northern Arrowwood (*Viburnum dentatum*)
- Northern Dewberry (*Rubus flagellaris*)
- **Norway Maple** (*Acer platanoides*)

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Partridge-berry (*Mitchella repens*)
Path Rush (*Juncus tenuis*)
Pussy Willow (*Salix discolor*)
Red Clover (*Trifolium pretense*)
Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*)
Rice-cutgrass (*Leersia oryzoides*)
Royal Fern (*Osmunda regalis*)
Scarlet Oak (*Quercus coccinea*)
Sedge (*Carex spp.*)
Sensitive Fern (*Onoclea sensibilis*)
Spruce (*Spicea spp.*)
Swamp Azalea (*Rhododendron viscosum*)
Sweet Gale (*Myrica gale*)
Sweet Pepperbush (*Clethra alnifolia*)
**Tree-of-Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*)**
Violets (*Viola spp.*)
Virgin's Bower (*Clematis virginiana*)
Virginia Creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*)
Water Parsnip (*Sium suave*)
Weeping Willow (*Salix babylonica*)
White Oak (*Quercus alba*)
Wild Black Cherry (*Prunus serotina*)
Wild Grape (*Vitis spp.*)
Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*)
**Yellow Flag (*Iris pseudacorus*)**

**FAUNA**

**Birds**
American Robin (*Turdus migratorius*)
Common Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis trichas*)
Gray Catbird (*Dumetella carolinensis*)
Northern Harrier (*Circus cyaneus*)
Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*)

**Mammals**
White-tailed Deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*)

**Amphibians**
Wood Frog (*Rana sylvatica*)
Green Frog (*Rana clamitans*)

**Insects**
Monarch (*Danaus plexipus*)

*White-tailed Deer observed on the Conte Property in Little Compton, RI (8.31.2018, CLT).*
Only a single site visit was conducted on the Premises in late summer. There is a limited likelihood that uncommon species, or species present or visible during other portions of the year could be detected. While no rare plant species were observed during the site visits, the State’s ‘Christmas Green’s Law’ protects American Holly (*Ilex opaca*) and Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*) from being removed without written permission from the landowner. The majority of the plants listed here are common and representative of agricultural land, formerly agricultural / disturbed areas, or wetland forest and stream communities. While several invasive species were present in open and disturbed areas, few were observed in the forested portion of the Premises.

The seasonal timing and weather conditions of the site visit limited wildlife observations, but of the species observed, all are common and characteristic of the natural communities present. The two amphibian species directly encountered during such dry conditions, and the presence of wooded swamp, stream, and vernal pool habitat all suggest the Premises are important for breeding amphibians. The Premises also undoubtedly provide habitat for a much wider variety of wildlife species then presented here, including a greater diversity of small and medium-sized mammals, migrant and resident birds, insects and invertebrates, bats, frogs, salamanders, turtles and snakes.

**Scenic, Historic, Educational, & Recreational Resources:** The Premises are comparatively undisturbed and highly scenic in nature. The stone walls and fields along West Main Road are open, scenic and visible to the public along a stretch of approximately 225 feet. In addition the Premises lie within a State-designated greenway and contain the Church Farm Historic Candidate District Site, as recognized by the Rhode Island Historic Preservation Commission. Historic field stone walls, which bound and bisect the Premises, are recognized as a valuable cultural resource in the area. Although not publically accessible, the forested portion of the Premises contains well developed, if unmaintained, walking trails that run along the brook and cross the Premises to connect with fields to the east.

