“WE BUILD FOR OURSELVES, ON THE FRONTIER, A BETTER, WIDER PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE A BETTER, WIDER LIFE.”


A pandemic. Social, cultural, and economic upheaval. Political fragmentation. Wars overseas. These were the defining events of the years preceding 1921, when the vision of the Appalachian Trail (A.T.) was put to paper by Benton MacKaye. But these are also the events that defined 2020. We found ourselves in 2020, like MacKaye found himself in 1921, turning to the Appalachian Mountains seeking solutions to the “problem of living.”

For almost 100 years, the Trail — and its landscape — has been a place to seek solace and inspiration, to find beauty and optimism, to turn inward and reflect, and to look outward and find ourselves part of a larger ecosystem. These benefits and values are embedded in the Trail’s resiliency. The resiliency of its resources, its experiences, and its legacy.

But this resiliency is not incidental — it is intentional. You have invested in the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC) to ensure the A.T. is managed, protected, and advocated for forever, for all.

2020 was arguably one of the most challenging years on record. But we weathered several mighty storms because of you and even celebrated tremendous achievements in the core areas of our work: protecting the A.T. and the A.T. experience, advancing the largest landscape conservation efforts in the eastern United States, and educating the next generation of conservationists and Trail advocates. You strengthen our resiliency and ability to withstand hardship, across the Appalachian landscape and beyond.

ATC donors represent every state in our country and even extend internationally. We span a multitude of perspectives, backgrounds, political philosophies, cultures, and religious beliefs. What unites us is that we find, in the A.T., solutions to the problems we see all around us. Wherever you are reading this, thank you for bringing the spirit of the A.T. into your own home and community.

And, as always, thank you for your support and for the love you express, in so many ways, for the Appalachian Trail.

Sandra Marra / President & CEO
PROTECTING THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL

“THE TRAIL IS ONE OF THE GREATEST TESTAMENTS TO VOLUNTEERISM IN THE NATION.”
Appalachian National Scenic Trail Foundation Document, National Park Service

In 2020, a record number of people visited the A.T. As the most famous hiking trail in the world, located within a day’s drive from every major city in the eastern United States, we have always been a well-loved resource.

But 2020 marked a turning point for the A.T. Staggering numbers of visitors of all ages and backgrounds traveled far and wide to seek solace along the Trail as the global pandemic raged on.

The ATC was honored to receive and welcome so many new visitors, some of whom had their first experiences on the A.T. this year. Many were so inspired by their time along the A.T. that they signed up for our educational programs, became volunteers, and even supported the ATC for the first time to help care for the resource we all cherish. For those of you who are new to the ATC, we welcome you warmly.
A SAFE A.T. EXPERIENCE AT SCALE
Keeping nearly 2,200 miles of trail safe and accessible during our busiest year on record took many passionate and committed people coming together. The ATC extends our most heartfelt thanks to the 3,562 people who donated 111,565 hours of their time to keep the A.T. safe for all during such an unprecedented year. These individuals:

- Removed blowdowns that fell across the footpath.
- Cleared waterbars.
- Cut back annual growth.
- Picked up high volumes of litter.
- Removed graffiti from many sections of the Trail, including iconic viewpoints.

The ATC believes in leading by example. When new visitors experience an exceptionally well-maintained Trail, they are more inclined to follow our example and help to do their part to keep the A.T. safe as well.

Through your support, in 2020 the ATC was able to provide funding to our closest partners, the 31 Trail Clubs who work tirelessly to ensure that the A.T. remains safe and accessible for all. A very special thank you to our donors who proudly serve as volunteers and who made the following projects possible:

- Supporting the A.T. Community of Cheshire, Massachusetts, and the development of a seasonal in-town camping area for hikers that includes free bicycles for individuals to use around town.
- Preserving the historically agricultural character of the Trail in the Cumberland Valley of Pennsylvania through field mowing.
- Replacing old privies in Maine and Pennsylvania with new, above-ground moldering privies that are more sanitary and easier to maintain.
- Spot-replacing severely deteriorated decking on the boardwalk between Lake Wallkill Road and the Wallkill Wildlife Refuge in northwestern New Jersey.
- Providing necessary tools for on-the-ground Trail maintenance work, including tools that are used to address unique challenges in remote area.

