



Building Trusts at the Lakes Edge The Story of a Landmark Partnership



Meddybemps Lake Land Trust (MLLT)



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What most people think



What successful people know





MLLT Fast Facts

2 Parcels located at Northeast Corner of Lake

Purchased 2/12/2021 for 700K

~ 503 acres

~ 3.8 miles of Shoreline
12% of Meddybemps Lake Total

~ 46.2 acres of Wetlands

Licensed Charitable Organization

**Dedicated to Conservation and Equitable
Public Access**



Phase 1



**Meddybemps
Lake Land
Trust**

**Property
Discovery
and Purchase**



Phase 2



**Downeast Lakes
Land Trust**

Secure Funding



Phase 3

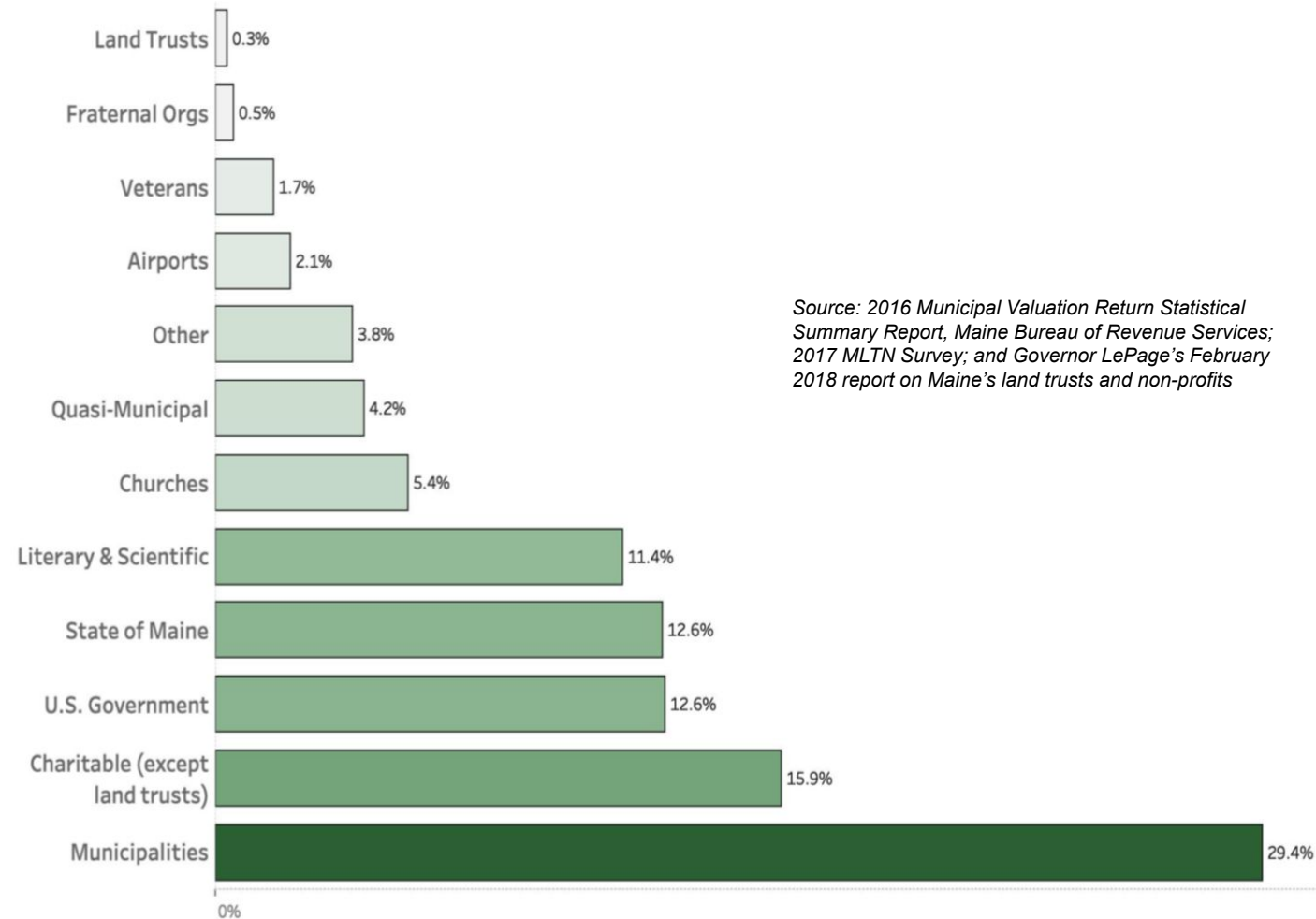


**Meddybemps
Lake Land
Trust**

**Land Management
and Easement**

Frequently Asked Questions

- Do you live on the lake?
- Do you pay taxes?



