

EDMONTON & AREA LAND TRUST ANNUAL REPORT 2020



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ABOUT US

The Edmonton and Area Land Trust (EALT) is a registered charity that conserves nature in Edmonton and area for current and future generations. Established in 2007 through a partnership between the City of Edmonton, Edmonton Community Foundation, Urban Development Institute-Edmonton Region, Land Stewardship Centre of Canada, and the Edmonton Nature Club, EALT is governed by a Board of Directors represented by our founding Members and the public at large. We have a small team of staff and interns and are supported by a community of volunteers, partners, and funders. As the region's land trust we secure and steward land in the city of Edmonton and within a 150-kilometre radius through land donations and conservation easements. We are active in the community and raise awareness of land conservation in our digital and print communications, presentations, nature walks, and hands-on workshops.

VISION

A network of forests, river valleys, wetlands, lakes, and farmlands in Edmonton and area is conserved as a legacy for future generations.

MISSION

We conserve nature in Edmonton and area, engaging people and communities in land conservation and stewardship.



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MESSAGE TO OUR SUPPORTERS

As we reflect on 2020 to write this message, we are struck by what the Edmonton and Area Land Trust (EALT) accomplished in year of such uncertainty brought on by the coronavirus pandemic. EALT started the year, as we always do, preparing for our upcoming field season, mapping out key stewardship and securement projects, and planning for outreach activities, workshops, and volunteer events. Everything changed in March and, as with all charities in Edmonton, the verb “pivot” entered into our lexicon.

We were able to pivot and weather the uncertainties of 2020 for a couple of key reasons.

First and foremost is our endowment funds. These funds held at the Edmonton Community Foundation provide EALT with a reliable, sustainable source of annual funding. Our first endowment was established in 2007, and, in the years since, twenty additional endowment funds have been established. While the annual draw from our endowments only covers some of our operating costs, it does provide EALT with a level of financial stability – much like roots keep a tree upright in a storm.

The endowment funds that helped EALT weather the world’s first pandemic in over 100 years are the result of the individuals, families, and funders who set up or donated to EALT endowments since 2007. To each of you, thank you. Thank you for seeing the value of endowments – for investing in the roots of our tree.

Second and equally important is our people. We were able to maintain our permanent staff team throughout 2020. The team adapted EALT’s operations and activities to follow public health measures and reduce the risk of COVID-19 among staff, volunteers, and the broader community. The board seamlessly shifted to virtual meetings, welcomed four new members, and provided strong governance through active standing and ad-hoc committees. Our volunteers shared our commitment to safety and joined us when outdoor gatherings were permitted to help us steward our conservation lands. Last but certainly not least, individual donors and grant funders supported our important work in land conservation in a year when we were all reminded of the importance of nature to our personal and collective wellbeing.

We are pleased to share highlights of this unprecedented year with you in this report. As we look to the year ahead, we will continue to pivot as we weather the pandemic, and will do so with a renewed commitment toward the goal in the *Edmonton and Area Land Trust Strategic Plan, 2020-2025* to ensure EALT has stable, ongoing financial security, now and into the future.

We invite you to join us in strengthening the roots of our tree.



Sheila Campbell
Executive Director



David Parry
Board President

LAND SECUREMENT

Securing new lands that benefit nature and people is a top priority of the *EALT Strategic Plan 2020-2025*. In 2020, we updated our *Regional Conservation Plan* to reflect the direction in our strategic plan to secure ecologically important lands that support biodiversity, habitat connectivity, and ecosystems, as well as lands that have high social, cultural agricultural, or recreational values in addition to their ecological values.

The *Regional Conservation Plan* guides our land securement decisions when we are approached by landowners who wish to work with us to conserve their land. The plan also helps us be proactive in our efforts as we continue to develop partnerships with the City of Edmonton, municipalities, provincial government, private landowners, and other conservation organizations. In 2020 the EALT Board of Directors formed a Land Securement Leads Committee to help identify potential lands and securement opportunities.

