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# dear members and friends,

Each year, our annual report gives us a chance to reflect on our accomplishments and to share our news with you. As we write this letter, we know that many of our members, volunteers, and peer organizations are facing challenges related to uncertain economic forecasts and unprecedented world, national, and local events. Mass Audubon is no exception. We also hear from you that it is during these times *especially* that you count on Mass Audubon for all that we have to offer. Therefore, we invite each and every one of you to take time to *renew your energy* with Mass Audubon by being part of our community and our conservation work.

This past year has been one of great accomplishment because of you. You have brought energy to the work that we do. From programs to conferences to volunteering to fundraising, you are the key ingredient in our successes.

We also have made great progress in reducing our carbon footprint. Thanks to grants from private and government entities and support from our members, we are not only going greener, but we are helping spread solutions for sustainable living in an effort to help slow climate change.

We are often told that our wildlife sanctuaries help energize individuals and communities. The land that we protect continues to expand and provide places for Mass Audubon to educate people, protect wildlife, and offer relaxation and inspiration to our visitors.

On the following pages, you will read more about the energy that comes from you, from the earth, and from our wildlife sanctuaries. There are new projects, partnerships, and programs happening all the time, and we invite you to stay connected through our wildlife sanctuaries, our publications, and our website at [www.massaudubon.org](http://www.massaudubon.org)



We look forward to the year ahead. With your continued energy and enthusiasm, it promises to bring new successes. Thank you for working with us to help protect the nature of Massachusetts for people, for wildlife, and for the future.

Laura A. Johnson  
*President*

Jonathan Panek  
*Chair*

energy from



our members, volunteers, friends

## Tag, You're It!

Why would more than 400 teachers, administrators, parents, and public officials from all corners of New England, New Jersey, and New York travel to Boston on a windy, rain-soaked, November day? To share ideas for addressing the growing disconnect between children and the great outdoors at our **Connecting Children & Nature conference**, sponsored in partnership with Wheelock College.

That morning, four leading education and outdoor experts gave inspiring presentations about the importance of the natural world for all people, and especially for those of our youngest generation. Keynote speaker Richard Louv, author of *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder*, remarked that "Mass Audubon stands for sound principles of education and understanding of ecological systems, and has a legacy of accomplishment. I am pleased the organization is helping to lead on a statewide basis to facilitate, coordinate, and support the growing national movement to reconnect children and nature."

During the afternoon session, if you wandered into any of the eight participatory workshops, you could feel the positive energy that has propelled this growing movement. Topics included recurrent outdoor play patterns, environmental justice, accessibility, bridging nature and science in the classroom, and cultural competency. Participants left charged up to implement the techniques and tools they had learned.

By day's end, new friendships formed, partnerships strengthened, and initiatives planned to help children experience the important emotional, mental, and physical benefits of spending time outdoors. As a testament to the seeds planted that day, friends, family, and conference attendees were on hand as we celebrated 13 young people from across the state for their environmental stewardship as recipients of Mass Audubon's first James K. Whittemore Young Naturalist Award. What's next? Last we checked, the seedlings were flourishing with roots running deep and spreading wide. Naturally.



*Some of the winners of Mass Audubon's Young Naturalist Award, pictured with Director of Education Gloria Villegas-Cardoza (left) and President Laura Johnson (right).*



### Purpose and Passion in Action

"The day we stop learning, we're in trouble. Fortunately, every day I'm at Wellfleet Bay, I learn something new." Those are the words of **Joe Lawler**, and every Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday you'll find this retired high-school biology teacher and school administrator at the Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary leading a guided walk or mentoring new naturalists. Joe first became acquainted with the sanctuary while vacationing on the Cape more than 50 years ago, walking the trails with his young daughter. His family eventually made the outer Cape their home, and he nurtured his granddaughter Laura's interest in nature, using the sanctuary as a classroom. She went on to become a naturalist-in-training and a day camp assistant at Wellfleet. Over the last 12 years, Joe's logged more than 3,000 volunteer hours, sharing his passion and energy for the environment with thousands of visitors from around the world, including former students who come with their children and grandchildren.