BEAR CANNISTER LENDING PROGRAM
The ATC recommends hikers use bear canisters to store food when overnighting in the backcountry, but we also recognize bear canisters can be expensive. In 2020, we began laying the groundwork for a bear canister lending program that is currently available in Massachusetts, Vermont, and New Hampshire. This free lending program, held in partnership with the Green Mountain Club, makes renting a bear canister simple for A.T. hikers.

Special thanks to BearVault for supporting our bear canister education efforts.

VOLUNTEERS COMPLETE NEW BUILDING AT KONNAROCK BASE CAMP
Among our 3,562 volunteers, 23 volunteers rotated in and out across the span of three weeks to build a new cabin at Konnarock Base Camp in southern Virginia. This effort totaled 870 volunteer hours alone. Also known as a “pod,” this cabin will house crew leaders and participants, and is an important component (and perk!) of life at Base Camp.
THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONSERVANCY EXTENDS ITS MOST HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO THE 31 TRAIL MAINTAINING CLUBS AND THEIR OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS WHO WORK TIRELESSLY TO PROTECT THE A.T. FOR ALL THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED THEIR TIME IN 2020 AND IN ALL YEARS, WE THANK YOU.

A.T. MAINTAINING CLUBS

New England Region
Maine Appalachian Trail Club
Appalachian Mountain Club
Randolph Mountain Club
Dartmouth Outing Club
Green Mountain Club
Appalachian Mountain Club Western Massachusetts
Appalachian Mountain Club Connecticut Chapter

Mid-Atlantic Region
New York-New Jersey Trail Conference
Wilmington Trail Club
Batona Hiking Club
Appalachian Mountain Club Delaware Valley Chapter
Keystone Trails Association
Blue Mountain Eagle Climbing Club
Allentown Hiking Club
Susquehanna Appalachian Trail Club
York Hiking Club
Cumberland Valley Appalachian Trail Club
Mountain Club of Maryland
Potomac Appalachian Trail Club

Virginia
Old Dominion Appalachian Trail Club
Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club
Natural Bridge Appalachian Trail Club
Outdoor Club at Virginia Tech
Roanoke Appalachian Trail Club
Piedmont Appalachian Trail Hikers
Mount Rogers Appalachian Trail Club

Southern Region
Tennessee Eastman Hiking and Canoeing Club
Carolina Mountain Club
Smoky Mountains Hiking Club
Nantahala Hiking Club
Georgia Appalachian Trail Club
PROTECTING THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL EXPERIENCE

“THE WORLD BECOMES A LITTLE LESS INTERESTING WITH THE LOSS OF EACH SPECIES.”

Matt Drury, Resource Management Coordinator

From the expansive views on upper alpine slopes to lush forests scattered with moss and lichen, the A.T. is intertwined with the diverse natural landscape of the Wild East. As the land around the Trail changes due to human development, your support empowers the ATC to protect each ecosystem, each facing its own unique threats. The 2,190+-mile Trail traverses a wide range of ecosystems. The Conservancy advances species conservation practices grounded in science by gathering data on ecosystems, partnering with organizations, and working on the ground to restore habitats.
PROTECTING ASH TREES THROUGHOUT THE WILD EAST

Project Locations: MA, NC
The emerald ash borer, an invasive insect that feeds on ash trees, is decimating eastern deciduous forests and threatening the survival of ash trees in the continental United States. We are taking preventative measures to treat ash trees throughout the Wild East, ensuring that strands of ash can survive infestations and live to repopulate the forest.

- Our conservation team treated and inventoried over 300 ash trees in North Carolina and Massachusetts.

RESTORING FISH MIGRATION THROUGH HENDERSON BROOK

Project Locations: ME
The Maine 100-Mile Wilderness is one of the most valuable, intact, and resilient forest landscapes across the entire Wild East. This iconic Wilderness area provides critical protection to the head waters of the Pleasant River system, a designated habitat for federally endangered Atlantic salmon (Salmo salar) and native brook trout (Salvelinus fontinalis).

