

**Weantinoge Heritage Land Trust, Inc.  
Financial Statements and  
Independent Auditor's Report  
December 31, 2016**

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**Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Board of Directors of  
Weantinoge Heritage Land Trust, Inc.  
Kent, Connecticut

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Weantinoge Heritage Land Trust, Inc. (the "Land Trust") which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2016, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

**Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Land Trust's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Land Trust's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### **Opinion**

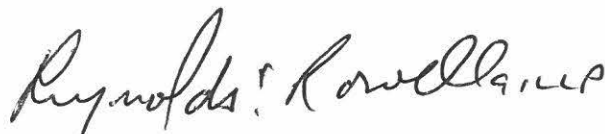
In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Weantinoge Heritage Land Trust, Inc. as of December 31, 2016, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Correction of Error**

As discussed in Note 2 to the financial statements, the 2015 financial statements have been restated to correct certain misstatements. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

### **Report on Summarized Comparative Information**

We have previously audited the Weantinoge Heritage Land Trust, Inc.'s 2015 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated September 8, 2016. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived, taking into consideration the correction of error noted above.



Reynolds & Rowella, LLP

New Canaan, Connecticut  
November 17, 2017

**Weantinoge Heritage Land Trust, Inc.**  
**Statements of Financial Position**  
**As of December 31, 2016 and 2015**

	2016	2015
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 392,374	\$ 251,926
Investments at fair value (cost \$254,382 and \$243,194 as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively)	575,229	512,652
Miscellaneous receivables	38,187	120,758
Prepaid expenses	3,426	8,747
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	1,587,553	1,636,297
Property and equipment, net	334,426	6,637
Conservation land and easements	34,645,899	33,615,898
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>\$ 37,577,094</u>	<u>\$ 36,152,915</u>
 <b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 42,062	\$ 55,821
Note payable	250,000	250,000
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>292,062</u>	<u>305,821</u>
 <b>Net Assets</b>		
Unrestricted	35,724,812	34,199,713
Temporarily restricted	1,460,220	1,547,381
Permanently restricted	100,000	100,000
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<u>37,285,032</u>	<u>35,847,094</u>
 <b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<u>\$ 37,577,094</u>	<u>\$ 36,152,915</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**Weantinoge Heritage Land Trust, Inc.**  
**Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2016 with Summarized Comparative Totals for 2015**

	2016				2015
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Summary Total
<b>Operating Revenue and Support</b>					
Contributions - conservation land and easements	\$ 1,012,001	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,012,001	\$ 1,987,702
Contributions - cash and securities	493,222	15,200	-	508,422	1,013,507
Contributions - land and building	325,000	-	-	325,000	-
Government grants	4,392	-	-	4,392	6,856
Program service income	638	-	-	638	400
Net realized and unrealized gains/(losses) on investments	51,712	-	-	51,712	(15,298)
Interest and dividends	15,541	2,249	-	17,790	11,539
Other income	40,810	-	-	40,810	12,177
Special events, net of direct costs (\$94,829 and \$77,537, respectively)	196,275	-	-	196,275	234,747
Sub-Total	2,139,591	17,449	-	2,157,040	3,251,630
Net assets released from restrictions	104,610	(104,610)	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating Revenue and Support</b>	<b>2,244,201</b>	<b>(87,161)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,157,040</b>	<b>3,251,630</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>					
Program services	487,655	-	-	487,655	425,362
Management and general	141,859	-	-	141,859	188,724
Fundraising	89,588	-	-	89,588	112,168
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>719,102</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>719,102</b>	<b>726,254</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>1,525,099</b>	<b>(87,161)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,437,938</b>	<b>2,525,376</b>
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Year - Restated</b>	<b>34,199,713</b>	<b>1,547,381</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>35,847,094</b>	<b>33,321,718</b>
<b>Net Assets, End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 35,724,812</b>	<b>\$ 1,460,220</b>	<b>\$ 100,000</b>	<b>\$ 37,285,032</b>	<b>\$ 35,847,094</b>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**Weantinoge Heritage Land Trust, Inc.**  
**Statement of Functional Expenses**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2016**  
**With Summarized Comparative Totals for 2015**