Source: 2016 Municipal Valuation Return Statistical Summary Report, Maine Bureau of Revenue Services; 2017 MLTN Survey; and Governor LePage's February 2018 report on Maine's land trusts and non-profits

Phase 1 Conservation Goals





Phase 1- Discovery and Purchase of MLLT Property

2011

Conversations began with Charlie Murray

2014

MLLT was created in response to development interest

2015

MLLT consisted of a President with 7 Directors

2015 & 2016

MLLT became a Maine charitable organization & 501c3.

2018

MLLT Signed Purchase Agreement with Charlie Murray

2019

Purchase option went into effect upon Charlie Murray's death in June 2019

2020

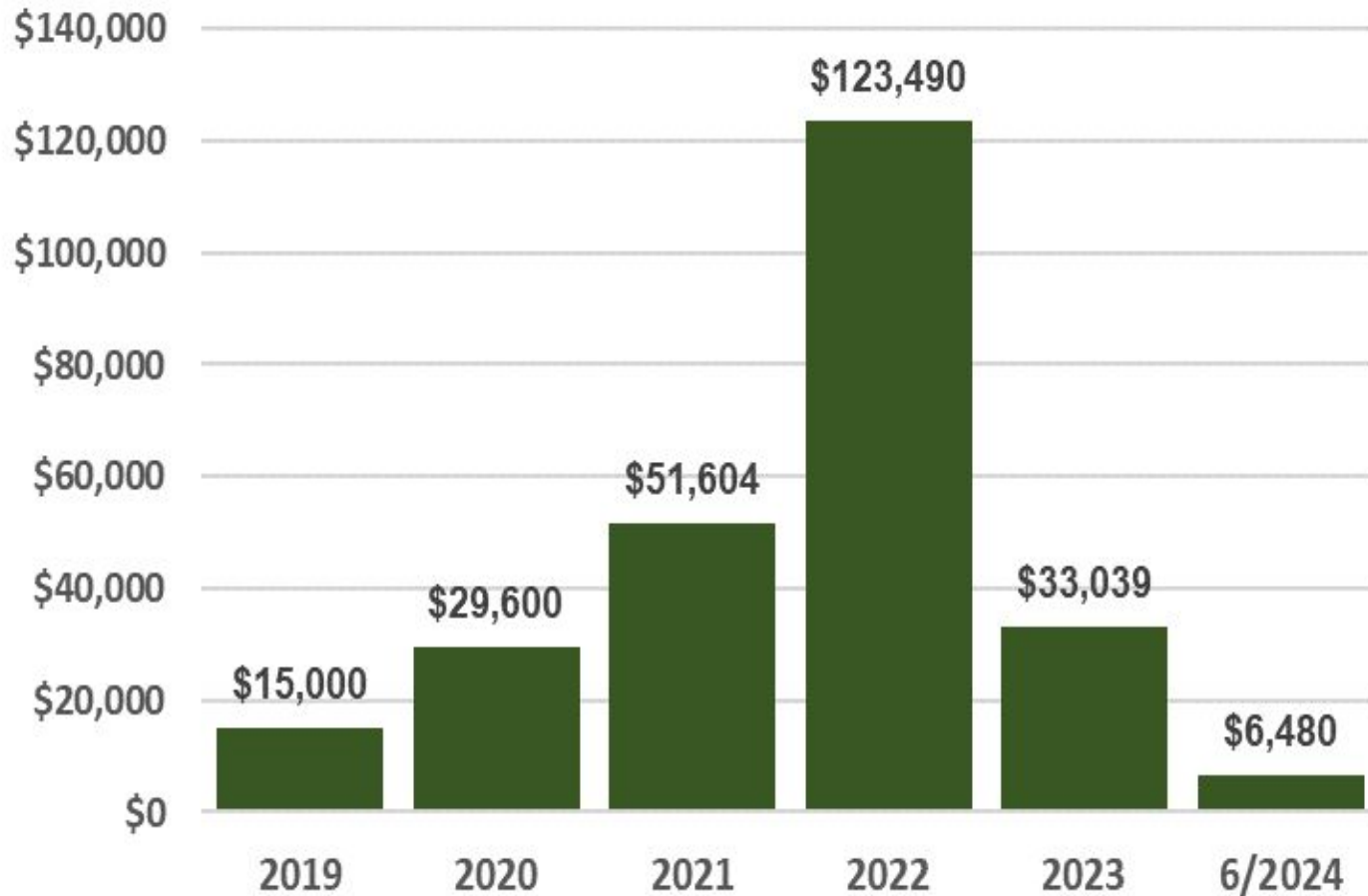
MLLT executed purchase option and raised the initial payment of 35K

