

The Goldthwait Reservation 2023 Annual Report



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The Goldthwait Reservation, Inc.

Founder Joel E. Goldthwait M.D.

First and foremost, a huge and heartfelt **Thank You** to all the families, friends, directors, trustees, volunteers and neighbors who have continued to assist in:

- Preserving the natural beauty and character of the Reservation to be used for outdoor education, recreation and enjoyment for Marblehead residents.
- Preserving the ecological integrity of the salt marsh, including the native plant species that grow there and the fish and wildlife that use the marsh for food, shelter and nursery grounds.
- Preserving the reservation as a fun and safe place to host gatherings, events and educational activities.

It has been another exciting year for Goldthwait Reservation! We are grateful to the many families, friends, residents, volunteers and generous donors who make the reservation such a beautiful place to treasure and enjoy. Many thanks to the Trustees, Directors and Officers for their continued support and work to maintain and preserve the beach and salt marsh.

Some of the 2023 changes and highlights include:

- Goldthwait's Annual Spring Cleanup
- Boy and Girl Scout celebrations and campouts
- New Shed Construction
- Walkway & Picnic Table Repairs
- Security Camera Installation
- Many wonderful weddings, beach and fire pit gatherings
- On-going management of invasive species within the marsh by DeRosa Environmental
- Great summer help – parking lot attendants and marsh maintenance
- Another successful High School Day of Service at the Reservation
- Successful fundraising solicitation campaigns
- Final Request for a Certificate of Compliance and Request to Return to Compliance with the Town of Marblehead Conservation Commission.

We are all very thankful and appreciative of all our generous donors and hard working volunteers throughout these many years. With your continued support and work, 2024 will be a great and fulfilling year for the ecological gem that is the Goldthwait Reservation.

With our sincere thanks and best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Ed'.

Ed Principe
President, The Goldthwait Reservation, Inc.

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Operations Report

Goldthwait May 2023 Cleanup Day – A huge thank you to all the families, friends, directors, trustees and volunteers who participated in the 2023 Clean Up Day. Garden beds were raked clear, fresh mulch was spread and new flowers were planted.



Part-Time Summer Help – A heartfelt thank you to Nate May, Ian Cody and Colin Hart for all their help in assisting with multiple projects this past summer. Cutting of phragmites, tree trimming, bench and walkway repairs, parking lot landscaping, Phillips Street fence repairs and construction of new shed are among the major accomplishments this summer.

Gate attendants were a steady and friendly presence throughout the summer. Veteran ambassadors Andrea Potvin and Stella Monaco were joined by Colin Hart, Jamie Haliotis, Crew Monaco and Scott Campbell.

Parties and Permits – Our beach, fire pit and grassy area continue to attract. Over 45 permits were issued. Boy and Girl Scout campouts and ceremonies, birthday parties for young and old, family reunions and congregations all enjoyed gatherings both large and small. We were graced with two beautiful weddings.



Goldthwait Upgrades & Security – Security and monitoring needs continued to increase. It was discouraging to see more and more “illegal” beach fire pits, drinking parties and more than a few groups of young adults gathering, throwing rocks and leaving trash and broken bottles on the beach rocks. The two wood bike racks were destroyed and burned in the fire pit. (We replaced it with an unobtrusive metal rack.)

With conscientious guidance from Ed Principe, Goldthwait installed two security cameras within the parking lot which would allow ample coverage to identify late night revelers and parties. The Board and Marblehead Police advise anyone encountering or observing these large gatherings to NOT try to engage them but to call the police and allow them to respond as needed.

The other major upgrade included the demolition of the old shed and installation of an at-grade wood frame shed and metal roof. The old shed was leaking, with roof damage from kids throwing rocks on top and a broken door (more vandalism). The new shed allows for additional storage space for all of Goldthwait's equipment, paint, signage and tools. A huge thank you to Geoff and Fiona, Tim, Tom, Colin, Mike, and Jack for the construction of the new shed and demo of the old.



Certified Wildlife Habitat – Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the weeding, removal of vines and invasive plants. Fiona and Brigitte were instrumental in organizing this work, along with crews from Lassanna's Landscaping. The Habitat continues to evolve and provide a beautiful location for wildlife to co-exist within the beach and marsh environment.