This World War II veteran and former New York resident was also very active with the capital campaign to renovate the Esther Underwood Johnson Nature Center at Wellfleet. He now gives tours of the LEED Platinum-rated green building. "I've had the opportunity to serve in so many different ways and met a lot of people through Mass Audubon," says Joe. "I'm very impressed by the high quality of the educational efforts at Wellfleet Bay for both adults and children, and, in particular, the tremendous day camp and school programs."

## ON THE HORIZON:

# Breeding Bird Atlas 2

22,000 field hours and 212 species seen

In year one of this five-year study, 600 citizen scientists fanned across the state mapping nesting birds as part of Mass Audubon's second Breeding Bird Atlas (BBA2) project. Once completed, BBA2 will identify changes in breeding bird populations and ranges since the initial atlas was completed in 1979. Our statewide inventory of breeding birds will help scientists understand which species need monitoring and which need active conservation, and the findings will become part of both regional and nationwide data sets used to build conservation priorities. The BBA2 will inform climate-change models to help predict species at risk, and new measures of relative abundance will provide additional information to help track increases or declines in populations of particular species. First-year research covered approximately 600 of the 1,055 ten-mile "blocks" in the Commonwealth. The top birds of concern? Golden-winged warbler, eastern meadowlark, and American kestrel.

[www.massaudubon.org/birdatlas/bba2](http://www.massaudubon.org/birdatlas/bba2)



## By the Numbers

VISITORS = 500,000  
MASS AUDUBON MEMBERS = 100,000  
VOLUNTEERS = 6,637  
LEADERSHIP GIVING DONORS = 534



## Building Boardwalks...and Relationships

They came. They worked. They left. They made a difference. Over a six-week period, nine **AmeriCorp volunteers** contributed 2,300 hours of service at three central Massachusetts properties—Wachusett Meadow, Eagle Lake, and Burncoat Pond—and at our Wildwood Camp in New Hampshire. The energetic and industrious young adults built walkways and boardwalks, erected fences, cleared brush, painted buildings inside and out, reglazed windows, repaired tents, and spread wood chips—as well as lots of good cheer.

“This was the sixth crew we’ve hosted since 2000, and we’ve built a strong relationship both with the organization and with individuals,” says Property Manager Chuck Delaney. “Their output of work was amazing. They completed projects that we had backlogged for a while.”

The admiration is mutual. “Mass Audubon has a very rich mission and exciting programs,” notes AmeriCorp team member Cynthia Reed. “It’s really nice to have an ongoing collaboration with such a solid organization.”

## Service learning

*AmeriCorp team tackles projects in central Massachusetts.*



# energy from the earth

sun, water, land

## At Home on the Farm

### What do Drumlin Farm's pigs, chickens, birds, and vegetables all have in common?

They have new digs, thanks to a very successful capital campaign that came to a close this year and raised an incredible \$3.7 million.

If you have visited Drumlin Farm recently, the changes are obvious—new animal exhibits, new trails, new barns, new visitor amenities, and a whole lot more. These building and improvement projects touched nearly every public space at the farm.



Volunteers and campaign staff kept the enthusiasm strong during the multi-year campaign with special events, gala dinners, silent auctions, and celebrations marking the 50th anniversary of Drumlin Farm as well as the Year of the Pig.

"We were fortunate to receive a number of large gifts—the kind you dream about in a campaign of this size," says Henrietta Yelle, campaign manager. "But the small gifts that came in brought energy to the campaign, as well. They reminded us that the community has been behind this effort every step of the way."

One such community member is Ari Goldberg, a ninth grader from Wayland High School. Ari came to Drumlin Farm in May of this year to complete his Earth Service Project for school. He chose a fundraising approach to his project, creating necklaces that he sold to raise money for the campaign. In one day at Drumlin Farm, he sold all of his necklaces and raised over \$100 for Drumlin Farm. And he scored the highest grade in the class—an A+.