2021

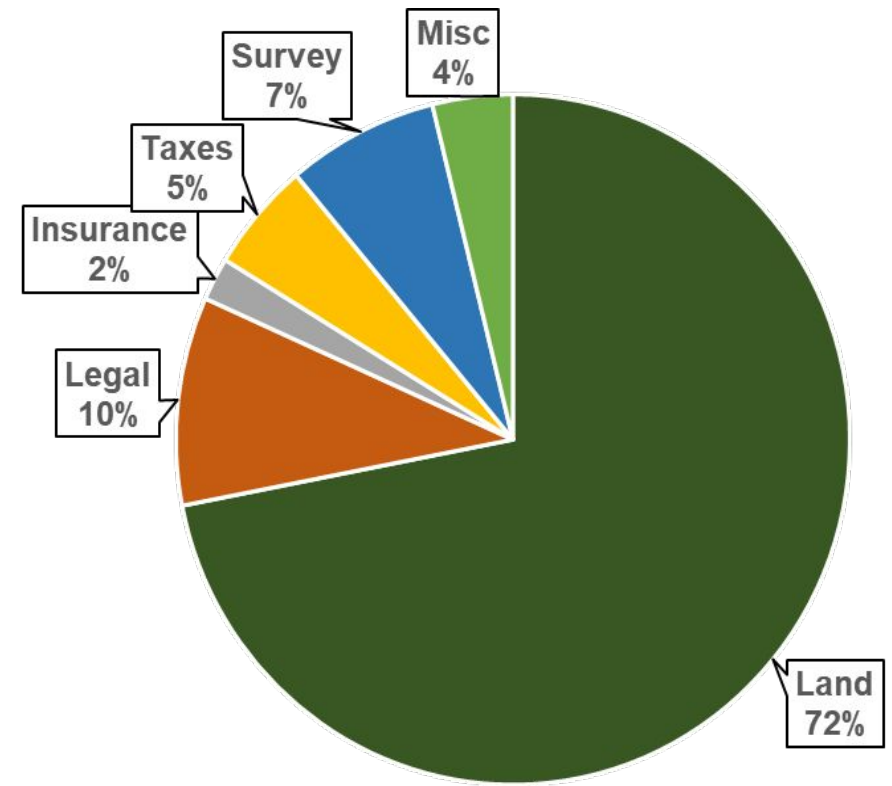
Closing & signing of MLLT deed. Bi-yearly Payments began Sept 2021



MLLT Donations \$259,213



MLLT Expenses





Phase 2- Secure Funding

2022

Identify potential funding sources
Ineligible for funding from TPL, TNC, CFP

2022

Meetings with Maine Wetlands Coalition (MWC)