Marblehead High School Day of Service – On October 18th, Marblehead High School held its annual Freshman Day of Service within the Marblehead community. Goldthwait was the recipient of 20+ students (and several faculty) that day, assisting with several work projects at the Reservation. The projects included: beach clean-up, English ivy removal, walkway plank replacement, clearing/pruning beach plum bushes, weeding within the wildlife habitat and general weeding with the parking lot area. Many thanks to Fiona Lubbock, Jeanne Kleene, Betsy Rickards, Nan Haskell, Christine Cudihy, Gary Ritter, Lynda Hare and Brigitte Fortin for their guidance and support!!!



Goldthwait "Guardians" - No annual report is complete until we have done a heartfelt and loud shout out to Christine Cudihy. She quietly and routinely collects trash along the beach, the parking lot and marsh. Fiona Lubbock is also very active here and we know there are more unsung heroes who also make an effort to pick up debris when they are enjoying a walk at the Goldthwait.

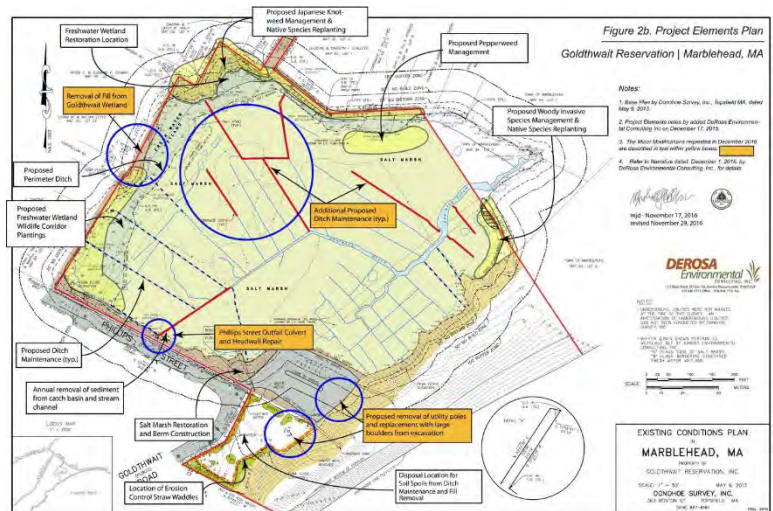


2023 Salt Marsh Report

In January 2023, DeRosa Environmental Consulting, Inc. filed the official "Request for a Certificate of Compliance and Request to Compliance" to the Town of Marblehead Conservation Commission.

This document represented the completion of all the work at Goldthwait Reservation pursuant to the Notice of Intent (NOI) Application dated December 28, 2015.

What all this means is that all of the planning and restoration of the Goldthwait Salt Marsh and work by Geoff and Fiona Lubbock, as well as all of the endless volunteers, neighbors, trustees, directors, friends and in particular DeRosa Environmental had been completed in compliance with the NOI (planned work within the marsh) and the Town of Marblehead Conservation Commission.



It was a significant undertaking at the time and required endless hours by Geoff, Fiona and others to manage and supervise all of the work.

The 12 acre Goldthwait Reservation contains a very large area of salt marsh and a fringe of freshwater marsh around much of the perimeter. Led by Geoff Lubbock's extraordinary vision and DeRosa Environmental Consulting's superb expertise and supported by many years of hard work and dedicated volunteers, the marsh has been transformed from an over-grown and clogged waterway to a vibrant ecosystem. Once cleared of excessive fill and invasive plants, the canals' saltwater flows have improved dramatically. The improved flows created a healthier marsh and a return of wildlife native to the area.



The Goldthwait salt marsh is connected to the Riverhead Beach area by a large diameter culvert which passes under Ocean Avenue. This culvert functions very much like a tidal creek, allowing water to flow into and out of the marsh with the tide. The dominant salt-tolerant plants within the salt marsh are Salt Meadow Cord Grass (*Spartina Patens*) and Salt Marsh Cord Grass (*Spartina Alterniflora*). The salt marsh also contains tidal creeks, ditches and small pools.

Trench Clearing – In order to maintain the salt water flows within the marsh, the trenches need annual maintenance. Due to collapsed trenches and overgrowth, trench excavation was necessary. Many thanks to Nate May and Ian Cody for their hard work keeping the trenches clear this past summer.



Invasive Plant Species – The management and removal of the marsh invasive species have had a positive impact of the native plant species that are currently growing in the marsh. The removal of the Japanese Knotweed, Cocklebur, Honeysuckle, Bittersweet and Multiflora Rose was successful thanks to Fiona & Geoff Lubbock, Bill Godin, Nate May, Ian Cody and countless others. The Phragmites are an aggressive invasive species that can take over a salt marsh habitat if not regulated. Through repeated cuttings during the growing season and summer drought Goldthwait volunteers have had a large impact on the spread of phragmites.

