



Vermont Woodlands Association 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

As of December 31, 2020



2020 in Retrospect

The year presented us with so many changes and challenges, it's hard to know where to start. First, let us thank you all for your support through continued membership and generous contributions. We know that you all had changes and challenges too in navigating our Covid environment and are grateful for your ongoing support.

A big hurdle, as you know, was the passing of Put Blodgett on March 3rd, at the cusp of our Covid State of Emergency. Put missed the board meeting on February 21st, only the second such occurrence in his 20 year tenure as president. That happened to be our last in-person meeting. How does an organization fill such a void, especially as a global pandemic is unfolding? While transition planning had been discussed, we didn't have a plan – except in a very fortuitous move, we had co-vice presidents. Allan Thompson and John Buck, whether they knew it or not, were preparing to someday take up the mantle of leadership. And when that time arose, Allan stepped into the role of president with John as vice president.

Have you met Allan Thompson? We introduced him to you in our June 2020 newsletter. In the nearly one-year of leadership, Allan has steered this ship with confidence and competence. We all know that our woodland owner demographic is 65+ years of age. The board room (or Zoom screen) mimics that demographic. Not Allan. He is the next generation of landowner, the next generation of professional consulting forester. His “youthful” perspectives are welcome. He is a leader with a collaborative style and he can delegate – something that does not seem to be in the DNA of we older folks. We are very fortunate to have Allan at the helm, supported by vice president John Buck and the rest of the Board.

We are excited about a few other important changes that took place in 2020. Even without the board table to hash out ideas, we were able to engage in email discussion and agree on a new Vision and Mission to guide our work.

Our Vision: *Healthy Vermont forests, supported by an informed and inspired constituency.*

Our Mission: *To educate and advocate for the practices of productive stewardship, use, and enjoyment of Vermont's woodlands.*

After years of Walk in the Woods, Tree Farm Tours, and field workshops, times demanded change. As in-person scheduled programs were cancelled, many of us wondered what we would do to fill our days with no travel, meetings, or events. ZOOM to the rescue! What started in late March 2020 as a way to offer programs has now become the only way we all get to “see” one another. Zoom has also been the preferred tool to continue our partnership programs that have evolved and grown during the last year. We are pleased to be engaged in bringing learning, networking, and opportunity to diverse audiences through these partnerships.

- Woods, Wildlife, Warblers – Are you interested in forest management with birds in mind? How can you make habitat improvements to welcome Vermont’s migratory songbirds in their breeding season?
- Women Owning Woodlands – Are you a woman landowner who wants to network and learn from other women? Visit <https://ourvermontwoods.org/topic/vt-women-owning-woodlands-network> to learn about opportunities for engagement.
- Land Ethic Vermont – What’s your relationship with the land? Visit ourvermontwoods.org/topic/land-ethic to learn about opportunities to explore your personal land ethic.
- Your Land. Your Vision – Are you thinking about how to keep your woodlands intact and in the family for the future? Have a conversation with a Legacy Planning expert and if ready, start your journey.
- Water Wise Woodlands – Are you a woodland owner in the Upper Winooski Watershed towns of Cabot, Marshfield, or Plainfield? Learn how active forest management can help to improve water quality.
- Our legislative advocacy also continues in a new relationship with Vermont Farm Bureau. As members, you now receive VFB’s weekly update, Under the Golden Dome.

Vermont Tree Farm remains a foundational program for VWA. The Tree Farm Committee guides initiatives designed to grow stewardship among managing landowners. Vermont has 437 certified Tree Farms totaling 134,350 acres. An additional 53 Tree Farms with 11,603 acres are Pioneers, land stewards who need a plan update or an inspection for full certification. If you are interested in learning more about Tree Farm certification, visit vermonttreefarm.org for details.



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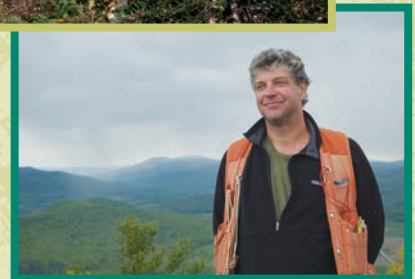


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We wish to extend our sincere gratitude to our generous members and donors who contributed to Vermont Woodlands during 2020. In these very challenging times, we appreciate that you remembered VWA with your gift of support.