We also developed a new resource for private landowners to take the mystery out of the land securement process and help answer questions about how a land or conservation easement donation with EALT works. The *Planning Your Conservation Legacy* guide provides step by step direction on the process, questions for a landowner to consider, and EALT's criteria for securing lands.

In early 2020, we announced the completion of two new conservation lands: New Jubilee and Evelyn's Acres. Together, these lands have 80 acres of native habitat and 125 acres of agricultural lands. Honouring his parents' wishes for the lands to be protected, the landowner worked with EALT to place conservation easements on title. The easements safeguard the conservation values of the forests and farmlands in perpetuity.



REGIONAL CONSERVATION PLAN

SECUREMENT GOALS

Secure ecologically-important lands that support biodiversity, habitat connectivity, & ecosystems.

Conserve lands, that in addition to ecological value, have high social, cultural, agricultural, or recreation value, supporting smart growth, health & wellbeing.

PLANNING GLOBAL TO LOCAL

EALT incorporates global, national, and local conservation goals into our conservation plans including those of:

-  The UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
-  Canada's Biodiversity Outcomes Framework and 2020 Goals & Targets through Environment & Climate Change Canada (ECCC).
-  Alberta's Land-Use Framework (LUF), the Alberta Land Stewardship Act, the City of Edmonton conservation plans and strategies, and surrounding municipalities' conservation plans.

CONSERVATION PRIORITIES

PRIORITY AREAS FOR SECUREMENT

Priority Areas for securing conservation lands for EALT are the North Saskatchewan River Valley, the Beaver Hills Biosphere Reserve, and the Central Parkland and Dry Mixedwoods Natural Subregions.



ECOLOGICAL PRIORITIES

Ecological priorities include lands in close proximity to other ecologically important areas and that contribute to habitat connectivity, as well as lands with species at risk, keystone species, large areas of native vegetation, and waterbodies.



SOCIAL PRIORITIES

Social priorities include lands with agricultural and recreational values, and other social values such as historical, archaeological or cultural significance.





ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT

EALT uses science-based methods to guide stewardship of lands that we own.

We use an adaptive management model for land stewardship to ensure that we not only aim for best management practices, but that we monitor and evaluate these on an ongoing basis to ensure they are achieving the intended outcomes.

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Protecting New Jubilee and Evelyn’s Acres took tremendous community effort. We extend a sincere thank you to the landowner and his family, all individual donors, the Edmonton Community Foundation, Community Leagues of Area 17 Council, and the Alberta Land Trust Grant Program for conserving these important lands.

In 2020, we also celebrated the opening of the Smith Blackburn Homestead, which was generously donated to EALT in 2017. With the support of grants from the Edmonton Community Foundation and Shell Scotford, we undertook projects to prepare the site for visitor access. This included installing boardwalks on hiking trails to protect sensitive habitat, removed old fencing, installing trail and visitor signs mowing and clearing trails.

This work was completed with the generous support of our volunteers and the land donor. In the fall of 2020, we hosted a virtual grand opening with 55 people joining us, including the donor’s friends and family.

In 2020, we continued to work with landowners interested in protecting their land for conservation. We conducted field work and submitted grant applications for potential conservation easements that, if awarded grant funding, will protect important parcels of boreal and parkland forest in the Edmonton area.

We responded to landowner inquiries and referrals from, and continued to build positive relationships with our conservation partners and other organizations involved in land conservation.

Edmonton & Area Land Trust

PLANNING YOUR CONSERVATION LEGACY

CONSERVE YOUR LAND WITH EALT

Edmonton and Area Land Trust conserves natural areas through ecological gifts of land donations and conservation easements. If your land meets our criteria for such a gift, you might want to consider planning your conservation legacy.

EALT will first discuss with you whether your land fits any of our conservation priorities from our Regional Conservation Plan. These priorities focus on supporting biodiversity, habitat connectivity, and ecosystems, and high social, cultural, agricultural, or recreational values.