- Worked to restore migration routes on the Henderson Brook, a tributary to the Pleasant River, by removing a culvert that is blocking fish passage and replacing it with a 50-foot clear span bridge.

RESCUING SPRUCE-FIR FORESTS

Project Locations: NC
Found on the highest and coldest parts of the Southern Blue Ridge, the Southern Appalachian spruce-fir forests are some of the most unique and threatened forests in the United States. As relics from the last ice age, these forests only exist in the cooler climates found at high elevations and form a system of isolated mountaintop islands. The few isolated tracts of spruce-fir forests that remain now face a myriad of threats, from climate change to invasive species.

- Connected 500 acres of disjunct spruce populations
- Grew 2,000 red spruce seedlings for future planting, which will remove 48 tons of CO2 from the atmosphere when fully grown

The ATC mourns the loss of hiker Jean Deeds who, along with family and friends, established the Jean Deeds Spruce Restoration Fund which made this work possible. We thank them for their outstanding generosity in ensuring our forests flourish forever.

WARDING OFF INVASIVE SPECIES

Project Locations: MA, VA, VT
The ATC works proactively to identify non-native invasive species that would harm the Appalachian habitat, including Wavyleaf Basketgrass in Northern Virginia and Multiflora Rose in Vermont.

- In 2020, our conservation team managed 138 acres over 21 sites from Georgia to New Hampshire to prevent the spread of invasive species.
- After five years, the ATC has finished restoration work in Day Mountain Natural Heritage Area in Massachusetts, rescuing Ash Trees which required an urgent intervention.

PROTECTING HABITAT FOR GOLDEN WINGED WARBLERS

Project Locations: NC, TN, VA
Golden Winged Warblers, a native bird species, have declined by an alarming 98%. We manage and protect the habitat that endangered birds and wildlife depend on.

- In 2020, the ATC managed 470 acres over 46 sites of Golden Winged Warbler habitat in North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.
- Our conservation team has improved low quality edge habitat and selectively mowed habitat to prevent woody plants from moving into the grasslands where Golden Winged Warblers dwell.

PROTECTING POLLINATORS

Project Locations: CT
Northern metalmark butterflies are endangered and declining globally. After analyzing their population trends and habitat needs, we worked to restore their habitat to increase the metalmark butterfly population, focusing on sites in Connecticut. Protecting pollinators is crucial to the persistence of plants and healthy habitats.

- Maintained 46 early successional habitat sites that are vital for pollinators migration routes and feeding.
- Planted wildflowers in early successional habitats to provide nectar and feeding for pollinators.
- Removed invasive plants that crowd out native plants and alter the composition of pollinator habitats.

HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS FROM 2020
SECURING THE FUTURE OF THE TRAIL

All life depends on conserved and connected lands. The ATC oversees the largest landscape conservation effort in the eastern United States. Despite 2020 being one of our most challenging years on record, we were able to make significant advancements in our conservation efforts with the 100+ partners we convene. As the pandemic slowed down many aspects of our world, we worked hand-in-hand with our partners, including land trusts, federal and state agency partners, universities, and representatives of A.T. communities to protect the Trail and its surrounding lands. Through 2020, together we:

• Protected 67,267.7 acres of land.
• Gave $1.52 million in grants through the Wild East Action Fund. These funds go directly to our partners to protect acres of high-priority land.
• Continued to work in partnership with one another to advance urgent and highly coordinated landscape conservation goals.