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Human-made Features:

Human-made features observed on the Premises include:

- Fieldstone walls (see Photos 1B, 6B, 12A, 14B)
- Survey stakes and markers
- Wooden fencing (see Photos 6C, 7B, 8B, 8C, 9A, 9B, 9C, 10A, 10C)
- Man-made farm pond (see Photos 7A, 7B)
- Overhead utility lines (see Photo 12A)
- Wooden bench (see below)
- Wooden boardwalk (see above and below)
- Deer stand (see below)
- Firewood (see below)

Wooden bench located within the wooded portion of the Conte Property in Little Compton, RI (8.31.2018, CLT).
Wooden boardwalks located within the wooded portion of the Conte Property in Little Compton, RI (8.31.2018, CLT).
Deer stand located in the wooden portion of the Conte Property, east of Dundery Brook, in Little Compton, RI (8.31.2018, CLT).
Wood pile located in the wooden portion of the Conte Property, east of Dundery Brook, in Little Compton, RI (8.31.2018, CLT).
Figure 1a.
Little Compton Tax Assessor's Plat 19
Conte Property
Little Compton, Rhode Island
Figure 2a.
Survey Plan, Sheet 1
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Figure 2b.
Survey Plan, Sheet 2
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Figure 3.
Location Map
Conte Property
Little Compton, Rhode Island

Dundery Brook
Meetinghouse Lane
Taylor's Lane
Sakonnet River
Dundery Brook
Swamp Road
Briggs Marsh

Conte Property
- Conservation Area
- Streams
- Roads

Datalayers: 2014 Rhode Island Statewide High Resolution Orthoimages, USGS; USGS Hydrolines; E911 Road Centerlines (from RIGIS).
CLT 9/2018
Figure 4.
Aerial Photo / Property Map
Conte Property
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- Conservation Area
- Streams

Datalayers: 2014 Rhode Island Statewide High Resolution Orthoimages, USGS; USGS Hydrolines (from RIGIS).
CLT 9/2018
Figure 5.
Landscape Context Map
Conte Property
Little Compton, Rhode Island

Data layers: 2014 Rhode Island Statewide High Resolution Orthoimages, USGS; USGS Hydrolines; E911 Road Centerlines; Municipal & Non-Governmental Organization Conservation Lands, RIDEM 2014 (as amended by CLT) (from RIGIS).

CLT 9/2018
Figure 6.
USGS Topographical Map
Conte Property
Little Compton, Rhode Island

Datalayers: USGS 7.5 Minute Collarless Topographical Quadrangle, Tiverton & Sakonnet Point Quads (from RIGIS).
CLT 9/2018
Figure 7. Soil Survey Map

Conte Property

- Conservation Area
- Perennial Streams

Soils
- Newport silt loam, 0-3% slope (NeA)
- Newport silt loam, 3-8% slope (NeB)
- Pittstown silt loam, 3-8% slope (PmB)
- Stissing silt loam (Se)

Data layers: 2014 Rhode Island Statewide High Resolution Orthoimages, USGS; Soil Survey Geographic (SSURGO) Soil Polygons for the State of Rhode Island; USGS Hydrolines (from RIGIS). CLT 9/2018
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<td>Looking NNE along the western boundary of the Premises from the southwest corner.</td>
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<td>Looking NE across the Hay and Wild Flower Field south of the drive.</td>
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<td>2A</td>
<td>Looking WSW along the southern boundary of the Premises towards West Main Road.</td>
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<td>2B</td>
<td>Looking N from the southern boundary of the Premises.</td>
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<td>Looking NE across the field towards the farm pond located on the Premises.</td>
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<td>Looking NNW into the Premises.</td>
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<td>Looking WSW along the southern boundary of the Premises from the edge of the forested portion of the Premises.</td>
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<td>Looking NW across the field towards the farm pond.</td>
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<td>Looking E towards the farm pond.</td>
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<td>Looking NE across the field located furthest northeast on the Premises.</td>
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<td>Looking E at the farm pond.</td>
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<td>Looking NE across the farm pond and northeasternmost field towards the forest.</td>
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<td>Looking SW across the northeasternmost field.</td>
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<td>Looking ENE along the boundary of the Premises running along the drive.</td>
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<td>Looking SE across the Hay and Wild Flower Field south of the drive.</td>
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<td>15A</td>
<td>Looking S into a marshy area west of Dundery Brook that appears to hold water in flood stage.</td>
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<td>Looking N into a dense thicket that covers a marshy area that appears to hold water in flood stage.</td>
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<td>Looking S down the dry Dundery Brook streambed within the Premises.</td>
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<td>Looking N up the dry Dundery Brook streambed within the Premises.</td>
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<td>17</td>
<td>Looking up the dry Dundery Brook streambed.</td>
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<td>A large American Holly tree located on the eastern portion of the Premises.</td>
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<td>Looking WSW along the southern boundary of the Premises from the southeast corner.</td>
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Looking NE across the Hay and Wild Flower Field south of the drive.
Carol Lynn Trocki, 8/31/2018