01. INITIAL DISCUSSION
02. EXPLORE OPTIONS
03. INITIAL ASSESSMENT
04. FINANCIAL STRATEGY
05. BOARD APPROVAL
06. LETTER OF INTENT
07. DATA COLLECTION & REPORTING
08. LEGAL PROCESS
09. FAIR MARKET VALUE
10. ECOLOGICAL GIFTS PROGRAM
11. LAND TITLES
12. DONATION RECEIPT
13. STEWARDSHIP & MONITORING

We'll also discuss what type of land donation is best for you—a fee simple or conservation easement (CE).

After an assessment of your land, development of a financial strategy for land stewardship, and board approval, we will work with a lawyer and appraiser experienced in land donations to draft the legal agreement and determine the fair market value of your donation. We'll also visit your land to collect information about its values for reporting. If your land is eligible for the ecological gifts program, EALT will help you apply. The program provides you with significant tax benefits. You'll also receive a tax receipt for the fair market value of your donation.

Finally, EALT will steward, continually monitor, and conserve the land.

FEE SIMPLE?	OR	CE?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EALT becomes the Landowner. EALT stewards, protects, and monitors the land donated. EALT will not sell the lands donated. EALT may make these lands available for public use for low-impact recreation such as hiking and snowshoeing. There may also be an option for a landowner to continue to live on the land after donation. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landowners ensure the conservation of their land and continue to use it. Landowners retain the ability to sell in future. Help landowners assure the future stewardship of their lands by granting agreed rights to safeguard the land. Registered on title and stays with the land, regardless of owner.

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LAND STEWARDSHIP

The Edmonton and Area Land Trust stewards 14 conservation lands with a combined area of 2,475 acres. We own or share title on ten lands and hold four conservation easements (CE):

1. Boisvert's GreenWoods
2. Bunchberry Meadows
3. Coates
4. Evelyn's Acres (CE)
5. maskihkîy meskanaw - Glory Hills
6. Golden Ranches
7. Hicks
8. Larch Sanctuary (CE)
9. Lu Carbyn Nature Sanctuary
10. Ministik
11. New Jubilee (CE)
12. Parkland County Easement (CE)
13. Pipestone Creek
14. Smith Blackburn Homestead

Despite the challenges presented by COVID-19, we conducted a wide variety of stewardship activities on our conservation lands in 2020. We maintained trails, gates, and fences, managed invasive plants, and monitored to ensure our lands continue to serve their purpose of conserving biodiversity.

While we paused our volunteer events in the spring due to COVID-19, we were able to hold some stewardship events in the summer and fall. Learn more about the achievements of our volunteers in our [2020 Volunteer Story Map](#).

We are pleased to share the following highlights of our stewardship work on our conservation lands with you.

Targeted Browsing by Goats

We piloted a new approach to invasive plant management for EALT– goats. In the spring and summer, we welcomed a herd of goats to Pipestone Creek Conservation Land with support from TD Friends of the Environment Foundation.

Goats can be an effective method of invasive plant control. A herd can reach more plants, more quickly than a team of staff and volunteers. And, unlike other livestock, goats are able to stomach invasive plants that can be toxic to other animals.

Targeted browsing by goats is one method available to us to help improve the quality of habitat for wildlife on our conservation lands. You can hear more about the project in Episode 76 of the [Edmonton Community Foundation's Well Endowed Podcast](#).



EPISODE 76 – NOT JUST ANY OLD GOAT



Opening of Smith Blackburn Homestead

We were pleased to open the Smith Blackburn Homestead to visitors in the fall of 2020. This 73-acre site lies east of Elk Island National Park in the UNESCO Beaver Hills Biosphere Reserve. The land was donated in memory of Cec Blackburn who would be pleased that people can now visit the property to hike, birdwatch, snowshoe, and simply appreciate and connect with nature.

We thank the Edmonton Community Foundation and Shell Scotford for supporting our efforts to prepare the site for visitors, including installing boardwalks, a pedestrian gate, and trail and visitor signs.