Where are we going from here? There is still work to be done with a new admission area in the works, as well as improvements to the sheep and goat barn and the farm life center. So whether you are a first-time visitor or a lifelong fan, come enjoy a special welcome home at Drumlin Farm.

## ON THE HORIZON:

### State of Green

Since the 1970s, Mass Audubon has been a leader in embracing energy conservation and **renewable energy technologies**. Now we're raising \$4 million to make our staffed properties *more green*. The goal? To significantly reduce our carbon footprint to help mitigate climate change and use greening elements to create learning experiences for members and visitors.

Plans include additional photovoltaic (PV), solar hot water, and water-conservation systems at nature centers across the state as well as interpretive educational panels at most staffed sanctuaries. Also on tap: cool innovations, including a green septic system and a solar heat wall. Additionally, with your help, we'll make the Saltonstall Nature Center at Broadmoor our first carbon-neutral facility. "Through the Greening Initiative, we will continue to reduce our energy consumption and our long-term operating costs, but, more importantly, we will show people real-life sustainable opportunities that they can use," says Campaign and Major Gifts Director Sondra Madison.



# Ship Ahoy!

More than 350 Berkshire County fourth- and sixth-grade students were on deck for the first year of a comprehensive river education experience: the **Housatonic Environmental Literacy Program** (HELP) for the River. Mass Audubon and partner the Housatonic Valley Association are helping repair and restore the relationship of local children and adults to the Housatonic River watershed.

The three-year education grant, funded by the Massachusetts SubCouncil of the Housatonic River Natural Resource Trustees, expands Mass Audubon's work through which we have introduced more than 8,000 local students to the river over the last 14 years. A series of in-class cross-curriculum lessons taught by educators hired through the grant are reinforced by field trips and canoeing on the river. By June 2010, we hope to reach 70 percent of fourth and sixth graders within the watershed. Summer months bring free public canoe trips. A boatload of fun!



## By the Numbers

GREEN ENERGY PRODUCED BY MASS AUDUBON = 98,820 KWH

GREEN ELECTRICITY PURCHASED FROM LOCAL UTILITIES = 235,000 KWH

PAIRS OF LEAST TERNS AND PIPING PLOVERS PROTECTED BY MASS AUDUBON = 2,779

## Clean and Green

"I want to reduce my carbon footprint, but I'm not sure how." That is a common refrain that we hear from many visitors at our wildlife sanctuaries. Thanks to a major grant from the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative (MTC), we launched a **Solar Public Awareness project** to help spread the word on how everyone can make cleaner and greener choices when it comes to energy.

Over the past several years, Mass Audubon has installed photovoltaic panels at nine of our properties. We are harnessing the power of the sun to decrease our dependence on fossil fuels. But that is not enough. With the MTC grant, we created new exhibits and brochures and a new resource center on our website—all designed to show the public just how easy it is to reduce energy consumption. For kids, we built a 15-foot solar-kinetic sculpture to demonstrate how the sun generates power, which in this case makes a flock of metal birds fly.

We know that not everyone can install a solar array on the roof. (Although, even *that* is more doable than you might think.) You can be part of the movement in other ways: make a green choice on your utility bill; switch to energy-efficient, compact, fluorescent lightbulbs; buy Energy Star appliances; and there's so much more on [www.massaudubon.org/solar](http://www.massaudubon.org/solar).

So next time you hear people ask, "How can I make a difference?" Bring them to a Mass Audubon property and show them the way.

## Solar-kinetic

sculpture for kids demonstrates how the sun generates power.

energy from our wildlife

# sanctuaries

communities, causes, action



Fourth-grade students from Oliver W. Holmes Elementary School present to Jane Goodall.

## Monkeys, and Children, and Science, Oh My!

Was that the call of a wild chimpanzee heard on the University of Massachusetts Boston campus on May 8? Not quite.