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Looking E at the farm pond.
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Carol Lynn Trocki, 8/31/2018
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Looking SW across the Hay and Wild Flower Field north of the drive.
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Looking ENE along the boundary of the Premises running along the drive.
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Looking S into a marshy area west of Dundery Brook that appears to hold water in flood stage.
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Photo 15B
Looking N into a dense thicket that covers a marshy area that appears to hold water in flood stage.
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Photo 16A
Looking S down the dry Dundery Brook streambed within the Premises.
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Looking N up the dry Dundery Brook streambed within the Premises.
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Looking up the dry Dundery Brook streambed.
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A large American Holly tree located on the eastern portion of the Premises.
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Carol Lynn Trocki is a conservation biologist and educator with over 15 years of experience helping others better understand, manage, and appreciate the natural world. Since 2004, she has been working with local land trusts and conservation groups, assisting them to map and prioritize their land acquisition efforts, document conservation values, and plan for the long-term stewardship of their protected properties. For ten years Carol Lynn taught Wildlife Management at the University of Rhode Island, where she is now teaching a graduate-level Land Conservation Practicum in an effort to train and develop the next generation of practitioners that will be needed to solve today’s challenges. Carol Lynn specializes in coastal, avian and wetland ecology and is passionate about local agriculture as a vital part of any thriving landscape. She is currently most interested in the intersection of ecology and human values and believes that the health and integrity of any landscape relies on people’s sense of connection to it.

Conservation Biology Consulting Experience

Principal Conservation Biologist, Mosaic Land Management, LLC (2014-present)
- Small business owner, providing ecological consulting support and integrated land management advice to private landowners and land conservation organizations

Freelance Conservation Biologist, Sole Proprietor (2004 – present)
- Assisting land conservation organizations in prioritizing acquisition efforts, documenting conservation values, and planning for the long-term stewardship of their protected properties.
- Supporting the efforts of the Rhode Island Land Trust Council, Rhode Island Conservation Stewardship Collaborative, and the Land Trust Alliance to promote sound stewardship practices in accordance with local needs and informed by national standards through board coaching, workshops, presentations and the development of statewide guidance documents

Stewardship / Trail Manager, Aquidneck Land Trust (Jan 2004 – Nov 2004)
- Created Baseline Documentation Reports and Management Plans; provided input and support in determining the conservation value of prospective properties; designed and implemented a strategic conservation mapping project to identify conservation priorities on Aquidneck Island
- Stewardred and managed AILT-owned properties and trail projects; conducted annual monitoring visits on all properties, managed volunteer monitoring program, and maintained positive landowner relations
- Obtained an ESRI grant for GIS software for non-profit use; provided supporting maps
Ecological Research & Monitoring Experience

Lead Scientist, Boston Harbor Islands Coastal Breeding Bird Monitoring Program (2008-Present)
• Develop and implement a long-term volunteer monitoring program for breeding waterbirds in Boston Harbor Islands National Park Area
• Collect and present annual waterbird breeding data in a spatially explicit manner

Research Associate II, Univ. of Rhode Island, Dept. of Natural Resources Science (Jan 2006-Jul 2012)
• Ocean SAMP Avian Research - Explored avian use of RI offshore waters to inform potential future wind development sightings; conducted a variety of land-based, boat-based and aerial surveys for offshore and coastal bird species; developed spatially explicit density surface models using Program DISTANCE and ArcGIS 9.3
• Assisted in the design of a long term marshbird monitoring protocol for parks in the Northeast region, using GIS to evaluate sampling design and establish survey points
• Developed a biotic synthesis report for Fire Island National Seashore; provided detailed species and habitat accounts and suggested management recommendations based on best available information and the scientific literature