<b>Expenses</b>	2016			2015
	Program Services	Management and General	Fund Raising	Total Expenses
Payroll	\$ 259,650	\$ 46,178	\$ 56,994	\$ 362,822
Professional fees	31,837	51,056	-	82,893
Land maintenance	69,910	208	-	70,118
Professional services	29,741	3,647	16,962	50,350
Insurance	15,699	13,411	1,652	30,762
Rent	23,119	8,105	7,305	38,529
Office expenses	8,435	12,719	1,130	22,284
Other special event	11,868	-	-	11,868
Property taxes	10,653	-	-	10,653
Support for land acquisition	10,000	-	-	10,000
Printing	2,039	3,502	2,973	8,514
Travel and meals	5,026	1,088	204	6,318
Postage and shipping	2,169	113	2,339	4,621
Dues and memberships	3,650	50	-	3,700
Education and outreach	3,082	-	29	3,111
Depreciation	-	1,411	-	1,411
Vehicle expense	637	-	-	637
Miscellaneous	140	256	-	396
Meetings	-	115	-	115
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 487,655</b>	<b>\$ 141,859</b>	<b>\$ 89,588</b>	<b>\$ 719,102</b>
				<b>\$ 726,254</b>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**Weantinoge Heritage Land Trust, Inc.**  
**Statements of Cash Flows**  
**For the Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015**

	2016	2015
<b>Operating Activities</b>		
Change in net assets	\$ 1,437,938	\$ 2,525,376
Adjustment to reconcile changes in net assets to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	1,411	1,202
Unrealized net (appreciation)/depreciation on investments	(51,809)	5,903
Realized loss on investments	97	9,395
Contributions of conservation land and easements	(1,012,001)	(1,987,702)
Contributions of securities	(60,920)	(35,929)
Contributions - land and building	(325,000)	-
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Miscellaneous receivables	82,571	(107,819)
Prepaid expenses	5,321	4,586
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	48,744	(475,396)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(13,759)	5,365
<b>Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities</b>	<u>112,593</u>	<u>(55,019)</u>
<b>Investing Activities</b>		
Purchases of property and equipment	(4,200)	(5,370)
Purchases of conservation land	(18,000)	-
Purchases of investments	(11,188)	(10,313)
Proceeds from sale of investments	61,243	33,954
<b>Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities</b>	<u>27,855</u>	<u>18,271</u>
<b>Change in Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents</b>	140,448	(36,748)
<b>Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year</b>	251,926	288,674
<b>Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents, End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 392,374</u>	<u>\$ 251,926</u>
<b>Supplemental Disclosures of Cash Flow information</b>		
Non cash investing and financing transactions:		
Donated land and building	\$ 325,000	\$ -
Donated securities	<u>\$ 60,920</u>	<u>\$ 35,929</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.



# **Weantinoge Heritage Land Trust, Inc.**

## **Notes to Financial Statements**

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#### **1. Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

##### Nature of Operations

Weantinoge Heritage Land Trust, Inc. (the "Land Trust") is a non-profit land trust that promotes the permanent protection of natural areas, fish and wildlife, and working farmland through the acquisition and stewardship of conservation lands. The Land Trust accepts both contributions of title to property and contributions of conservation easements, which are then monitored. Sources of revenue include contributions and special fundraising events, investment earnings, grants, and fees for certain services related to land preservation.

##### Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

The Land Trust's financial statement presentation follows the recommendations of the Financial Accounting Standards Board's Accounting Standards Codification No. 958, Not-For-Profit Entities (ASC 958). Under ASC 958, net assets, revenues, and investment gains and losses are classified based on the absence or existence and nature of donor-imposed restrictions as follows:

- Unrestricted net assets – Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions.
- Temporarily restricted net assets – Net assets subject to donor restrictions for a period of time or specific purposes. When a donor imposed time restriction ends or a purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the Statement of Activities as net assets released from restrictions.
- Permanently restricted net assets – Net assets result from contributions from donors that place permanent restrictions on the use of the funds and require that the original contribution be invested in perpetuity. This type of contribution is reported as a permanently restricted net asset, the income from which may be either temporarily restricted or unrestricted, depending on the donor's specifications.

##### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Land Trust has defined cash equivalents as highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The Land Trust maintains cash balances in bank accounts, including brokerage accounts which may at times exceed federally insured limits. The Land Trust has not experienced any losses from such concentration and believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk with respect to such balances.

Investments

The Land Trust records its financial assets and liabilities at fair value. The accounting standard for fair value provides a framework for measuring fair value, clarifies the definition of fair value and expands disclosures regarding fair value measurements. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in an orderly transaction between market participants at the reporting date. The accounting standard establishes a three-tier hierarchy, which prioritizes the inputs used in the valuation methodologies in measuring fair value:

**Level 1** – Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

**Level 2** – Inputs other than Level 1 that are observable, either directly or indirectly, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

**Level 3** – Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for instruments measured at fair value:

Money Market - Valued using amortized cost.