The “chimp” was actually famed primatologist Jane Goodall beginning her Reason for Hope lecture for 220 Boston elementary-school students with a chimpanzee “hello.” Goodall’s presentation was the kickoff to a two-day collaboration between The Jane Goodall Institute’s Roots & Shoots of New England and Mass Audubon’s **Boston Nature Center** (BNC) that showcased how young people can make a difference in their communities and the world.

During the event, fourth and fifth graders from four Boston elementary schools (Haley and Philbrick in Roslindale, Holmes in Dorchester, and Mason in Roxbury) were thrilled to tell Goodall about their Boston Science Environmental Initiative (BSEI) projects. Goodall smiled as students relayed how they initiated a school-wide composting and recycling program; studied ecosystems in ponds,

estuaries, and meadows; learned about environmental careers during a school-wide science week; and explored landforms of Massachusetts, capped off by a climb in the Blue Hills as part of a unit on weather.

Through its BSEI program, Mass Audubon builds conservation communities in the Boston Public Schools. A school-based BNC teacher-naturalist works with students and educators by integrating hands-on science classroom activities with field trips. Teachers also participate in professional development opportunities.

“The BSEI experience has opened the students’ eyes to what exists in their neighborhood,” says Jean Dorcus, Boston Nature Center’s education manager.

“They realize they don’t have to travel great distances to investigate nature; it’s all right here in their own backyard.”

*The BSEI program is made possible through the generous support of EdVestors Collaborative, an anonymous foundation, and many individual donors. We appreciate the continued confidence in Boston Nature Center’s environmental education programs.*

## ON THE HORIZON:

### Accessible to All

With more than 20 nature centers, trails, and boardwalks that are universally accessible, Mass Audubon offers an array of opportunities for visitors with disabilities and limited mobility, and families with strollers and small children to explore nature. But we still have more to do! And thanks to the **Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund**, one of our most highly visited sites, Drumlin Farm, will soon be more accessible. The fund, created as part of an economic stimulus bill approved by the Massachusetts Legislature in 2006, provides grants to promote the rehabilitation, renovation, expansion, or construction of nonprofit cultural facilities in Massachusetts. Mass Audubon received a large grant to create a new, gently graded, accessible trail, which will replace the existing short, steep, trail that leads visitors from the welcome area to the farmyard and exhibits.



## Family Ties

It was a small, hand-painted, wooden sign reading “For Sale” that caught the interest of Professor Alfred D. Chandler Jr. as he drove the back roads of Rowley, Massachusetts, with his son in 1963. And, when Professor Chandler finally tracked down the owner of the small hunting camp and eight-acre property, he made his first purchase of land that would grow to be an important place for his family. Other parcels followed. Now much of the land has become Mass Audubon’s **Rough Meadows Wildlife Sanctuary**.

“Rough Meadows” is a term used by our first settlers for salt marshes, and thus it’s a fitting name for the 125-acre coastal property that Professor Chandler left by bequest to Mass Audubon on his death. Professor Chandler’s son, Alfred (Appy) D. Chandler III, a longtime Mass Audubon board member, lives adjacent to the Mass Audubon property. “Dad enjoyed this opportunity to protect land from development. He felt pride in knowing that “This is the land that I preserved.”

### By the Numbers }

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS = 225,000

ACRES OF LAND PROTECTED = 33,716

TOWNS THAT ADOPTED COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT = 133

WILDLIFE SANCTUARIES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC = 45



Alfred D. Chandler Jr. (1918 – 2007) and his son, Alfred (Appy) D. Chandler III.

Over the years, the Chandler family has been steady in their support of Mass Audubon. Among their investments was a generous Chandler Family Endowment that has funded several new initiatives, including the Salt Marsh Science and the Birder’s Certificate programs.

In describing his father’s connection to the land, Appy recalls, “He never understood the land like a biologist. He was certainly no scientist. But as a hunter, he developed a visceral tie to the marshes—one that transcended his keen intellect. These rough meadows were truly his sanctuary.”