This summer also saw a rise in marsh elder plants. Although not an invasive species, it can grow and spread at an alarming rate. Several cuttings were performed this summer to reduce the spread of this plant.

DeRosa Environmental Consulting – We have been fortunate to have the services of DeRosa Environmental, who have been invaluable to us with their knowledge of marsh invasive plants, maintaining the ecological integrity of the salt marsh and providing occasional herbicide applications to treat and remove invasive species. We plan to continue to utilize their services as we enter the maintenance phase.

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Treasurer's Report

Goldthwait Reservation continued to attract tremendous financial support in 2023, from its very generous patrons, including annual donors, those newly contributing, and those eager to host a permitted special event.

As in prior years, the response to fundraising letters continues to be the primary source of financial support, resulting in \$66,889.00 for direct donations in 2023. (2022 fundraising totaled \$76,943.73) The usage of PayPal and Venmo continues to increase as a convenient payment alternative, particularly at the parking lot gate. This year, a new remittance envelope was created to reduce the amount of paper used in the solicitation mailings. The envelope contains a QR code which provides a direct link to the fundraising page of the Goldthwait website.

Marblehead residents and Goldthwait neighbors remain very generous and we are so thankful to all donors, near and far. This year, we received contributions from 366 donors. This included individual donations in amounts of \$15,000, \$2,250, and \$2,000. Five friends and neighbors donated \$700-1,000 each. Thirteen more supporters contributed \$500 each. We are delighted that several donors provided corporate matching gifts as well. Donations arrive in all sizes, and the generosity of those who hold Goldthwait as an important place in their hearts and minds is humbling.

No major fundraiser was held this year, however permitted activities, which included two large wedding events, generated \$2,100 in income.

In 2023, total property expenditures were \$11,915.93. Projects included installation of a 24/7 webcam security system, new signage, and replacement of the work shed. With a careful eye toward managing expenses for landscaping and maintenance, bids and comparative shopping were utilized for best price and quality for these improvements. DeRosa Environmental Consulting, Lassana's Landscaping, Olson's Turf Irrigation, and other businesses have continued to provide us with great services at fair prices.

Payroll expenditures decreased significantly as we hired only seasonal attendants and welcomed many volunteer hours for operations and landscape projects. The part-time manager position was not thought necessary to fill for the anticipated needs of the season. Summer payroll totaled \$5233.66 (2022 was \$19,703.04, reflective of the paid part-time manager position.) We continue to appreciate the excellent payroll and tax services provided by local business services Commonwealth Payroll and Rick Myers, CPA.

With sincere appreciation to our donors, supporters, volunteers, and paid seasonal staff, we are in a healthy position as we enter the 2024 season. 2023 began with a cash balance of \$95,934.08 and ended with \$126,111.65 on hand.

2023 Reports included: Statement of Activity, Financial Position

Sharon Randall, Treasurer
Jeanne Kleene, Bookkeeper

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Revenue	Total
Non-Profit Revenue	
Donations	
Checks	50,319.00
Gate Cash	1,185.00
Paypal	15,385.00
Total Donations	\$ 66,889.00
Other (Amazon Smile NGB)	72.20
Use Permits	
Fees	2,100.00
Total Use Permits	\$ 2,100.00
Total Non-Profit Revenue	\$ 69,061.20
Total Revenue	\$ 69,061.20
Gross Profit	\$ 69,061.20

Expenditures	
Decals-Stickers	681.00
Fund Raising	
Events	
Caterer-Bar	597.96
Insurance	105.00
Total Events	\$ 702.96
Mailings-Solicitations	
Materials-Copying	630.00
Postage	315.00
Total Mailings-Solicitations	\$ 945.00
Paypal Fee	356.41
Total Fund Raising	\$ 2,004.37
Operations Administrative (OA)	
Accounting Fees	727.83
Bank Fees	176.50
Comm Mass Filing Fees	89.32
Comm Payroll Fee	1,077.00
Insurance	1,548.00
Mailbox	294.00
Payroll	229.00
Checks	49.69
Direct Deposits (net)	4,228.88
Tax Withholding (Assure Tax)	726.09
Total Payroll	\$ 5,233.66
Postage	387.65
Supplies copying	636.09
Taxes	600.00
Total Operations Administrative (OA)	\$ 10,770.05