Publicly Traded Mutual Funds - Valued at market value.

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Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are recorded at cost, or if donated, at the approximate fair value at the date of donation. Such donations are reported as unrestricted support unless the donor has restricted the asset for a specific purpose. Assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets which is 5-7 years for vehicles, equipment, and furnishings, and 39 years for buildings. Major repairs which extend, or improve the useful lives of the assets are added to their respective cost basis. Normal repair and maintenance costs are expensed as incurred.

Contributions

Contributions received are recorded as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted support depending on the existence or nature of any donor restrictions.

Donated securities are recorded at fair value at the date of gift. Securities received by donation are generally sold immediately. In-kind contributions of equipment or other items are recorded at their fair value at the date of donation, and are unrestricted unless their use has been limited by a restriction imposed by the donor. Contributed services are reported as contributions at their fair value if such services create or enhance nonfinancial assets and were provided by individuals possessing required specialized skills. The Land Trust received a variety of donated services throughout the year from generous volunteers, including property, trail and field maintenance activities. However, the services did not meet the criteria for recognition, and no fair value has been assigned or recorded.

Land and Conservation Easements

Purchased land is recorded at cost.

Donated land and conservation easements are recorded as unrestricted net assets. Donated properties are valued at estimated fair value and recorded on the date the deed is filed in the municipal land records. All conservation easements acquired are valued at one dollar (\$1) and recorded by the Land Trust on the date the deed restriction is filed in the municipal land records.

Contributions of funds for stewardship and defense of land and easements are reported as temporarily restricted support until utilized for the restricted purpose. It is the Land Trust's policy to place these contributions in the Stewardship Reserve Fund. The Stewardship Reserve Fund is classified as a temporarily restricted quasi-endowment net asset.

Allocation of Functional Expenditures

The statement of Activities is presented with expenses allocated functionally to the various programs and other activities. Some expenses have been prorated by units of usage or other formula basis to the functional categories benefited.

# Weantinoge Heritage Land Trust, Inc.

## Notes to Financial Statements

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#### Income Taxes

The Land Trust qualifies as a not-for-profit organization that is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes is included in the accompanying financial statements.

Management has evaluated the Land Trust's tax position and concluded that the Land Trust has taken no uncertain tax positions that require adjustment to or disclosures in the financial statements. The Land Trust's 2014 through 2016 tax years are open for examination by federal, state or local tax authorities.

#### Comparative Financial Information

The financial statements include certain prior-year summarized comparative information in total but not by net asset class. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with GAAP. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Land Trust's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2015, from which the summarized information was derived, taking into consideration the restatement included in Note 2.

#### Events Occurring After Reporting Date

The Land Trust has evaluated events and transactions occurring between December 31, 2016 and November 17, 2017, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued for possible disclosure and recognition in the financial statements.

## 2. Restatement

The Organization has restated its previously issued 2015 financial statements to be consistent with the 2016 financial statement presentation. The restatement related to a one-time donor donation that was previously classified as permanently restricted, based on donor intent funds were time restricted and should have been reported as temporarily restricted net assets with funds released from restriction included in unrestricted net assets. The effects of the restatement on the statement of financial position for the year ended December 31, 2015 are as follows:

	As Previously Reported	Restated
Unrestricted net assets	\$ 34,199,713	\$ 34,199,713
Temporarily restricted net assets	1,072,381	1,547,381
Permanently restricted net assets	575,000	100,000

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**3. Fair Value of Financial Instruments**

The assets that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis and categorized using the three levels of fair value hierarchy consisted of the following as of December 31, 2016 and 2015:

	2016			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Money market funds:				
Restricted cash equivalents	\$ 1,587,553	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,587,553
Unrestricted cash equivalents	253,578	-	-	253,578
Total money market funds	1,841,131	-	-	1,841,131
Mutual funds:				
Publicly traded mutual funds	575,229	-	-	575,229
Total mutual funds	575,229	-	-	575,229
Total	<u>\$ 2,416,360</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,416,360</u>
	2015			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Money market funds:				
Restricted cash equivalents	\$ 1,636,297	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,636,297
Unrestricted cash equivalents	47,813	-	-	47,813
Total money market funds	1,684,110	-	-	1,684,110
Mutual funds and common stocks:				
Publicly traded mutual funds	512,232	-	-	512,232
Common Stocks	420	-	-	420
Total mutual funds and common stocks	512,652	-	-	512,652
Total	<u>\$ 2,196,762</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,196,762</u>

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**4. Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment, net consisted of the following at December 31:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Land	\$ 125,000	\$ -
Building	200,000	-
Office equipment and furnishings	22,652	28,423
Vehicles	<u>21,435</u>	<u>21,435</u>
Total	369,087	49,858
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>(34,661)</u>	<u>(43,221)</u>
Total Property and Equipment, Net	<u>\$ 334,426</u>	<u>\$ 6,637</u>

Depreciation expense for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 was \$1,411 and \$1,202, respectively.

