



2024

COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

Celebrating 90 years of collective action

OUR VISION

The Greensboro Association aims to be an essential connector within our greater Greensboro community and an example throughout Vermont for what we achieve through community collaboration and environmental stewardship.


OUR MISSION

The Greensboro Association's mission is to advance initiatives that connect and enhance our greater Greensboro community, protect our lakes and environment, and support a vibrant local economy.



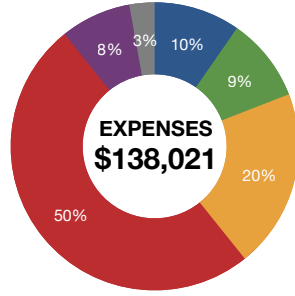
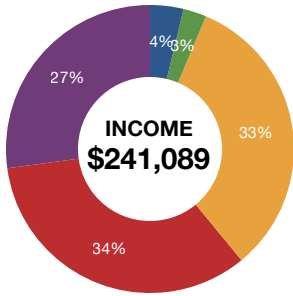
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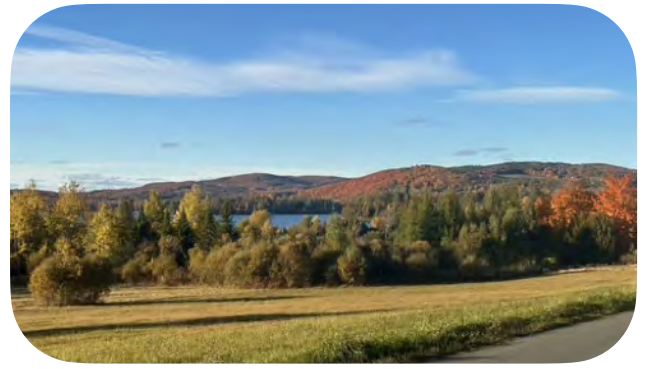
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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW FY 2024



- Dues
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- Donations Annual
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- Operations
- Community Initiatives & Events
- Grants Annual
- Grants Relief
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- Communications



Board Members (Officers)

Class of 2025: Naomi Ranz-Schleifer (President), Cathy Irwin (VP), Vince Cabbage, Stew Arnold, JoAnn Hanowski, Eric Hanson

Class of 2026: Peter Watkinson (Treasurer), Chloe Cabbage, Mary White, Chris Steel, Paul Brierre, Karen Gowen

Class of 2027: Meaghan Meachem (Secretary), Julie Porrazzo (VP), Ken Connolly (VP), Mollie Lambert (Asst Treasurer), Joanne LaCasse, Chris Leary

Class of 2024 (Outgoing): John Stone, Becky Arnold, Mike Metcalf, Sara Slater; Class of 2025 (Outgoing): Allison Stegner

through collective action

Dear Greensboro Association Members,

As we look back on this year's events and activities, we are deeply appreciative of our members' collective impact throughout the greater Greensboro community. Your ideas, connections, time, and donations make a big difference in the lives of many.

Last winter, in recognition of the GA's 90 years, the Board engaged in a strategic review of priorities and updated our Mission and Vision statements to guide our commitment to this community as we approach our century mark. Together, we are finding creative ways to celebrate the arts and culture, steward our lakes and natural environment, strengthen emergency and medical services, address unmet needs and food security, and enhance educational and recreation opportunities for all. We value our relationships with our neighbors and are inspired by all that our partnerships make possible - whether responding quickly to disasters or investing in long-range plans. This report includes a sampling of some of the initiatives the GA membership has helped make possible this past year.



If you are able, we hope you will consider a year-end gift to the Fund for Greensboro (FFG) in your annual giving or estate plans. Gifts of any amount to the Unrestricted, Lake Reserve or Endowment Fund will help advance our mission of connecting and enhancing our greater Greensboro community, protecting our lakes and environment, and supporting a vibrant local economy now and for years to come.



We welcome your energy, interests, and perspectives on any of our committees or working groups. Thank you for joining us,

Naomi Ranz-Schleifer, President and Cathy Irwin, FFG Chair

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mail checks to: **P.O. Box 59, Greensboro, VT 05841**

THANK YOU MEMBERS!