Staff worked diligently to ready this site for opening, in a year where access to local natural areas became increasingly important.

Project partners: Edmonton Community Foundation, Shell Scotford, and volunteers.



Access Improvement at the Lu Carbyn Nature Sanctuary

This 155-acre property near Lily Lake Natural Area protects significant habitat for a high diversity of wildlife. The mixwood forest is home to a wide variety of songbirds, and waterfowl and other water birds use the extensive wetlands for nesting and feeding.

The lakes and wetlands at Lu Carbyn Nature Sanctuary are part of a wider network of

wetlands in the region that provide important ecosystem services such as storing carbon, filtering water, and storing water in times of rainfall and releasing it in times of drought. The rise and fall of water is part of what makes this property so special. It is also what presents some access management challenges for EALT.



In 2020, with the generous support of TransAlta, we replaced a non-functioning culvert to minimize flooding and erosion of the main access trail. We extend a sincere thank you to TransAlta, as well as the Edmonton Community Foundation, Lafarge, and Paragon Soil and Environmental Consulting for helping with this project.

In addition to addressing the main trail, we also installed pedestrian gates and directional signs to help future visitors navigate the trails around the land's many wetlands.

We anticipate officially opening Lu Carbyn Nature Sanctuary to visitors in 2021. We look forward to sharing this haven for avifauna with you.

Project partners: Edmonton Community Foundation, Lafarge, Paragon Soil and Environmental Consulting, TransAlta Generation Partnership, and volunteers.

Bat conservation

In 2020, we maintained 20 bat boxes on our conservation lands to enhance bat roosting habitat in the Edmonton area. We paused all

bat box exit surveys for the season due to constraints on staff field time during the coronavirus pandemic, however we anticipate resuming exit surveys in 2021. We continued to share educational information about bats and bat conservation on our website and sold bat boxes made by volunteers on our online shop.

Bird conservation

EALT conservation lands provide habitat for a variety of cavity nesting birds and migratory and waterfowl bird populations. In 2020, we maintained owl, waterfowl, bluebird/tree swallow, and chickadee/wren nest boxes at six of our conservation lands. We partnered with Birds Canada on loon surveys at two of our lands, with the help of our volunteers.

Project partners: Birds Canada and volunteers.

Invasive plant control

In 2020, staff monitored and managed invasive plants on our conservation lands and, when public health restrictions permitted, held volunteer events to manually remove weeds. We monitored biocontrol release points for creeping thistle at Ministik and Smith Blackburn Homestead, and contracted over 500 goats to target browse weeds at Pipestone Creek.

We focused our efforts on reducing the extent of invasive plant patches on our lands, preventing spread, and restoring habitat to maintain ecosystem health and biodiversity.

Project partners: Alberta Conservation Association, Nature Conservancy of Canada, TD Friends of the Environment Foundation, WILD Outside, and volunteers.

Geocaching

Geocaching draws new visitors to our lands and we saw increased interest and use of our geocaches in 2020. We maintain 19 geocaches on eight conservation lands. Each geocache has an environmental stewardship message that geocachers can apply at their own

Protecting Pollinators

We raise awareness of the importance of native pollinators in our region with our Protecting Pollinators program. COVID-19 reduced the reach of this program in 2020, but we did hold three online pollinator presentations with over 60 people and three workshops attended by over 30 people.

We sold bee hotels made by volunteers in our shop and maintained our online bee hotel map that illustrates the locations of bee hotels in Edmonton and area. We continued to provide information on pollinators and native bees through our educational brochures, blog posts, website, and social media.

Project partners: Accenture, Canadian Wildlife Federation, Devon Communities in Bloom, Men's Shed, the Hive, and volunteers.

Signage

In 2020, we designed and installed signs at Lu Carbyn Nature Sanctuary, Glory Hills, Pipestone Creek, Coates, and Smith Blackburn Homestead. The signs identify permitted uses, hiking trails,



and provide interpretation of the natural environment.

