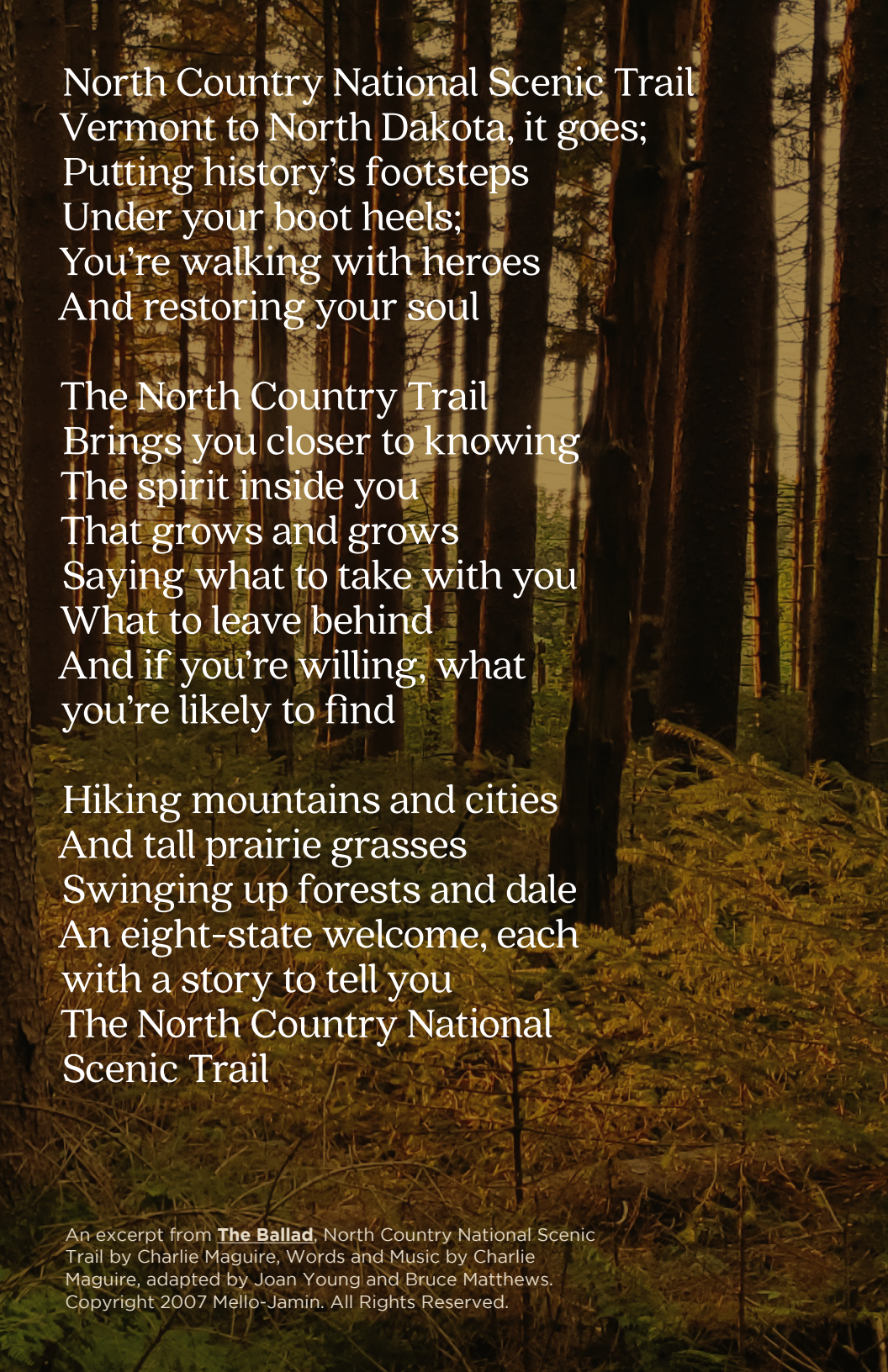




2023
Annual Report

NORTH COUNTRY TRAIL ASSOCIATION





North Country National Scenic Trail
Vermont to North Dakota, it goes;
Putting history's footsteps
Under your boot heels;
You're walking with heroes
And restoring your soul

The North Country Trail
Brings you closer to knowing
The spirit inside you
That grows and grows
Saying what to take with you
What to leave behind
And if you're willing, what
you're likely to find

Hiking mountains and cities
And tall prairie grasses
Swinging up forests and dale
An eight-state welcome, each
with a story to tell you
The North Country National
Scenic Trail

An excerpt from **The Ballad**, North Country National Scenic
Trail by Charlie Maguire, Words and Music by Charlie
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2023 was an exciting year.