ABOUT THE WILD EAST ACTION FUND

Working alongside our partners, we determine the areas across the A.T. landscape of greatest and most urgent conservation value. Generous private donors, including The Volgenau Foundation, made it possible for the ATC to establish the Wild East Action Fund beginning in 2018. This Fund is dedicated to protecting high-priority land parcels across the A.T. landscape and building capacity in organizations who advance a landscape-scale conservation vision. These lands would not have been protected without a coordinated network of conservation partners working toward a common goal.
• Appalachian Trail Conservancy—Diakon Wilderness Center, PA (170 acres)
• Forest Society of Maine—Grafton Township, ME (21,300 acres)
• Hanover Conservancy—Koop Forest, NH (120 acres)
• Hudson Highlands Land Trust—Lafata, NY (32 acres)
• Hudson Highlands Land Trust—Staff, NY (25 acres)
• Hudson Highlands Land Trust—Vroman, NY (74 acres)
• New River Land Trust—Little Meadow, VA (696 acres)
• Potomac Appalachian Trail Club—Calf Mountain, VA (9.7 acres)
• Trust for Public Land—Corbin Hill/Boniello, NY (216 acres)
• Upper Valley Land Trust—Younis Timber, NH (542 acres)
• Upper Valley Land Trust—Brackett Brook Farm, NH (105 acres)
• Wildlands Conservancy—Kittatinny Ridge, PA (450 acres)
• Appalachian Mountain Club—Pleasant River Headwaters Forest, ME (26,740 acres)
• Central Pennsylvania Conservancy—Diakon Wilderness Center, PA (170 acres)
• The Conservation Fund—North Mountain, Roanoke, VA (237 acres)
• Forest Society of Maine—Grafton Township, ME (21,300 acres)
• Hanover Conservancy—Hanover, NH (110 acres)
• Naromi Land Trust—Sherman, CT (37 acres)
• National Park Trust—Hogan Hollow, VA (239 acres)
• The Nature Conservancy—Kittatinny Ridge, PA (125 acres)
• New River Land Trust—Mountain Lake Area, Giles County, VA (4,215 acres)
• Northeast Wilderness Trust—Bridgewater Hollow Bramhall Preserve, VT (350 acres)
• Salisbury Association—Pepe Property, Salisbury, CT (79 acres)
• Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy—Belview Mountain North, Cranberry, NC (186 acres)
• Trust for Public Land—Rolton Rest, VT (2,745 acres)
• Upper Valley Land Trust—Indian Pond, Oxford, NH (1,585 acres)
• Appalachian Mountain Club—Pleasant River Headwaters Forest, ME (26,740 acres)
• Cornwall Conservation Trust—Mohawk Trail, Cornwall, CT (276 acres)
• Forest Society of Maine—Grafton Township, ME (21,300 acres)
• Northeast Wilderness Trust—Redington Wilderness Sanctuary, Phillips, ME (3,300 acres)
• Salisbury Association—Belter Lime Rock, Salisbury, CT (114 acres)
• The Nature Conservancy—Cove Mountain, Penn/Hampden/East Pennsboro Townships, PA (1,274 acres)
• Trust for Public Land—Depot Hill and Camp Ludington, Beekman, NY (524 acres)
• Trust for Public Land—Dark Ridge, Avery County, NC (521 acres)
• Trust for Public Land—White Rocks Gateway, Wallingford, VT (464 acres)
• Vermont Land Trust—Arlington Town Forest, Arlington, VT (407 acres)

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PROJECTS FUNDED THROUGH 2020

THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP IS A NETWORK OF CONSERVATIONISTS DEDICATED TO GREATER AT PROTECTION.