Project partners: Edmonton Community Foundation and volunteers.

Trails

In 2020, people looked for new ways to get outside and enjoy nature close to home during the global pandemic. While it's difficult to count visitor numbers to our lands, staff and long-time site users certainly saw more people on our trails and vehicles in the parking areas compared to previous years.

We were pleased to see people using our trails as a way to safely spend time with family and friends. We did our best with the staff capacity we had to maintain over 30 kilometres of trails on eight of our conservation lands: Bunchberry Meadows, Glory Hills, Hicks, Pipestone Creek, Boisvert's GreenWoods, Smith Blackburn Homestead, Coates, and Ministik.

Project partners: Volunteers.

Wildlife cameras

We maintained trail cameras on five of our conservation lands in 2020. Trail cameras help us better understand the diversity of wildlife on our lands and help us identify any issues with unpermitted use, such as off highway vehicle or snowmobiles use.

Partners: Tannas Conservation Services and volunteers.

Wildlife-friendly fencing

We maintain fences on our conservation lands to mark boundaries and control access. We make our fences safer for wildlife by removing unnecessary fencing, keeping wires tight, reducing the number of wires, or adding reflectors to increase wire visibility. In 2020, we removed barbed wire fencing at Coates Conservation Land with the help of volunteers.

Project partners: Volunteers



COMMUNICATIONS & OUTREACH

In 2020, we focused our communications and outreach on public awareness of EALT and ways people can get involved in land conservation and stewardship. The vast majority of our in-person outreach activities, workshops, and information booths were paused in 2020 due to COVID-19. We took this as an opportunity to update our digital resources and publications.

We developed an EALT style guide and we updated our communications material to align with it, as well as with the refreshed vision, mission, and priorities set out in our 5-year strategic plan. We updated a number of our factsheets, infographics, and publications. We also updated our website and restructured our Resources webpage to house digital resources from programs that we discontinued, including EALT Kids, Nature's Nourishment, the Earth Ambassador Program, and Shop for a Cause. The kids' resources were particularly helpful to parents looking for activities when schools moved to remote learning in March.

In 2020, we produced three new videos on climate change, land conservation for landowners, and conserving land in a

fragmented landscape. We reduced the frequency of our blog, but maintained its high quality content. We shared updates and activities throughout the year in our two newsletters. *Conservation Connections* shares EALT news (approx. 1,800 subscribers) and the volunteer newsletter profiles stewardship events and volunteer opportunities (approx. 1,250 subscribers). We discontinued the EALT Kids' Newsletter.

We were active throughout the year on three social media platforms: Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram. We also have Pinterest and YouTube accounts, and a LinkedIn business page.

We responded to media requests, and were pleased to have CBC profile Bunchberry Meadows and Smith Blackburn Homestead, and the Edmonton Community Foundation's Well Endowed podcast for our goat project.

While the majority of our in-person outreach events were cancelled, we were able to connect with our community by hosting several virtual presentations and through our social media platforms.



FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Business Administration

In 2020, the Board of Directors approved a new 5-year strategic plan, which was developed with contributions from the staff team. We updated our website and communications to reflect the refreshed vision and mission for EALT and highlight priority areas of the strategic plan.

We recognize that to continue to grow as an organization and secure new lands, we need to build our capacity. One way to do this is to grow our community of volunteers who help us steward our lands.



In 2020, we began development of a new volunteer program with the support of the Gosling Foundation and Nature Canada. Program development included identifying and building the program model and the processes for volunteer recruitment, safety, training, and reporting. Safety is a priority, and we continued our work on a robust health and safety program to roll out in 2021 with the new volunteer program.

To strengthen the governance of EALT as a registered charity, a Governance Manual was approved by the Board of Directors and updates the policies and procedures in which the board operates. A Finance Manual was also approved which updated the policies and procedures surrounding the organization's financial transactions, records, and reporting.