From new trail miles put on the ground to behind-the-scenes work building our trail protection capabilities, we spent 2023 furthering the mission of NCTA.

We *connect* people and places.

In 2023, we built 59 miles of new trail, welcomed 6,000 people on our regular hikes, and provided hundreds of thousands of people with maps and trail information so they can explore all there is to find on the trail.

These things build *momentum* that moves us to make real *progress*.

2023 was a year of setting the stage for our trail protection program. The NCTA instituted a new policy allowing us to buy land and steward land and easements held by others. We gathered and organized our data, allowing us to see the opportunities and threats across our landscape. We also looked to the Land Trust Alliance standards and practices to guide us as we build this new program.

We do it all with *collaboration* and *appreciation* for one another and the work it takes.

From trail planning and project implementation to marketing, events, and advocacy, we do this work as a community. In 2023, we partnered with our Chapters across the trail to do a pilot project for awareness. This pilot yielded tangible results in awareness and membership for the participating Chapters and brought us closer as a community.

“In 2023, the trail was granted National Park System Unit Status. It’s amazing to see something this community has worked on for decades finally be realized. I’m so proud that our advocacy work made this happen.”

- Andrea Ketchmark is the Executive Director and has been with NCTA since 2010.

We also achieved one of the biggest accomplishments in our history, getting the North Country National Scenic Trail established as a unit of the National Park System. We did this together - volunteers and partners coming together for a common goal.

The trail must be *sustainable*, and so must we.

As we look ahead to the future, I am filled with optimism and excitement for the opportunities that lie ahead. 2024 brings us a new strategic planning process that will set the trajectory of the NCTA for the next few years. The trail is BIG, which means our mission is BIG, and our goals must also be BIG to grow our funding and capacity to meet the needs.

With your continued support and the dedication of our incredible community, I am confident that we can make a lasting impact on the landscape, the environment, and the lives of countless individuals who find solace, inspiration, and adventure along the North Country National Scenic Trail.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Chapple".

Mike Chapple
PRESIDENT, NCTA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrea Ketchmark".

Andrea Ketchmark
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In 2023, the North Country Trail Association (NCTA) provided many ways to *connect* with the trail.

HIKE 100 CHALLENGE

2,254

registrations

1,195

finishers

170

finisher pets

VOLUNTEERS

875

volunteers

65,683

reported hours

\$2,088,719

contributing value

TRAIL USE

309

Chapter-led hikes

6,104

hike participants

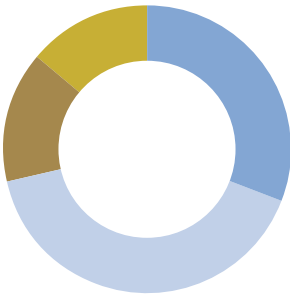
“I was a part of planning and scouting for the Upper Peninsula’s Baraga County reroute east of Craig Lake State Park. This large-scale project involved multiple agreements from landowners and removed 15 miles of road walk. The time the Peter Wolfe Chapter volunteers put into this, even before I began working for the NCTA, is incredible.”

– Kenny Wawsczyk, Regional Trail Coordinator, Michigan, has been with NCTA since 2015.

Ever forward-thinking, *momentum* builds throughout the year.



NCNST LAND MANAGERS AND LANDOWNERS



- FEDERAL: 1,023 MILES**
 - National Park Service: 45 miles
 - U.S. Forest Service: 800 miles
 - Other (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation): 175 miles
- STATE: 1,341 MILES**
- LOCAL: 485 MILES**
- PRIVATE: 453 MILES**

CURRENT TRAIL MILES

4,851
current NCNST miles (total)

3,303
current off-road miles

“Our staff continues to seek better resources for volunteers. At the end of the day, connecting volunteers with resources, the trail, and empowering them to do what they love feels like forward momentum to me.”

- Lauren Kennedy-Little is the Regional Trail Coordinator for Ohio and Pennsylvania and has been with NCTA since 2023.

Progress isn't always seen in the moment, but it's there.

We celebrate the accomplishments of Chapters and Affiliates:

59

miles of new NCNST built

4,847

feet of puncheon and boardwalk

58

miles of roadwalk eliminated

158

miles of trail blazed

12

new easements completed to protect the NCNST corridor

43

new signs, kiosks, and interpretive panels installed

28

bridges installed and repaired

“We offered trail-building training in Wisconsin, and it was so rewarding to hear the participants share their takeaways with the group. We had fun, learned sustainable trail-building techniques, worked safely, and built some new trail.”