**5. Note Payable**

In December 2014, the Land Trust entered into a note payable agreement with The Peter and Carmen Lucia Buck Foundation, Inc. for \$250,000 (the "Note Payable"). Proceeds from the Note Payable were used to fund the purchase of a parcel of West Aspetuck land. The Note Payable bears no interest through December 2020 and then interest is calculated at .25% per year compounded annually through its maturity in December 2024. The Note Payable is secured by the property located in Kent, Connecticut. As of December 31, 2016 and 2015 the Land Trust was in compliance with the covenants of this agreement.

**6. Land and Conservation Easements**

Land Held for Conservation

The Land Trust accepted three fee simple gifts totaling approximately 155 acres of land in New Milford and Kent Connecticut during 2016, with a total estimated fair value of \$1,030,000.

The Land Trust purchased a fee simple parcel of approximately 2 acres of land in New Milford, Connecticut during 2016 at a bargain for \$18,000. The valuation of the land on the date of purchase was \$140,000. Approximately \$122,000, relating to the difference between the land valuation and the purchase price of the land, was donated to the Land Trust by the seller and has been included in contributions – conservation land and easements in the Statement of Activities for the year ended December 31, 2016.

The Land Trust accepted five fee simple gifts, totaling approximately 40 acres of land in New Milford and Washington Connecticut during 2015, with a total estimated fair value of \$1,987,700.



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Conservation Easement

The Land Trust accepted one conservation easement during 2016 and two conservation easements during 2015. The Land Trust has 178 and 177 easements incorporating over 5,000 acres as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

**7. Stewardship Reserve Fund**

The Stewardship Reserve Fund ("SRF") consists of temporarily restricted donor contributions for stewardship, monitoring, and enforcement of the Land Trust's conservation easements and fee-owned lands. The SRF is invested, managed and disbursed in accordance with policies established by the Land Trust's Board of Directors. In addition to restricted contributions, the SRF also contains some investment income reinvested over prior years. No portion of the SRF is permanently restricted.

Contributions of funds for stewardship and defense of land and easements are reported as additions to the SRF and as temporarily restricted support. The earnings generated by the SRF are reported as unrestricted income.

**8. Temporarily Restricted Net Assets**

Temporarily restricted net assets at December 31, 2016 and 2015 included the following:

	2016	2015
Stewardship reserve fund	\$ 962,823	\$ 997,848
Land acquisition contributions	-	18,000
General endowment	475,448	500,057
Other conservation and easement protections purposes	21,949	31,476
	<u>\$ 1,460,220</u>	<u>\$ 1,547,381</u>

**9. Permanently Restricted Endowment Fund**

The Land Trust created a permanently restricted endowment fund to provide long-term general operating support to the Land Trust. The Land Trust received donations of \$0 to this fund during the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015.

The Land Trust has interpreted the Connecticut Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (Connecticut UPMIFA) as requiring the preservation of the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary.

As a result of this interpretation, the Land Trust classifies as permanently restricted net assets: (a) the fair value of gifts as of the date donated to the permanent endowment, (b) the fair value of subsequent gifts to the permanent endowment, and (c) accumulations to the permanent endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund.

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The remaining portion of the donor-restricted endowment fund that is not classified in permanently restricted net assets is classified as temporarily restricted net assets until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the Land Trust in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by Connecticut UPMIFA.

In accordance with Connecticut UPMIFA, the Land Trust considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulated donor-restricted endowment funds:

- The duration and preservation of the fund,
- The purposes of the Land Trust and the donor-restricted endowment fund,
- General economic conditions,
- The possible effect of inflation and deflation,
- The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments,
- Other resources of the Land Trust, and
- The investment policies of the Land Trust.