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Many generous donors have contributed to our Memorial and Honorary Funds, naming those who touched their lives in special ways. You may see your loved ones in this list below.

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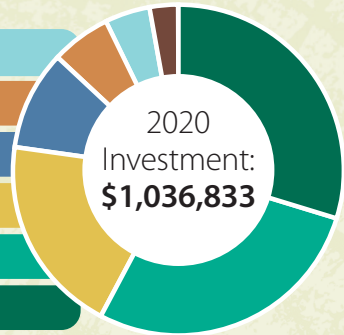
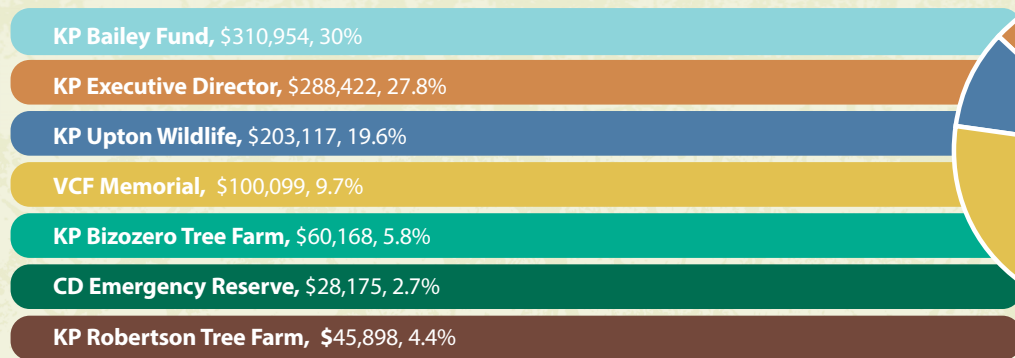
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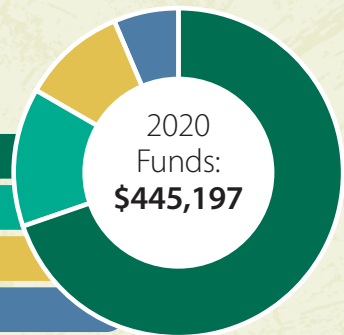
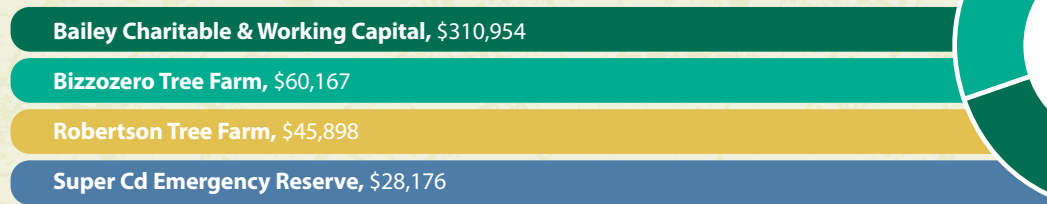
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If you would like to make a donation in memory of or in honor of your loved one, please make note of whom your donation is for and if you would like it invested in a Fund or Endowment.

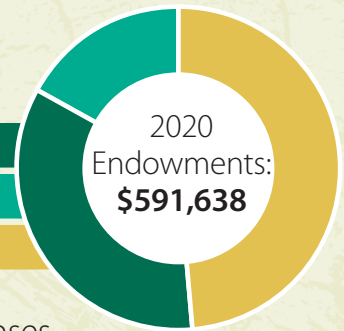
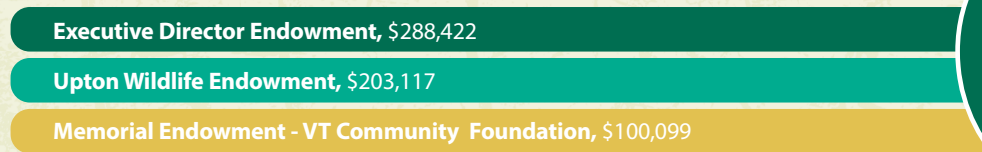
VWA Investments