– Matt Davis is the Regional Trail Coordinator for North Dakota, Minnesota, and Wisconsin and has been with the NCTA since 2006.



Memberships provide resources for the NCTA to *guide* trail users toward a positive experience.



203,200

Views of Online Maps



92,713

map downloads

Collaboration with Chapters, Affiliates, and land management partners makes it all possible.

NORTH DAKOTA

- Central Flyway Chapter
- Sheyenne River Valley Chapter
- Dakota Prairie Chapter

MINNESOTA

- Minnesota Waters and Prairie Chapter
- Laurentian Lakes Chapter
- Itasca Moraine Chapter
- Star of the North Chapter
- Arrowhead Chapter
- Ely Northwoods Chapter
- Kekekabic Trail Chapter
- Border Route Trail Association
- Superior Hiking Trail Association

WISCONSIN

- Brule-St. Croix Chapter
- Chequamegon Chapter
- Heritage Chapter

MICHIGAN, UPPER PENINSULA

- Ni-Miikanaake Chapter
- Peter Wolfe Chapter
- Marquette Area Chapter
- Superior Shoreline Chapter
- Hiawatha Shore-to-Shore Chapter

MICHIGAN, LOWER PENINSULA

- Harbor Springs Chapter
- Jordan Valley 45° Chapter
- Grand Traverse Chapter
- Spirit of the Woods Chapter
- Western Michigan Chapter
- Chief Noonday Chapter
- Chief Baw Beese Chapter

OHIO

- Northwestern Ohio Rails-to-Trails Association

- Buckeye Trail Association
- Wampum Chapter

PENNSYLVANIA

- Wampum Chapter
- Butler County Chapter
- Clarion County Chapter
- Rachel Carson Trails Conservancy
- Allegheny National Forest Chapter

NEW YORK

- Finger Lakes Trail Conference
- Central New York Chapter
- Adirondack Mountain Club

VERMONT

- Middlebury Area Land Trust

FEDERAL AGENCY PARTNERS

National Park Service

As the official administering agency for the North Country National Scenic Trail, the National Park Service has a long history of supporting NCTA through a Cooperative Agreement that funds a portion of our operations along with select special projects.

USDA Forest Service

As a major land management partner, the Forest Service supports key trail construction projects on National Forests and provides volunteer training program support.

The NCTA also collaborates with state and local land management partners across the trail. These partnerships support the NCTA's capacity, field projects, volunteer training, and more.

There is endless *appreciation* for the time, passion, and support from this trail community.



3,963

memberships

5,949

individual members

132

monthly Mile Makers
Club members

76%

membership and donor
retention rate*



“I enjoy working on the My NCT Membership Drive. Although it’s a lot of work, it’s a great reminder of how many people care about and support the trail.”

– Becky VanDyke is the Data Entry Specialist and has been with NCTA since 2021.

*National Rate is 41.9%

In 2023, the NCTA leveraged public and private dollars to achieve our mission, supporting the trail, trail users, and our volunteers in new and innovative ways.

- We spent more than \$700,000 on trail work and planning, \$480,000 supporting our volunteers, and \$84,000 on mapping and public outreach;
- Our donations and membership continue to increase year over year;
- Foundation and corporate support stayed steady from 2022;
- The strategic goal of establishing a 3-month Operating Reserve was met. This safeguards the organization from unexpected financial threats in the coming years;
- Our dependence on the National Park Service stayed low at only 22% of our revenue stream; and
- Our investments rebounded after a 2022 market slump, which will strengthen our portfolio and create a sustainable revenue stream to meet future needs.

Building a *sustainable* financial future.

BALANCE SHEET

As of 12/31/2023, in \$1,000's

ASSETS

Cash	\$681.0
Investments	\$1,066.7
Accounts Receivable	\$66.6
Other Current Assets	\$22.8
Total Current Assets	\$1,837.1
Fixed Assets	\$13.2

TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,850.3
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LIABILITIES

