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Dear Friends,

As autumn arrives and the air turns crisp, I am reflecting on a year filled with growth, progress, and community energy. This year we have been focused on learning how KLT can better serve the community and become more welcoming for all.

Our most exciting project has been the construction of the 1-mile accessible trail at Alewife Woods Preserve. The trail will have a wide, flat, and stable surface, promoting equitable access to the outdoors for even more people to experience the beauty of nature. We are still fundraising to achieve all aspects of the trail features and amenities. I hope you will learn more and consider supporting this important project and community resource.

KLT is committed to learning and shaping our nature preserves around accessibility. This summer, Nell Anthony, a graduate student from the Muskie School of Public Service, studied how KLT can help remove barriers to nature access. Thanks to this work, we were selected as one of only 12 Maine communities to receive no-cost technical assistance through the Maine Recreation and Park Association to assess and improve trail accessibility. We are also thrilled to welcome Kara Wooldrik and Enoch Glidden from the assessment team to share their expertise at our Annual Meeting and Fall Social on November 12.

This past year has also been about organizational growth. We are close to finalizing the most in-depth strategic plan that KLT staff and board of directors has ever undertaken. It will be a roadmap to guide our work for years to come. We are so grateful to the community members who provided valuable input to help shape this plan.

And while our mission is serious, our celebrations have been joyful! Events such as the Soaring Skies Soirée, our first ever 'Carnival for Conservation,' and the Nature Walk Series were wonderful successes. These experiences bring together friends old and new to support local conservation and the community.

Each of these milestones reflect a shared commitment to care for the land and make it more accessible, inclusive, and resilient for generations to come. Thank you for being a part of this journey. Your support and involvement continue to move our mission forward!

With gratitude and excitement for the future,

Sandy

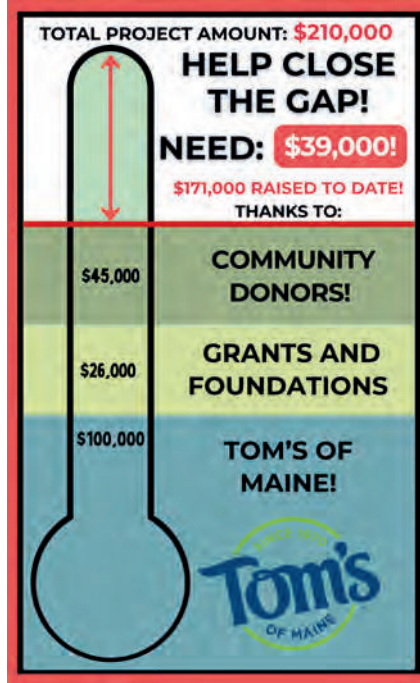
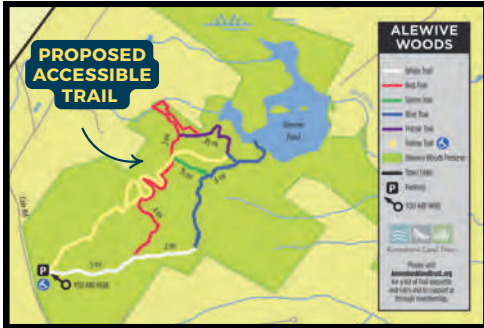
Sandy Gilbreath, Executive Director



September Nature Walk

Alewife Accessible Trail Update

KLT has been constructing a 1-mile trail to increase outdoor access and welcome individuals using wheelchairs, strollers, persons with limited mobility, and anyone looking for a relaxed, low-impact walk. The trail is a wide, stable surface with gentle inclines, and includes rest areas, wheelchair accessible picnic tables and benches, detailed map and signage, and numbered trail markers connected to emergency services.



The end is in sight - but we still need YOU!

Please consider giving today and help complete this project.

Every contribution moves us closer to opening nature to even more people in our community!

A special opportunity for families, individuals, organizations, or businesses: **Sponsor a handcrafted custom Trail Post!** Leave your mark in nature with a custom way-finding post. The post informs walkers how far they've gone and distance to the trail end. Each post is built by a local craftsman and engraved with a custom graphic of your choice. Additionally, sponsors choose a Maine forest plant or animal for the top; truly making each marker one-of-a-kind!



We are making great progress! The Alewife Accessible Trail has been plotted, stone and gravel are being laid, and bridges are being built.



Support this project at any level today!

- Trail Blazer.....up to \$999
- Outdoor Advocate.....\$1,000+
- Pathway Guardian\$5,000+
- Access Champion\$10,000+

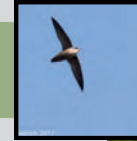


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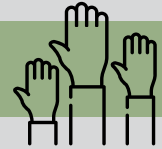
Action Updates ...

Chimney Swift Tower

This past spring, a specially built tower at the For All Forever Preserve was constructed. It provides safe nesting habitat for chimney swifts whose populations have declined due to habitat loss, sealed chimneys, and reduced insect food sources. The project launched in 2025 by the Planeteers of Southern Maine, was a true community collaboration. Kennebunk High School Alternative Education students built the tower, Deering Lumber and Hancock Lumber donated materials, Scribe Construction performed the installation, and York County Audubon offered expertise. Kennebunk Land Trust provided the site, and together these partners created a lasting benefit for Chimney Swifts and the surrounding area.



Volunteer Opportunity!



Kennebunk Land Trust is searching for board members!

If you're passionate about conservation and helping make the outdoors more welcoming for all, we'd love to have you on our team.

**LEARN MORE & EMAIL YOUR INTEREST:
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I ENJOY KENNEBUNK'S NATURAL AREAS



I WANT TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY



I ENJOY WORKING ON A TEAM TOWARD COMMON GOALS

Upcoming Events

Annual Meeting + Fall Social

Special Guest Presenters

Enoch Glidden and Kara Woodrirk

Outdoor Inclusion Specialists

on the broad ways we can welcome more people into our preserves

Special Bonus! All attendees will be entered into a raffle for two Fire & Ice tickets!

Thank you to our sponsors!



Join us at the **Nonantum!**

Wednesday, November 12th
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

[kennebunklandtrust.org/
2025-annual-meeting](http://kennebunklandtrust.org/2025-annual-meeting)



**GEAR UP FOR FALL WITH SAFETY ORANGE!
SHOP NOW!**



STAY SEEN DURING HUNTING SEASON

with KLT beanies, bandanas, and ballcaps!

Hunting season is September 6th through December 31st



KENNEBUNK LAND TRUST'S 6TH ANNUAL

PUMPKIN SCAVENGER HUNT!

OCTOBER 1ST - 31ST

TAKE A WALK ALONG THE PATH AT HOPE WOODS PRESERVE AND SPY THE PUMPKINS IN THE TREES!

FIND ALL 10!

ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE WELCOMED TO THE KENNEBUNK LAND TRUST OFFICE TO CLAIM A CANDY TREAT

PARKING: END OF HOPE TRAIL LANE OFF BARNARD LANE.

PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL IF A CEMETERY SERVICE IS OCCURRING.

SPECIAL THANKS TO



Christmas Prelude

Snap a holiday picture at the Christmas Prelude Photo Booth!
December 5th, 6th, and 7th at Maine Art Hill!
Get in the spirit and proceeds benefit KLT!

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Ways to Give
Gifts of Stock
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Estate Planning & Bequests
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Your support maintains trails, protects habitats, develops educational programs, and more!

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