• Appalachian Mountain Club
• Audubon Mid-Atlantic
• Blue Ridge Conservation Alliance
• Blue Ridge Land Conservancy
• Catoctin Land Trust
• Central Pennsylvania Conservancy
• Changing Landscapes Initiative
• The Chesapeake Conservancy
• Chesapeake Conservation Partnership
• The Conservation Fund
• Cornwall Conservation Trust
• Doris Duke Charitable Foundation
• Forest Society of Maine
• Friends of Southwest Virginia
• Hanover Conservancy
• Harlem Valley Conservation Alliance
• Harvard Forest
• Hawk Mountain Sanctuary
• Heart of Maryland Conservation Alliance
• Highlands Foundation
• Housatonic Valley Association
• Hudson Highlands Land Trust
• Kittatinny Ridge Coalition
• Land Trust Alliance
• Land Trust of Virginia
• Lighthawk Conservation Flying
• Lincoln Institute of Land Policy
• Living Landscape Observer
• Lyme Timber Company
• Maine Appalachian Trail Land Trust
• Maryland Environmental Trust
• National Aquarium
• National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health
• National Park Foundation
• National Park Service - Appalachian National Scenic Trail
• National Park Service - Blue Ridge Parkway
• National Park Service - Chesapeake Bay
• National Park Service - Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area
• National Park Service - Great Smoky Mountains National Park
• National Park Service - Harpers Ferry National Historical Park
• National Park Service - Shenandoah National Park
• National Park Service - Washington Office
• National Park Trust
• National Parks Conservation Association
• The Nature Conservancy
• NatureServe
• Network for Landscape Conservation
• New River Land Trust
• Northwest Appalachian Trail Landscape Partnership
• Northeast Tennessee Regional Economic Partnership
• Northeast Wilderness Trust
• Northern Appalachian Trail Landscape Partnership
• Northwest Connecticut Land Conservancy
• Open Space Institute
• Patuxent Waterkeepers
• Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
• Piedmont Environmental Council
• Potomac Valley Audubon Society
• Salisbury Association
• Shippensburg University
• South Mountain Partnership
• Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy
• Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency
• Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
• Trust for Public Land
• U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
• U.S. Forest Service - Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest (Region 8)
• U.S. Forest Service - Cherokee National Forest (Region 8)
• U.S. Forest Service - George Washington and Jefferson National Forests (Region 8)
• U.S. Forest Service - Green Mountain National Forest
• U.S. Forest Service - White Mountain National Forest (Region 9)
• Upper Valley Land Trust
• US Geological Survey Northeast Climate Adaptation Science Center
• Valley Conservation Council
• Vermont Land Trust
• Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation
• The Volgenau Foundation
• The Wilderness Society
• Wildlands Conservancy
• Wildlands Network
• William Penn Foundation
• Yale University
The challenges of 2020 inspired the ATC to think more broadly and creatively about our educational programs and reach. We prioritized two key areas:

**Building the Next Generation of Leaders:**
- **Next Generation Advisory Council (NextGen):** Leaders traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with members of congress and federal agency leaders to advocate for the ATC’s conservation initiatives.
- **NextGen Forest Ambassadors:** Led over 250 hours of stewardship projects in their communities. Their projects ranged from trash pick-up events, podcasts, identification guide, online fundraiser for nonprofits and the creation of original art and music.
- **Forest for Every Classroom:** The ATC hosted this award-winning program for 21 teachers and ten partners from North Georgia and the Atlanta-metro area, inspiring students to develop a lifelong love of the A.T. and the desire to become the next generation of conservationists and scientists that will care for it.

**Digital Education**
- **A.T. Ed-Venture Series:** 15 virtual sessions, engaging over 7,000 viewers on topics that cover every state along the A.T.
- **Where We Walk Podcast Series:** Created in partnership with REI Co-op, this six-part miniseries explores the women who have helped make the Trail what it is today, as well as those who are shaping its future.
- **Hiker Resource Library:** Built a comprehensive digital “encyclopedia” on topics including safe use of the A.T., responsible recreation, camping, disposing of waste properly, and gear checklists.

“OVER THE LAST 100 YEARS, MILLIONS OF PASSIONATE AND DEDICATED PEOPLE HAVE CARED FOR THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL AND ITS SPECIAL RESOURCES. OUR GREATEST CHALLENGE NOW IS TO ENSURE THAT FUTURE GENERATIONS ARE PREPARED TO TAKE ON THIS RESPONSIBILITY SO THAT THE TRAIL AND ITS UNIQUE COMMUNITIES AND RESOURCES ARE FOREVER PROTECTED.”