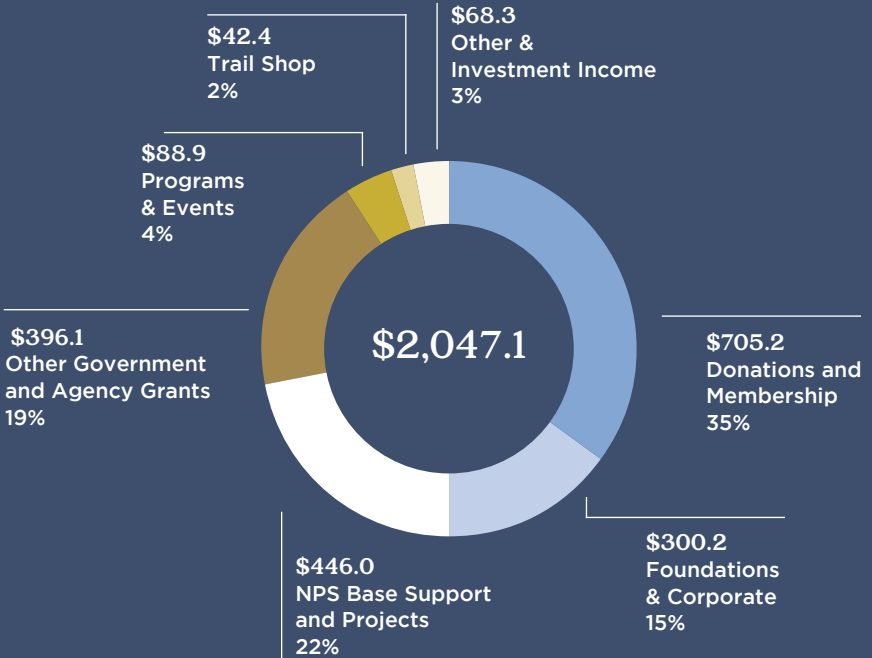
Other Current Liabilities	\$44.5
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$44.5
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$1,805.8

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$1,850.3
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As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, we prioritize transparency. We are pleased to inform you that our most recent audited financial statement and tax return are readily available at northcountrytrail.org or upon request.

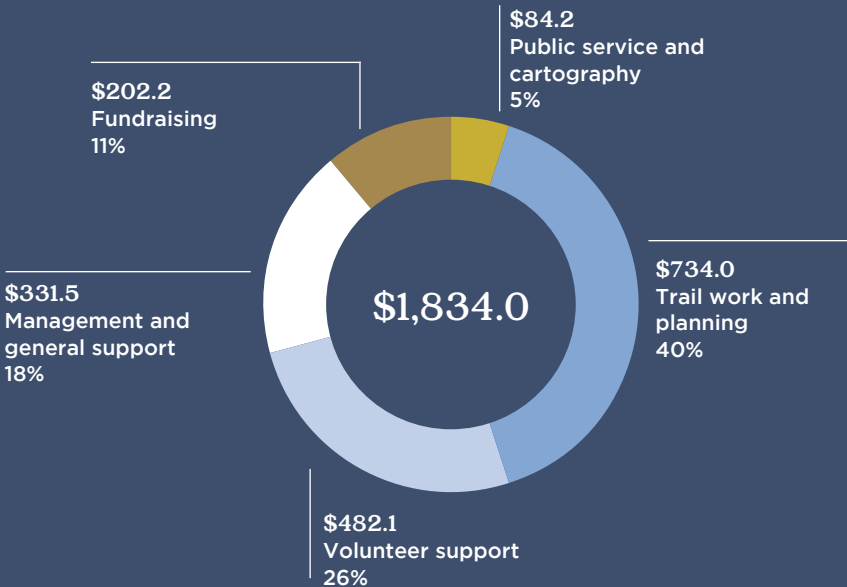
INCOME

TOTAL INCOME: \$2,047.1



EXPENSES

TOTAL EXPENSE: \$1,834.0



NET INCOME: \$213.1

Year ending 12/31/2023, in \$1,000's

The Legacy Society

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE NAMED THE NCTA IN THEIR ESTATE PLANNING

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LEGACY SOCIETY

NORTH COUNTRY TRAIL ASSOCIATION

Did you know you can leave an estate gift of any size to the North Country Trail Association? Consider leaving an estate plan that ensures your support in perpetuity. For information, or if you've already included the NCTA in your planning and you'd like to be added to the Legacy Society, contact Nancy Brozek, NCTA Director of Development and Communications, at nbrozek@northcountrytrail.org

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We have made every effort to make sure these lists are as accurate as possible. If we have omitted or incorrectly reported your generous support please accept our apology and contact Nancy Brozek, Director of Development and Communications nbrozek@northcountrytrail.org or (231) 685-0711.



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The mission of the North Country Trail Association (NCTA) is to develop, maintain, protect and promote the North Country National Scenic Trail as the premier hiking path across the northern tier of the United States through a trail-wide coalition of volunteers and partners.



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