Tree Farm and Other Funds

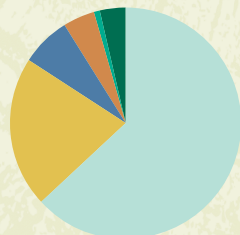


VWA Endowments



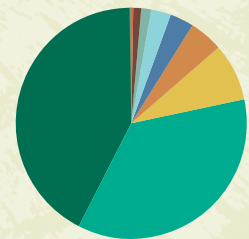
2020 Tree Farm Income

\$30,600	Woods, Wildlife, & Warblers
\$0	Grants
\$10,137	Administration Fees
\$3,423	AFF Tree Farm Support
\$2,042	NLC Reimbursement
\$0	Tours, Workshops, & Contributions
\$500	Inspections
\$1,630	Fundraising



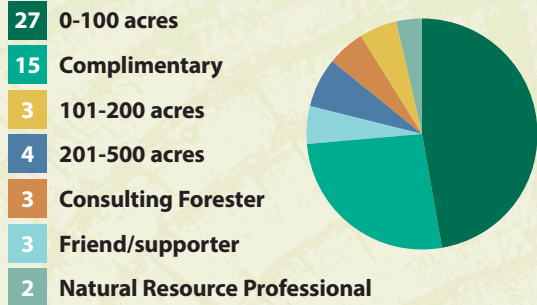
2020 Tree Farm Expenses

\$0	Tours & Events
\$113	Travel
\$180	Supplies/postage/copies
\$562	Signs & Awards
\$940	Project Learning Tree
\$1,650	Training & Inspections
\$1,952	National Leadership Conference
\$2,692	Website
\$4,820	Grants
\$21,300	Administration & Database
\$25,116	Woods, Wildlife, & Warbler



Memberships

2020 New Membership



2020 Renewing Membership



Reports: Profit & Loss

January through December 2020

Income

4100 · Membership Dues	42,400.00
4200 · Donations	109,314.92
4260 · Grants	12,677.84
4300 · Annual Meeting	1,935.90
4400 · Tree Farm	47,585.61
45000 · Investments	80,905.89
4700 · Other Income	23,223.00
4770 · Walk in the Woods Division	231.10

Total Income	317,812.06
Cost of Goods Sold	212.29

Gross Profit 317,599.77

Expense

Merchant deposit fees	594.50
5100 · Professional Services	83,145.72
5200 · Printing	17,879.46
5300 · Membership Services	12,707.80
5400 · Board of Directors Meeting	851.32
5600 · VWA Educational Programs	3,509.86
5700 · Legislative Affairs	8,596.44
5800 · General Administrative	7,129.13
5900 · Grant Expenses	569.00
6000 · Tree Farm Expenses	59,324.47
66900 · Reconciliation Discrepancies	50.00

Total Expense	194,357.70
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Net Income 123,242.07

Reports: Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2020

Assets

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

1010 · General Merchant's Account	
1007 · French Foundation - PLT	8,048.13
1009 · Funds for Wildlife Programs	1,326.82
1012 · Tree Farm Committee - WWW	23,897.64
1016 · VW Memorial General Fund	-50.00
1017 · VW In Honor General Fund	550.00
1010 · General Merchant's Account - Other	3,934.63

Total 1010 · General Merchant's Account 37,707.22

Total Checking/Savings 37,707.22

Accounts Receivable

11000 · Accounts Receivable	-330.00
11060 · Dues Receivable	3,050.00
11070 · Tree Farm Admin Receivables	340.00

Total Accounts Receivable 3,060.00

Other Current Assets

12000 · Undeposited Funds	3,5550.00
12100 · Inventory Asset	21,490.00
1650 · Endowments	
1700 · VW Memorial Endowment	100,099.38
1770 · Executive Director Endowment	288,422.17
1780 · Wildlife Endowment	203,177.08

Total 1650 · Endowments 591,638.63

1784 · Funds

1785 · Super CD Emergency Reserve	28,175.92
1795 · Bailey Charitable & Working Cap	310,954.53
1802 · Robertson Tree Farm	45,898.72
1803 · Bizzozero Tree Farm	60,167.60

Total 1784 · Funds 445,196.77

Total Other Current Assets 1,061,880.40

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Liabilities & Equity

Equity

3000 · Opening Balance Equity	210,694.78
32000 · Net Assets	768,200.77
Net Income	123,752.07

Total Equity 1,102,647.62

Total Liabilities & Equity 1,102,647.62