Julie Judkins, Director of Education and Outreach
APPALACHIAN TRAIL COMMUNITIES™

The A.T. Community™ program recognizes communities that promote and protect the Appalachian Trail. The program serves to assist communities with sustainable economic development through tourism and outdoor recreation while being good friends and neighbors to the Trail.
During the 116th Congress, the ATC achieved federal policy exposure, engaging in a variety of critical areas. The ATC continues to gain prominence as a national voice for conservation and has made significant strides in furthering policies that advance our vital mission. A top legislative priority for the ATC in 2020, the passage of the Great American Outdoors Act enhanced safety and accessibility of public lands like the A.T. and ensures the legacy of outdoor spaces and experiences passes on to the next generation.

**Great American Outdoors Act**

- The Act provided full, permanent funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and creates a Restoration Fund to address the deferred maintenance needs of federal public lands.
- The funding for LWCF doubles what was available in 2019 for states, municipalities and the federal government to conserve land for recreation and wildlife habitats. The Trail as we know it would not exist without the support of the LWCF, which has protected places like Blood Mountain in Georgia, the Roan Highlands of Tennessee and North Carolina, the Cumberland Valley of Pennsylvania, and community forests throughout New Hampshire and Vermont.
- In addition to landscape preservation, the Act will also provide funding for critical infrastructure projects that will improve experiences for the more than 325 million visitors hosted by National parks every year.
- The ATC engaged several clubs and several Board members in a coordinated advocacy effort to garner support for the bill. The ATC’s advocacy led to the inclusion of the U.S. Forest Service in the Great American Outdoors Act, ensuring support for the entirety of the Appalachian Trail.

"The A.T. landscape is the largest green space in the Eastern U.S. For nearly a century, the ATC has partnered with decision-makers to increase the scale of land protection and to guarantee these lands are conserved forever."

-Brendan Mysliwiec, Director of Federal Policy-
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Partner: $50,000 to $99,999
Advocate: $25,000 to $49,999
Protector: $10,000 to $24,999
Steward: $5,000 to $9,999
Support: $1,000 to $4,999

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Current Board of Directors: 8
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APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONSERVANCY
YOUR IMPACT IN 2020

- Maintained over 2,000 miles of Trail
- Protected ecology across 14 states
- Conserved over 60,000 acres of wild lands
- Partnered with more than 100 organizations
- Connected 49 communities to the Trail

OUR MOST HEARTFELT THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR ADVANCING OUR INITIATIVES UP AND DOWN THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL.
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MAINTAINER $25,000 TO $49,999
RIDGE RUNNER $10,000 TO $24,999
HIKER $1,000 TO $9,999

HIKER:

TRAIL BLAZER:

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CORPORATIONS AND FOUNDATIONS:

ANNUAL FUND LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONSERVANCY

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#### Liabilities and Net Assets

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#### General Revenues and Expenses

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#### Breakdown of Revenues and Expenses

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#### Notes

- **Annuity Fund:** Includes payments to annuitants and adjustments to annuity reserves.
- **Non-current Liabilities:** Long-term obligations and investments.
- **Net Assets:** Reflects the financial position after all liabilities are satisfied.
As I write this, we are celebrating the 100-year anniversary of Benton MacKaye’s vision for the A.T. The creation of the Trail in and of itself is a remarkable achievement. But even more so, is this idea that millions of people who may never meet one another and who represent every possible background, perspective, political philosophy, and religious affiliation, stand united behind a single purpose.

That this unity has endured for 100 years is because of you and choices you have made. You have shown us that no matter the circumstances — whether a global pandemic, world wars, social and political upheaval, and beyond — the human spirit and desire to make our world a better place is the force that will prevail.

This impact report is yours. It is a chronicle of the achievements you made possible during one of ATC’s most challenging years. It is the mark that you have left on the A.T. and on the world. When I think of all we have accomplished over the last century, I think of the challenges we have faced, and those we have overcome. I think of the ways so many people have served this vast and cherished natural resource; of the peaks, the crags, and the crests that comprise the Trail and compel us to return to its expansive beauty as we seek solutions. I think of the ways in which our supporters, partners, and community members have enabled each and every success.

The Trail was built on a strong foundation. Looking forward, I know it has become even stronger because of you. The ATC is humbled by your dedication to the A.T. and honored to have your support. I hope you are very proud of all you have made possible.

Sandra Marra / President & CEO.
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