Contract Biologist, URI Dept. of Environmental & Natural Resources Economics (2005-2008)
• Worked with area farmers to better understand the effects of hayfield and cattle grazing on grassland nesting birds as part of an innovative experimental market for ecosystem services
• Conducted field surveys of breeding grassland birds on project area farm fields; developed occupancy models to explain the presence and absence of nest territories based on field characteristics and habitat variables

Contract Research Associate, URI Dept. of Natural Resources Science (2003-2007)
• Designed a coastal breeding bird monitoring protocol for Boston Harbor Islands National Park Area (BHI) that uses volunteers for implementation (2007) based on inventory work done in 2003 and 2005-7; Conducted mammal, reptile, and amphibian inventory in BHI (2005, 2006)
• Created a grassland bird conservation strategy for Saratoga National Historical Park (2003 - 2005)
• Oversaw breeding season avian monitoring in the Northeast Temperate Network of the National Park Service; managed field crew, created survey protocol documentation, managed data, prepared final maps, report, and database documentation to NPS specifications (2003- 2004)

• Developed a grid-based model in ArcGIS to examine the spatial correlation of avian population declines and acid and mercury deposition in the eastern U.S.

• Field sampled medium-sized mammals on Cape Cod National Seashore using a variety of methods for development of a monitoring protocol; established and located sampling points using GPS coordinates output from a stratified random sampling design; developed an occupancy model to assess the effects of various survey techniques and habitat variables

Graduate Research Assistant, URI Dept. of Natural Resources Science (2001-2004)
• Monitored wading bird use of salt marshes in southern Rhode Island
• Used photo-interpretation and GIS to create habitat maps of coastal wetland study sites
• Acquired complete project funding through competitive small grants for field assistance and travel
• Mentored and supervised undergraduate field research assistants
• Provided management recommendations to organizations and agencies interested in preserving and restoring salt marshes and active agricultural lands for foraging wading bird use

Research Assistant, URI Dept. of Natural Resources Science (1999-2000)
• Conducted shorebird surveys of three coastal ponds in southern Rhode Island; designed and carried out project protocol to meet Army Corps specifications, with a focus on habitat use by endangered species
• Conducted research on avian community structure at a recently restored salt marsh in Galilee, Rhode Island; performed point count surveys, spot-mapping, nest searching, and tracking of color-banded birds throughout the breeding season to correlate bird use to habitat change occurring with restoration

Teaching Experience

Land Conservation Practicum Instructor, URI Dept. of Natural Resources Science (2016-present)
• Developed course exposing students with existing skills in natural history and ecology to the applications and contributions they can make to local land conservation efforts
• Guide each student in the creation of a Baseline Documentation Report for a piece of protected land in partnership with a local land trust

Wildlife Management Course Instructor, URI Dept. of Natural Resources Science (2005-2015)
• Undergraduate survey lecture; core requirement for Wildlife Biology majors

Program Coordinator, URI Coastal Fellows Program (1999-2003)
• Mentored undergraduate research and outreach fellows, developed student opportunities, monitored student progress, and evaluated program success; developed and team-taught an undergraduate seminar in the communication and presentation of scientific research and outreach

Degrees

University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI
Master of Science in Environmental Science, Wildlife and Conservation Biology, 2003
Bachelor of Science, Environmental Science and Management, with highest distinction, 1999
Bachelor of Science, Secondary Science Education, with highest distinction, 1999

Community Leadership

Little Compton Conservation Commission (2017-present)
Rhode Island Land Trust Council, Board of Directors (2011-present)
Jamestown Farm Viability Committee (2003 – 2012)
Rose Island Lighthouse Foundation, Board of Directors (2003–2009, President 2005-09)
Representative Publications


