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BESIDES KEEPING LAND UNDEVELOPED, conservation can provide so many other benefits: access to nature, locally grown food, wildlife habitat, and scenic beauty, to name a few. In 2021, the Charlotte Land Trust (CLT) had several projects underway, either in partnership with the Vermont Land Trust or on our own. Land on Route 7 was conserved and sold to a young farmer who started Head Over Fields Farm. In East Charlotte, we are nearing completion on two projects. One will conserve productive farmland and is part of the transition plan for an established farm business. The other will conserve an ecologically significant forest block near Lewis Creek.

We also have just completed the Charlotte Agricultural Landscape Study. To produce this report we partnered with the University of Vermont Center for Rural Studies with the goal of better understanding the role of conservation in the future of farming in our town. Look for opportunities in the coming months to learn more about this project and the results.

Although 2021 was a successful year for CLT, it was also one of sadness. Two board members, David Watts and Marty Illick, passed away. David was remembered in last year's annual report, and Marty is in this year's (right).

For more information on CLT, please visit our website at charlottelandtrust.org. You'll find information on specific projects, other conservation topics, our financial statements, and a link to the Charlotte Agricultural Landscape Study. Our work in 2021 was only possible through the generosity of our supporters. Thank you, from all of us on the CLT board, for all you do.

— Katherine Lampton, President, Charlotte Land Trust

Marty Illick — 1950–2021

We are deeply saddened at the loss of our fellow board member, Marty Illick, and her partner, Terry Dinnan who passed away in April 2021. Marty was a board member for over 20 years. She was instrumental to many projects to protect farmland, scenic vistas, natural areas, and waterways. Her most recent completed project conserved forestland and a mile of frontage along Lewis Creek. Although Marty's knowledge of forest and river ecology was extensive, she was equally well-versed in issues facing farms. She was thoughtful in working with landowners on the complex process of conserving land. Her dedication and passion for this beautiful place enriched us all. We miss her greatly.



Caleb Kemp



The mission of the Charlotte Land Trust is to conserve the natural and working lands of Charlotte for the benefit of present and future generations.

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acres of resource-rich land are conserved within Charlotte's borders.

BY THE NUMBERS...

In order to give you a peek into what the Charlotte Land Trust is up to — as well as a snapshot of some of the information we gathered in the Charlotte Agricultural Landscape Study conducted in 2021 with the Center for Rural Studies — we've compiled the following numbers.

\$91,138

was contributed to the Charlotte Land Trust in 2021. These funds came from 178 donors, 26 of whom gave to CLT for the first time.

33%

of farm study respondents said that the farm business was their primary source of income whereas the rest had at least one farm operator who had off-farm income.



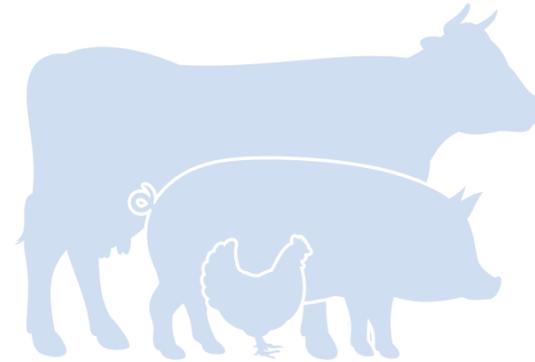
2/3rds

of respondents to our farm study reported that conservation has helped enable their farm to be financially viable.



77

farms operated in Charlotte in 2017 (the most recent data available) according to the National Agriculture Statistics Service.



19

 farm study respondents reported that they had direct-to-consumer retail offerings available at their farm.

35

years ago during town planning efforts the Charlotte Land Trust was started.

2

dairy farms were identified as operational in town by the farm study (as compared with 9 from 2007 data).

1

farmer reported using aquaponic methods in the farm study, a method of raising fish (or shrimp!) in landbased recirculating tanks.

\$1,646,952

has been allocated from the Charlotte Conservation Fund since 2000 to conserve 1,911 acres comprised of 26 different properties.



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volunteer members make up our board including Frances Foster, Dana Hanley, Kate Lampton, Jane Lawlis, Lindsay Longe, David Pill, Jessie Price, Jessica Sanford, Steve Schubart, Jay Strausser, and MaryVolk.

“If people want Vermont green and beautiful and agrarian, you need farmers!” — farm study focus group participant