## A Promise for Tomorrow

Whether we receive land as a gift or purchase a property outright, our commitment to every acre of land is the same—we preserve land for the long-term. Conservation land requires upkeep, safeguarding, attention...in other words *stewardship* to ensure that it is truly protected. So, as our **Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary** has grown to more than 900 acres, so has our need to care for these coastal lands. Thanks to incredible support from the community, we raised \$500,000 to create the Allens Pond Stewardship Endowment, which will help protect this pristine and fragile ecosystem.

With woodlands, fields, barrier beaches, and salt marshes, there is no shortage of land management projects to restore wildlife habitat and keep the land accessible to the public. This year, staff and dedicated volunteers have installed osprey nest platforms, cleared stone wall edges, expanded a butterfly garden, managed the beach for nesting birds, removed invasive plant species, maintained an array of nest boxes, launched a trail expansion project, kept up existing trails, removed debris from the beach, and reseeded grassland habitats. And there is more to do!

Thanks to the endowment fund, we are able to provide an increased level of staff attention that, in turn, leverages the additional support of volunteers, donors, and foundations. Together we can fulfill our promise to take care of the land.

## Allens Pond

*A promise made and kept.*

# land protection summary

## FISCAL YEAR 2008

Mass Audubon permanently protects 33,716 acres of land across Massachusetts, safeguarding a wide range of habitats and native species while providing critically important opportunities for people to experience the many wonders of nature. This year, with the support of generous individuals, families, businesses, government agencies, and communities, we protected more than 1,200 acres of land in Massachusetts. A special thanks to key partners, listed here in **bold**.

Purchases of Land	Acres	Municipality	Sanctuary
<b>Weyman Lundquist, Kathryn Taylor &amp; Joan Swanson</b>	157.00	Holden	Eagle Lake
Extensive woodlands, wetlands, and one-half mile of shoreline. Protected in partnership with the <b>White Oak Land Conservation Society</b> and the state <b>Department of Conservation and Recreation</b> and made possible by a generous bargain sale from the owners.			
<b>International Church of the Foursquare Gospel</b>	4.78	Attleboro	Oak Knoll
Valuable wetlands addition to Oak Knoll Wildlife Sanctuary, enlarging its core protected natural area. Our thanks to the church for its commitment to conservation and willingness to work with Mass Audubon.			
<b>Jill A. Johnson</b>	74.00	Sandisfield	Cold Brook
A key link between Cold Brook and recently protected 900-acre Lower Spectacle Pond Farm. Within a week of learning that this was a proposed site of a regional motocross racing facility, thanks to the financial support of a generous longtime supporter, we had the property under agreement.			
<b>David &amp; Richard Green</b>	4.20	Spencer	Burncoat Pond
Upland knoll vulnerable to development and in the middle of the sanctuary's roadside frontage. Made possible by a generous bargain sale from the owners and in partnership with the <b>Town of Spencer</b> and the state's <b>Conservation Partnership Program</b> .			
<b>Raymond Alexandrovich</b>	103.00	Barre	Rutland Brook
Extensive tract of woodland and wetland critical to the ecological integrity of Rutland Brook. Protected in partnership with the <b>Town of Barre</b> , the <b>US Forest Legacy Program</b> , <b>Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust</b> , and the state's <b>Conservation Partnership Program</b> .			
Gifts of Land	Acres	Municipality	Sanctuary
<b>Judy &amp; Dudley Williams</b>	30.89	Plainfield	West Mountain
High-priority and ecologically significant land; contains pristine forests and streams abutting other Mass Audubon land.			
<b>Arnon &amp; Constance Gerard</b>	29.30	Marshfield	Daniel Webster
Land and tidal marsh abutting the sanctuary and identified as "highest priority" for protection; contains BioMap Core Habitat for rare and endangered species and 2,500 feet of frontage on Green Harbor River.			
<b>Wyatt &amp; Katherine Garfield</b>	2.50	Gosnold	Cuttyhunk
Grassland parcel on Cuttyhunk Island—the southwesternmost island in the Elizabeth Island chain—protecting habitat for rare and endangered species. The acquisition will help position Mass Audubon to protect significant additional acreage on Cuttyhunk.			
<b>Eli &amp; Carolyn Newberger</b>	1.00	Lenox	Pleasant Valley
Priority land protects an important perennial stream known as Yokun Brook, a tributary to the Housatonic River, which feeds a vast wetland system at Pleasant Valley.			