2023

With support from MWC, we partner with DLLT and submit NAWCA grant

2023

NRCS Land Management grant obtained
Environmental Assessment done

2024

NAWCA Funded the Meddybemps Project \$562,000- pending appraisal

2024

Survey Completed
Parking Lot Completed

2024

200K Endowment secured from Anonymous Donor

2024

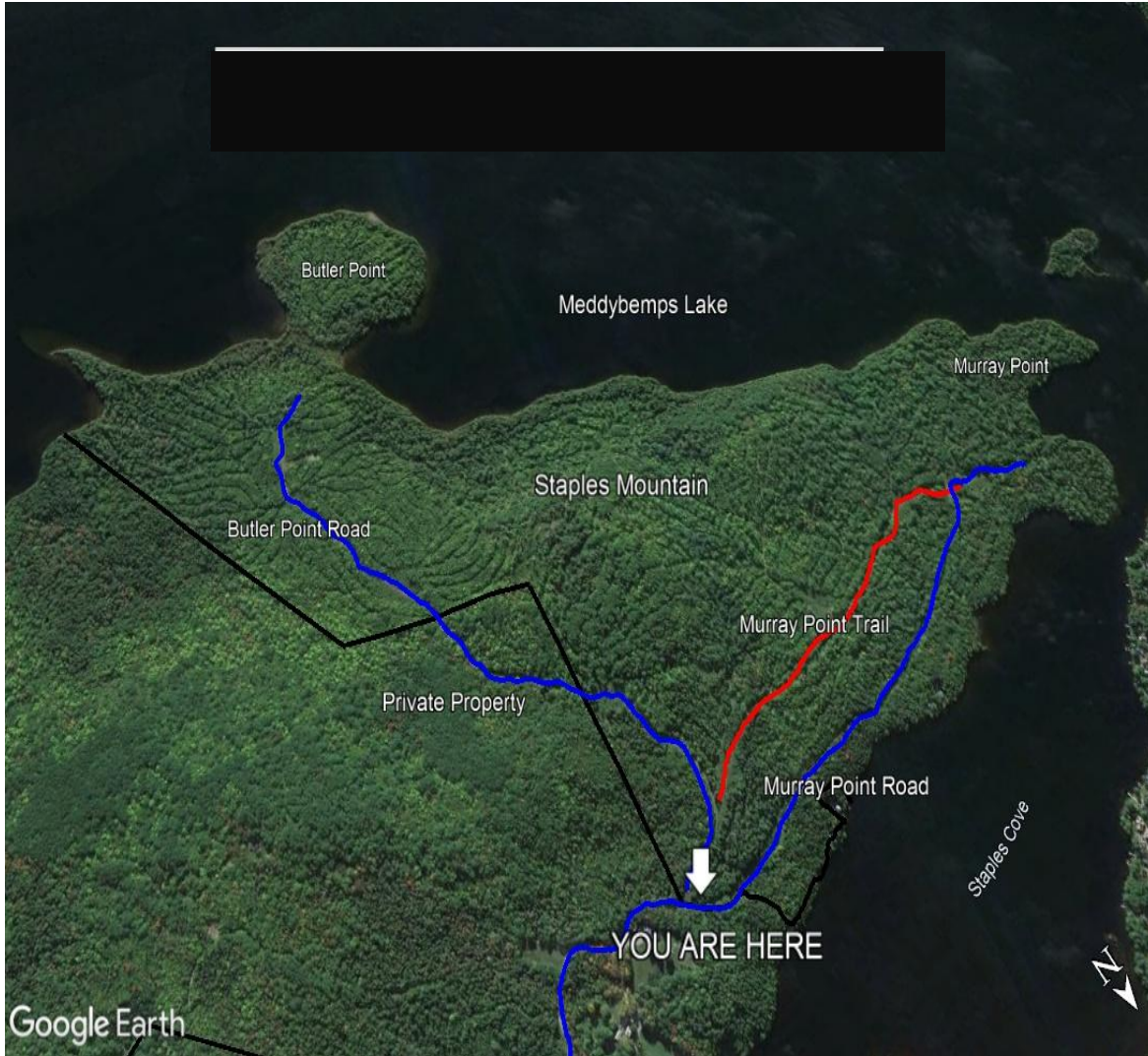
DLLT will own the 503 acres and shall be managed in perpetuity by MLLT

Phase 2 Conservation & Funding





Projects





Meddybemps Lake Land Trust eBirders



Meddybemps Lake Land Trust MLLT, Washington, Maine, United States - eBird Hotspot

Woodland Elementary School Chestnut Restoration Project



Phase 3 Land Management 2024 & Forward



Work on clearing existing trails-
Volunteer opportunities

Work with DLLT following F&W guidelines for land usage

Seek out funding opportunities to enhance the property

Make decisions which focus and align with our mission



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Phase 3

Develop and Maintain Trails



MLLT Website and Social Media



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Home | **MLLT** [mllt.org](#)

MLLT Facebook

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Meddybemps Lake Land Trust website. At the top, there is a dark navigation bar with the MLLT logo on the left and a yellow "DONATE" button on the right. Below the navigation bar, the main content area features a large background image of a lake with a forested shoreline. The text "MEDDYBEMPS LAKE LAND TRUST" is centered in a large, bold, dark font. To the right of this text, there is a vertical yellow bar containing social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. At the bottom of the page, there are two main sections: "OUR MISSION" on the left and "BECOME A DONOR" on the right. The "OUR MISSION" section has a white background and contains text about the organization's goals. The "BECOME A DONOR" section has a red background and features a white "SUPPORT US" button.

MLLT

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Future Educational Opportunities

- Work with local schools to promote science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM)
- Stormwater Management Research Team ([SMART](#)) developed with UMaine College of Engineering
- Focus on climate change and local impacts



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Many thanks to those who helped us!

- ✓ Forest Society of Maine
- ✓ Maine Wetlands Coalition
- ✓ Downeast Lakes Land Trust
- ✓ The Nature Conservancy
- ✓ The Conservation Fund
- ✓ Trust for Public Land
- ✓ Steve Keith
- ✓ Jay Petri
- ✓ Steve Norton



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THANK YOU!





Ryan Lake

~12 acres

Depths up to 16 feet

Spring fed

Outlet at south end

Chain pickerel and yellow perch





Baileyville Mill View



Butler Point