**Statement of Activity
January - December 2023**

Expenditures (continued)	
Property	
Fire Pit - Grassy Area	
Equipment Supplies	1,574.35
Landscaping	3,191.20
Services	220.00
Total Fire Pit - Grassy Area	\$ 4,985.55
Marsh	
Equipment-Supplies	42.86
Services	5,523.01
Total Marsh	\$ 5,565.87
Parking Lot	
Equipment-Supplies	417.95
Total Parking Lot	\$ 417.95
Site Overall	
Equipment Supplies	2,700.29
Fencing	458.58
Security	5,108.66
Signage	647.27
Trash Removal	2,425.00
Utilities	576.13
Total Site Overall	\$ 11,915.93
Wildlife Area	
Labor (hourly)	1,170.00
Total Wildlife Area	\$ 1,170.00
Total Property	\$ 24,055.30
Total Expenditures	\$ 37,510.72
Net Operating Revenue	\$ 31,550.48
Other Expenditures	
Other Miscellaneous Expenditure	200.00
Total Other Expenditures	\$ 200.00
Net Other Revenue	-\$ 200.00
Net Revenue	\$ 31,350.48

Statement of Financial Position	
As of December 31, 2023	Total
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	126,111.65
Other Current Assets	0.00
Total Current Assets	\$ 126,111.65
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 126,111.65
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	103.55
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 103.55
Total Liabilities	\$ 103.55
Equity	126,008.10
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 126,111.65

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Contributor Form

Thank you very much for your generosity. All contributions are greatly appreciated.

Please return this form with your tax-deductible donation or visit www.goldthwait.org to donate online.

Please make checks payable to: The Goldthwait Reservation, Inc.

Mail checks to: Sharon Randall, Treasurer

The Goldthwait Reservation, Inc.

PO Box 1025

Marblehead MA 01945-5025

Online donations are made through Paypal [Goldthwait.org Donate Page](http://Goldthwait.org/DonatePage)

Suggested donation levels:

_____ \$50 Individual

_____ \$75 Family

_____ \$100 Family Plus

_____ \$250 Friend of Goldthwait

_____ \$500 Advocate

_____ \$1,000 Benefactor

_____ \$2,500+ Environmentalist

_____ \$25 Senior (age 70+ discount)

Senior or Individual \$50 contributions will receive one Goldthwait sticker. Marblehead residents who contribute \$75 or more will receive a second Goldthwait sticker.

Thank you very much for your support.

We would like to acknowledge special donations in our annual report.

Please let us know if you have a special designation.

_____ In memory of _____

_____ In honor of _____

Please include your name, email, and mailing address:

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email: _____

(we will only use this for Goldthwait communications)

WE NEED YOUR TIME AND TALENTS! If you are interested in volunteering to help with any aspect of the Goldthwait Reservation's work please let us know. We welcome your help!

Email: goldthwait.reservation@gmail.com

Effective March 2024

Goldthwait is a 501c(3) tax-exempt charity 04-2061893 and contributions are deductible under section 170 of the IRS code.

Memorial and Honor Contributions: Beginning last year, donors can indicate that their contribution is given in honor of or in memory of a loved one.

This year you added even more names to this thoughtful and wonderful list.

In Memory

Mary Lane Cairns
Christopher Corkun
Twin sister Ellie
Francis and Cheryl
Alex Finigan
Graham Hale Gardner
Elizabeth Giurleo
Patricia Hayes Keough
John Kreisher
Irma Lampert
Diana Pierce
Kip and Ginny Orchard
Jeanette Renshaw
Vin Russo
Carol Smith

Great-grandfather Joel E Goldthwait who made all this possible
Helen & Philip F. Norcross Sr, Chloe & Cicero
The Thompson & Wilkens Family Members

Jean Goodyer

Andrea Gleason
Ren Greenlaw
Tom Hamond
Marge Hebeisen
Oscar and Elizabeth Hoehn
Bill and Louise Kaull
Chris Kauders
Betty Lennon
Ned McMullen
Daisy Moer
David Smith
Rita Tentindo
Marion Paine Walkey
Jack Weltner
Glenn Wheeler

Honoring

All the workers
Christine who picks up trash almost daily
Fiona and Geoff Lubbock
Janet O'Connor
Marc and Lynn Zabar 30th
Anniversary

Remembering

July 11,2020 "our wedding"
July 4th,2015