### Purchase of Conservation Restrictions

Acres	Municipality	Sanctuary
Charles Ball 15.00	Worcester Brook	Broad Meadow Critical link between Broad Meadow Brook and public land along the Blackstone River now owned by the City and protected by CR held by Mass Audubon and <b>Greater Worcester Land Trust</b> , with assistance from the state's <b>Self-Help Program</b> .
Anne Almy 16.97	Dartmouth	Allens Pond Protects pasture, cropland, forest, and wetlands abutting Allens Pond, and helps to preserve the magnificent scenic vista from Horseneck Road looking east across Allens Pond. Made possible by a very generous bargain sale from the owner.
Minnechaug Land Trust 66.64	Hampden	Laughing Brook Mixture of forest, field, and wetland threatened with a 14-lot subdivision. The land was purchased by the <b>Minnechaug Land Trust</b> , partially financed by the sale of a CR to Mass Audubon and the <b>Town of Hampden</b> with state <b>Conservation Partnership Program</b> assistance.

### Gifts of Conservation Restrictions

Acres	Municipality	Sanctuary
M.L. Carter Realty Trust II 5.00	Holliston	Waseeka Key parcel of woodlands and wetlands in Holliston, adjacent to the Waseeka Wildlife Sanctuary and abutting 81 acres of conserved land.
Chester & Ann Kulisa 156.20	Dudley, Oxford	Pierpont Meadow Multiple parcels enhance existing sanctuary and link the sanctuary with nearby conservation land protected by the Town of Dudley.
Henry Hall & Elizabeth O'Donnell 0.40	Nahant	Nahant Thicket Small but valuable addition to one of the largest natural areas in town and well known for the migrating songbirds it attracts.
John & Dorothy Thorndike 21.90	Dover	Broadmoor Pine and oak woods on the Natick-Dover line. The property is part of a greenway stretching east from the Charles River.

### Land Protected via Conservation Assistance to Other Organizations and/or Agencies

Herron Farm 241	Leyden	The second phase of the Herron Farm protection project was enabled by a Mass Audubon-negotiated option on this magnificent 800-acre farm. In this phase, partner <b>Franklin Land Trust</b> engineered protection of the farm's East Hill Road property, including a 166-acre Agricultural Preservation Restriction to be resold to the state and a 75-acre woodland CR.
Raymond Baye 190	Northampton	Mass Audubon provided early assistance in negotiations and appraisal, which helped the <b>Valley Land Fund</b> and <b>US Fish and Wildlife Service</b> to protect this important floodplain parcel on the Connecticut River.
Fox Hill Builders 135	Princeton	Wachusett Meadow Mass Audubon provided fundraising and technical assistance to a partnership that protected most of a highly visible parcel serving as a key link in a major greenway that includes Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary, working in partnership with <b>The Trust for Public Land</b> , the <b>Town of Princeton</b> , the <b>Princeton Land Trust</b> , the state <b>Department of Conservation and Recreation</b> , and the state <b>Self-Help Program</b> .

Total Acres Protected via Conservation Assists in FY 2008: 566

Land Under Mass Audubon Stewardship as of June 30, 2008	
Acres Owned by Mass Audubon	28,950
Acres Under Mass Audubon Conservation Restriction	4,766
<b>Total Acres of Protected Land</b>	<b>33,716</b>

# from the treasurer



## A Message from the Treasurer

The financial results of Massachusetts Audubon Society, Inc., for fiscal year 2008 reflect the health and vitality of the organization and the enthusiastic support of our constituents. Our continued financial stability is due to the generosity of our members, the professionalism and hard work of our staff and volunteers, and the responsible and prudent fiscal management exercised by our officers and board. We gratefully acknowledge everyone who has helped Mass Audubon achieve its mission in what was another successful year.