The endowment fund activity for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 are as follows:

<b>2016</b>				
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Temporarily Restricted</b>	<b>Permanently Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$ -	\$ 500,057	\$ 100,000	\$ 600,057
Investment income	-	2,249	-	2,249
Released from restrictions	-	(26,858)	-	(26,858)
Endowment net assets, end of year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 475,448</u>	<u>\$ 100,000</u>	<u>\$ 575,448</u>
<b>2015</b>				
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Temporarily Restricted</b>	<b>Permanently Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 600,000
Investment income	-	57	-	57
Endowment net assets, end of year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 500,057</u>	<u>\$ 100,000</u>	<u>\$ 600,057</u>



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The endowment net asset group by net asset classification, type, and purpose of restrictions as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, are shown below:

		2016			
		Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Donor-Restricted Endowment					
General	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Partnership support to other land trusts		-	475,448	-	475,448
Total Donor-Restricted Endowment	\$	-	\$ 475,448	\$ 100,000	\$ 575,448
		2015			
		Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Donor-Restricted Endowment					
General	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Partnership support to other land trusts		-	500,057	-	500,057
Total Donor-Restricted Endowment	\$	-	\$ 500,057	\$ 100,000	\$ 600,057

**10. Stewardship Reserve Fund Endowment**

The Stewardship Reserve Fund operates as a quasi-endowment and consists of donor funds that are temporarily restricted for purpose.

The Land Trust has adopted a spending rate for the Stewardship Reserve Fund that allows for an annual distribution of between three and five percent of the average value of the fund's assets for easement and fee land stewardship, enforcement and defense, and monitoring expenses.

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The Stewardship Reserve Fund activity for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 are as follows:

	2016		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Net assets, beginning of year	\$ 561	\$ 997,848	\$ 998,409
Investment return:			
Interest and Dividends	3,743	-	3,743
Total investment return	3,743	-	3,743
Contributions		5,000	5,000
Net assets released from restrictions		(40,025)	(40,025)
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 4,304</u>	<u>\$ 962,823</u>	<u>\$ 967,127</u>
	2015		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Net assets, beginning of year	\$ 46	\$ 1,027,424	\$ 1,027,470
Investment return:			
Interest and Dividends	515	-	515
Total investment return	515	-	515
Contributions	-	12,000	12,000
Net assets released from restrictions	-	(41,576)	(41,576)
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 561</u>	<u>\$ 997,848</u>	<u>\$ 998,409</u>

**11. Related Party Transactions**

The Land Trust leases office space in Kent, Connecticut pursuant to a 5 years lease agreement that commenced on February 1, 2011 and terminates on January 31, 2016 and includes an option to renew for an additional 5 year term. In May 2016, the Land Trust extended the lease. The lease terminates on January 31, 2021. The Land Trust currently pays \$3,211 per month per the increases in the lease agreement.

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Future minimum annual lease payments at December 31, 2016 were:

2017	\$	39,942
2018		41,539
2019		43,201
2020		44,929
2021		3,756
Total	\$	<u>173,367</u>

The building the Land Trust leases for its office space was sold in August 2013. The purchaser of the property is a limited liability company that is managed and owned by two board members of the Land Trust, including the president of the Board of Directors of the Land Trust (through a single member "LLC" entity.) The successor owner of the building assumed the lease with the Land Trust under the same terms and conditions on August 16, 2013. In July of 2014, the Land Trust expanded into the first floor of the building increasing its monthly rental payment by \$1,000 and approximately doubling its office space.

Total payments to the related party for rent for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 were \$38,529 and \$36,928, respectively. As of December 31, 2016 and 2015 there were no amounts due to the related party.

## **12. Renting of Pastureland**

The Land Trust rents property located in New Milford, Connecticut to an unrelated party. The lease restricts the use of the property to pastureland for grazing cattle, livestock and other farm animals and for hay fields and other agricultural activities. The lease has a 10 year term and terminates on October 31, 2019. The lessee has an option to renew the lease for an additional 10 years. Rent of \$1,000 is due annually on November 1. The lease was terminated by the unrelated party in 2015.

## **13. Employee Benefit Plan**

The Land Trust adopted a SIMPLE IRA plan (Saving Incentive Match Plan for Employees) (the "Plan") effective January 1, 2012. Under the Plan's adoption agreement, the Land Trust agreed to match participant contributions up to three percent (3%) of the eligible employee's compensation. Participants may contribute up to the yearly maximum allowed by the Internal Revenue Code. The Land Trust contributed matching funds to the Plan for its employees of \$8,627 and \$9,557 for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

## **14. Concentrations, Risks, and Uncertainties**

The Land Trust's invested assets consist of equities, equity funds, and money market funds. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, including interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of uncertainty related to changes in interest rates, credit and market volatility, it is at least reasonably possible that changes could materially affect the fair value of investments reported in the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2016 and 2015.