LAKES & ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

- Caspian Lake Watershed Action Plan identified 140 action sites: action taken on 3 lakeshore and 8 road sites
- Planted 400 trees to improve riparian buffers along streams, essential for flood mitigation and water filtration
- Conducted 11 Lake Wise & 17 Stream Wise property assessments
- Monitored Caspian Dam, lake levels & water quality
- Caspian beach cleanup and restroom maintenance
- Built a beach kiosk, educating hundreds of beach visitors on water quality of Caspian Lake and its watershed
- Boat and watercraft decontamination station project at Caspian beach underway to protect against invasive species



Caspian swim lessons & beach maintenance



Monitoring water quality



Planting trees along the Lamoille River



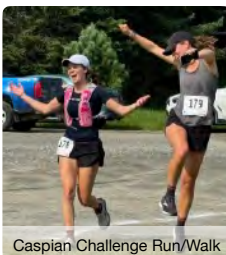
Planting riparian buffers along river



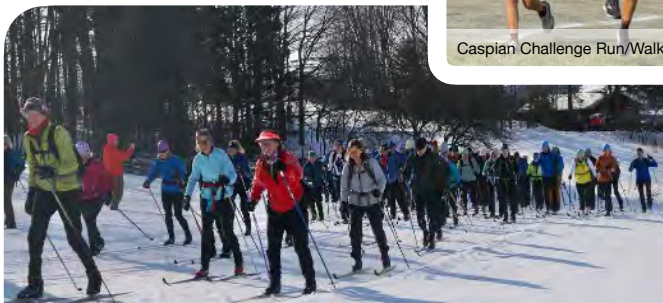
Pollinator working group and Honeybee Steelband at Funky Fourth



Saturday & Wednesday Sailing Races



Caspian Challenge Run/Walk



2nd Annual Tour de Greensboro ski helps provide funding to maintain trail networks



Live music & games at Annual Bend Block Party

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES & RECREATION

- Co-Sponsored the Funky 4th Picnic on the Town Hall green, which welcomed over 1000 attendees
- 2nd Annual Tour de Greensboro Cross-Country Ski hosted 125 participants and 15 volunteers
- 13th Annual Caspian Challenge hosted 93 runners/walkers and 15 volunteers
- 8 official Caspian Lake sailing races; 38 participants ranging in age from 11-72, and countless watched
- Caspian Swim Program taught 184 kids (49 from Greensboro) and 20 adults (8 from Greensboro) over 2 weeks
- Contributed to the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail (LVRT) trailhead development as part of the Bend Revitalization Initiative

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**EVENTS
INITIATIVES
PARTNERSHIPS
GRANTS**



Early childhood education at Craftsbury Saplings



Preparing firewood for community members for winter heat



Hardwick Rescue Squad Community CPR training at Mountain View Country Club



Hazen Paris study abroad



Vigil for survivors of domestic violence & abuse with AWARE

**COMMUNITY WELLBEING
& EDUCATION**

- Grants supported early childhood education at Four Seasons of Early Learning & Craftsbury Saplings
- Scholarships funding for Hazen High School students' travel abroad to Paris, France
- Place-based education programs sponsored in collaboration with Orleans Southeast Supervisory Union (OSSU) & Center for an Agricultural Economy (CAE)
- Supported the NEK Death Care Community in bringing resources & events to the area
- Firewood provided to several Greensboro families for the winter via the Craftsbury Energy Committee
- Funded new bladder scanner for Greensboro Nursing Home
- Funded new ice/cold water rescue suits for the Greensboro Fire Department
- New CPR training kits for Hardwick Rescue Squad; hosted CPR training for 14 Greensboro residents!

**FOOD SECURITY
& FLOOD RECOVERY**

- Greensboro Community Garden volunteers grew & donated 336 lbs of produce on the Town Green, started a mushroom garden at the Library, and built 2 raised garden beds at Lauredon Apartments
- Farmers Market support enabled SNAP benefit payments and new picnic tables as well as weekly music at Greensboro and Hardwick Markets
- Purchased food to meet the 35% increase in demand across Hardwick Area Food Pantry (HAFF) locations & supported Neighbors in Action food share program
- Sponsored weekly Community Meals in Greater Greensboro area
- Provided inaugural funding to KURRVE (Kingdom United Resiliency & Recovery Effort) to assess the scope of home damage in the wake of the flooding
- Supported Northeast Kingdom Organizing (NEKO) in coordinating mutual aid networks to muck and gut flood damaged homes
- Provided funding for small-scale individual assistance for utilities, food, and essential needs in partnership with NEKO, Greensboro United Church, The Civic Standard, and Smith's Grocery



Farmers Market at Atkins Field with live music and new picnic tables



Greensboro Community Garden veggie harvests delivered to HAFF and Smith's Grocery



Stocked food shelves at HAFF



Gutting flooded houses with NEKO