During FY 2008, Mass Audubon continued to record strong and gratifying revenues from gifts, grants, and government contracts for general operations and membership dues. The growth in investment income was well earned. Program income, which is largely generated by our dedicated staff in the sanctuary system, also showed a healthy increase. Expenses were in line with our budget. The overall result for FY 2008 was a modest deficit from operations and a surplus after the addition of unrestricted bequests.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey F. Peters

## Operating Results

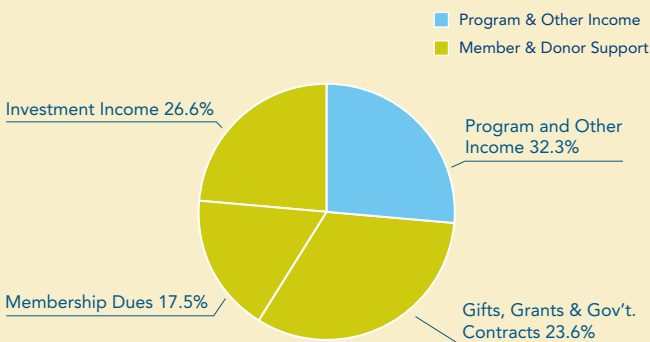
	FY 2008	FY 2007	FY 2006
Gifts and Grants	\$4,288,095	\$3,843,491	\$3,573,364
Membership Dues	3,170,245	2,916,012	2,977,111
Program Income	5,987,103	5,593,200	5,369,038
Investment Income	4,825,966	4,599,081	4,267,098
Other Income	(120,465)	124,870	232,503
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$18,150,944</b>	<b>\$17,076,654</b>	<b>\$16,419,114</b>
Salary and Benefits	\$13,524,992	\$12,504,279	\$11,857,098
Non-Salary Program Expenses	5,276,059	5,123,738	5,241,210
Other Expenses	(400,140)	(302,207)	(431,010)
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$18,400,911</b>	<b>\$17,325,810</b>	<b>\$16,667,298</b>
Operating Deficit	\$(249,967)	\$(249,156)	\$(248,184)
Unrestricted Bequests*	\$1,500,950	\$764,490	\$400,994
<b>Total Surplus</b>	<b>\$1,250,983</b>	<b>\$515,334</b>	<b>\$152,810</b>

\*Pursuant to Mass Audubon financial policies, unrestricted bequests are added to a reserve fund, which is available for capital projects (land purchase, energy conservation, all-person accessibility, major building repairs, etc.). However, accounting principles require that unrestricted bequests be reported in the operating fund.

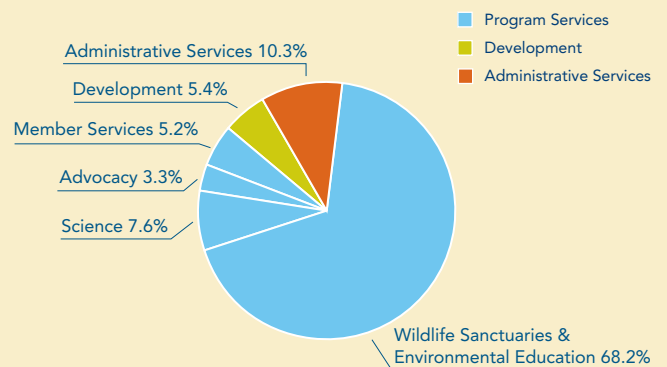
The net asset value for Mass Audubon is \$217,573,120 (June 30, 2008). This includes the booked value of 33,000 acres of land in 87 communities, as well as buildings, structures, property equipment, vehicles, furnishings, and fixtures at more than 40 sites.

A complete copy of the audited financial statements is available upon request from Mass Audubon Vice President for Operations Bancroft Poor. Feel free to contact him at 781-259-2110 or bpoor@massaudubon.org with any questions about Mass Audubon's finances.