Human Resources

We have a small team of permanent staff. Sheila Campbell, Executive Director provides leadership to the organization. Maryse Lavigne, Business Administrator, ensures our accounts, records, and dealings are to the highest standards. Rebecca Ellis, Conservation Manager leads land securement projects and oversees the stewardship of our lands. Meghan Jacklin and Nikki Paskar, Conservation Coordinators, lead stewardship activities and events on our lands, as well as outreach and communications.

We were fortunate to be able to retain all permanent staff throughout 2020, in spite of the challenges presented by COVID-19. Unfortunately, we were not able to hire conservation interns for the spring and summer, as planned. However, we were pleased to have Anna Lafreniere join us as a communications intern from July to December with the support of the Venture for Canada program.

Kaylie Bredevelt from the University of Alberta and Alison Morphy from MacEwan University completed internships with us from January to April, and we wished Michelle Holland farewell with her new position with the Canadian Wildlife Service early in the year.

Supporting professional development and advancement is important to EALT. Congratulations to Rebecca Ellis for receiving her Professional Biologist (P.Biol.) and Environmental Professional (EP) designations. Rebecca completed *Working with Indigenous Peoples* and *Indigenous Consultation & Engagement* training, and Nikki Paskar completed the Process Fundamentals course donated by NAIT School of Business. Staff participated in various webinars to improve skills and knowledge in Indigenous cultural awareness, Canada's key biodiversity areas, wetlands classification, reserve and endowment funds, fundraising, and volunteer management.

Endowment Funds

Thanks to the generosity of our donors and the Edmonton Community Foundation, a total contribution of \$132,135 (including the matching funds from ECF) was made to EALT endowment funds through our participation in the ECF Endowment Matching Program for Environmental Organizations.

We extend a special recognition to the North Saskatchewan River Valley Conservation Society (NSRVCS) for raising funds for its NSRVCS Capital Fund for EALT. The fund received 26 gifts totalling \$5,609.32. With these donations, the fund surpassed the minimum \$10,000 necessary to become an established fund. This means that EALT will begin to receive an annual disbursement from the NSRVSC Capital Fund to support land conservation in Edmonton and area. Thank you NSRVCS!

In other good news, the New Jubilee Conservation Land Fund was established with \$53,000 from the associated Alberta Land Trust Grant Program project grant, and \$50,925 was added to the EALT Agricultural Legacy Fund.

Endowment funds are a vital source of sustainable funding for EALT and donations to the funds will support our conservation work for years to come. We thank ECF for managing our endowment funds, which include, the Edmonton Community Foundation

- *Betty Fisher Fund*
- *Boisvert Stewardship Endowment Fund*
- *Bruce's Spruce Conservation Fund*
- *Devon Dunes/Glade Farm Fund*
- *EALT Agricultural Legacy Fund*
- *Edmonton and Area Land Trust Capital Fund*
- *Edmonton and Area Land Trust Operating Fund*
- *Edmonton and Area Land Trust Conservation Endowment Fund*
- *Edmonton Nature Club Endowment for Land Conservation & Stewardship*
- *EMPEO Fund for Edmonton and Area Land Trust*
- *Livia Stoyke Foundation EALT Fund*
- *Lu Carbyn Nature Sanctuary Trust Fund*
- *Noni Lee Conservation Endowment*
- *New Jubilee Conservation Lands Fund*
- *Ministik Stewardship Endowment Fund*
- *North Saskatchewan River Valley Conservation Society Capital Fund*
- *Pipestone Creek Stewardship Endowment Fund*
- *Prairie Crocus Fund*
- *Smith-Blackburn Homestead Fund*
- *Ross & Eleanor Wein Family Fund*
- *Russell Family Conservation Fund*
- *Vegreville Creek & Wetlands Fund*



Grants

We thank the granting agencies that supported our conservation work in 2020, including:

- Alberta Land Trust Grant Program
- EcoCanada Co-op Student Funding
- Shell Canada
- The Gosling Foundation
- TD Friends of the Environment
- United Nations Association in Canada – Canada Green Corps
- Venture for Canada

We extend a special thank you for grants from the Edmonton Community Foundation

- *Allen Family Fund*
- *Cinders Fund*
- *Community Grant*
- *Eldon & Anne Foote Fund*
- *Fenna Family Fund*
- *Foundation Directed Initiative*

Donors

Thank you to the individuals, private foundations, and companies that donated in Private donors

- Hines Canada Property Services
- John Maude and Susan Quinn Charitable Foundation
- John K.J. Campbell Barrister & Solicitor
- Lafarge Canada Inc.
- Laing Family Fund
- Raymond James Canada Foundation – The Collins/Hazen Fund
- Paragon Soil and Environmental Consulting
- The Hop Foundation
- The Muttart Foundation
- TransAlta Generation Partnership
- United Way
- 1108628 Alberta Ltd.



Financial Statements

The Edmonton and Area Land Trust (EALT) was audited for the year 2020. The complete Financial Statements and the Independent Auditor's Report can be viewed on our website at ealt.ca or on request from the EALT office.

It is important to note that in 2020 EALT updated its Chart of Accounts and, as such, some accounts show a significant variance between 2019 and 2020.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

In 2020, EALT was awarded two Alberta Land Trust Grant program grants from the Government of Alberta for two multi-year land securement projects. The grant funds were held in term deposits. The Alberta Land Trust Grant program grant to secure New Jubilee Conservation Land closed in 2020, resulting in an increase in non-tangible asset of \$349,332 with the addition of the conservation easement and the return of grant surplus to the Government of Alberta. The net book value of the EALT work truck and other equipment decreased in 2020. EALT continues to hold a multi-year lease for its office space in west Edmonton.

REVENUES AND EXPENSES

With the completion of New Jubilee and Evelyn's Acres, EALT had a one-time expense of \$103,925 towards the associated endowment funds. EALT had appraisal, legal, and professional expenditures for securement projects in 2020, and overall stewardship costs increased with visitor access projects at the Lu Carbyn Nature Sanctuary and Smith Blackburn Homestead. Insurance, property taxes, bank, and accounting fees increased in 2020. The total draw from our endowments was \$213,443, a decrease of \$11,056 from the previous year. We successfully applied for and were awarded several grants before the pandemic and we were fortunate to have these grant funds support stewardship projects and activities in a year of such uncertainty. We were also fortunate to have donors support EALT to a total of \$49,312 in general donations.



EDMONTON AND AREA LAND TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2020

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash	\$ 58,320	\$ 48,736
Term deposits and accrued interest	970,383	492,164
Accounts receivable	14,896	11,403
Prepaid expenses	<u>2,821</u>	<u>1,830</u>
Total current assets	1,046,420	554,133
CONSERVATION EASEMENTS	3,352,332	3,003,000
ECOLOGICALLY VALUABLE LAND	6,686,025	6,686,025
EQUIPMENT (Note 3)	<u>27,352</u>	<u>40,261</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$11,112,129</u>	<u>\$10,283,419</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 37,183	\$ 11,945
Deferred revenue (Note 4)	<u>720,661</u>	<u>111,616</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>757,844</u>	<u>123,561</u>
DEFERRED CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS (Note 5)	<u>25,053</u>	<u>34,759</u>
NET ASSETS:		
Invested in conservation easement and ecologically valuable land	10,038,357	9,689,025
Invested in equipment	2,299	5,502
Unrestricted	<u>288,576</u>	<u>430,572</u>
Total net assets	<u>10,329,232</u>	<u>10,125,099</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$11,112,129</u>	<u>\$10,283,419</u>

Approved on behalf of the Board:


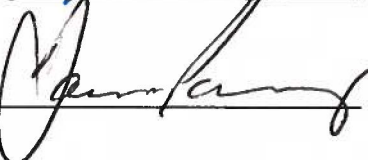

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