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### Rita Meyer (right) Essex, Massachusetts pictured with Mass Audubon Chair Jonathan Panek



Henrietta "Rita" Meyer is a dedicated birder and diehard champion of conservation. Her generous spirit and unflagging enthusiasm have inspired us for many years—first as a neighbor of Habitat Wildlife Sanctuary in Belmont and then as a valued member of Mass Audubon's Board of Directors. Now that she lives on the North Shore, she enjoys our Joppa Flats Education Center and the beautiful vistas of Cape Ann. Rita says, "I have enjoyed participating in and supporting the mission over the years. I especially appreciate all the wonderful adventures that I have had with Mass Audubon."

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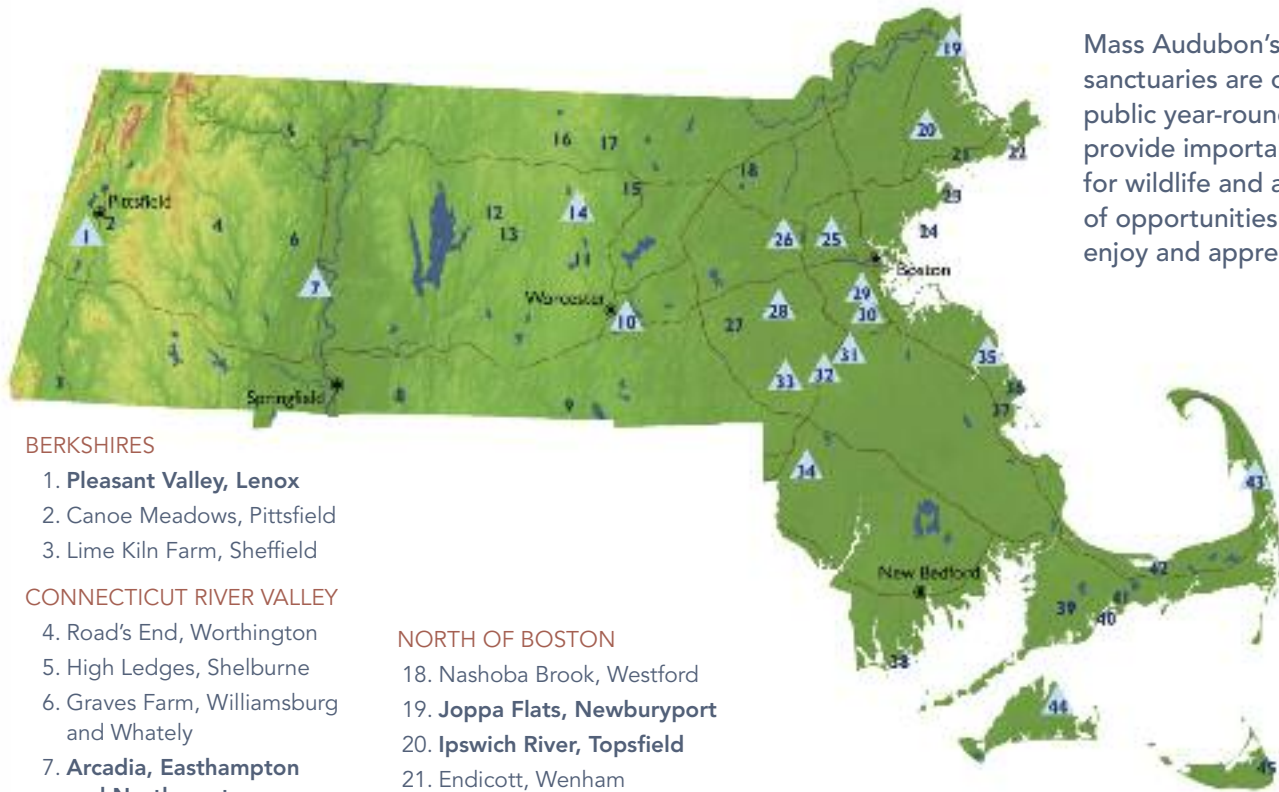
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