



**Vermont Natural Resources Council**  
**2013 Annual Report | July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013**

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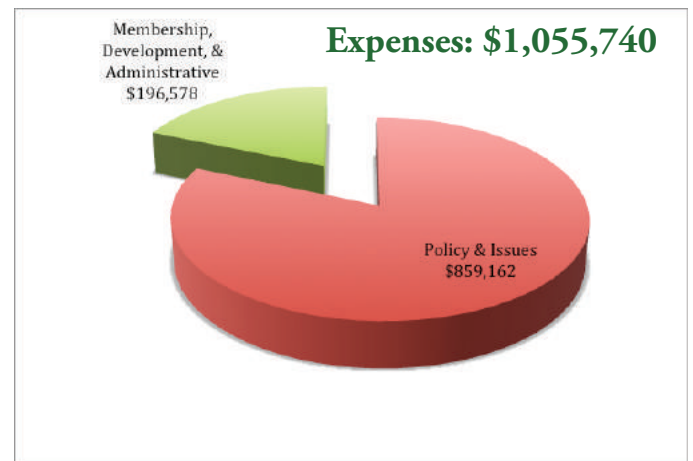
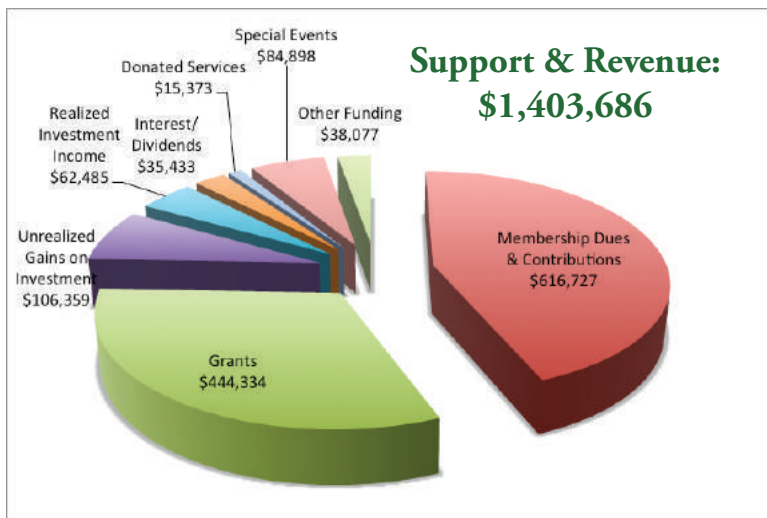
# Financials

## Assets

Cash .....	\$145,669
Other .....	\$41,033
Total Current Assets .....	\$186,702
Investments .....	\$2,127,843
Property and Equipment .....	\$289,068
Total Non-Current Assets .....	\$2,416,911
<b>TOTAL ASSETS.....</b>	<b>\$2,603,613</b>

## Liabilities & Net Assets

Current Liabilities .....	\$72,668
Non-Current Liabilities .....	\$0
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES .....</b>	<b>\$72,668</b>
Net Assets, Unrestricted .....	\$1,905,942
Net Assets, Temporarily Restricted .....	\$625,003
Total Net Assets .....	\$2,530,945
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS .....</b>	<b>\$2,603,613</b>



*Excerpted from the audited financial report for the period ending June 30, 2013.  
The full reviewed financial report for the Vermont Natural Resources Council is available upon request.*

# 2013 Highlights

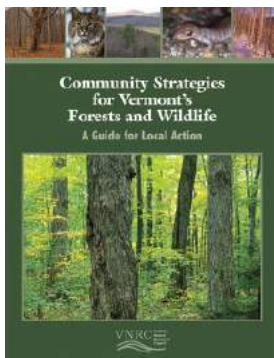
## The Legislative Session:

- Lawmakers passed H.401, requiring municipal and regional planning commissions to incorporate flood resilience into their plans.
- Late in the session the legislature passed H.377, a bill that will revise the state's neighborhood designation program and allow neighborhood development areas to become eligible for benefits, helping advance the goal of creating more housing in and around downtowns and villages.
- The legislature passed H. 131, giving the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation more time to develop, with public participation, voluntary harvesting guidelines for landowners, and procurement standards for state purchasing of wood products and new electric generation facilities using wood.
- The Working Lands Enterprise Initiative effort received an increase in funding, showing a continued commitment to farm and forest enterprises despite a tough budget year.
- H.395, a bill that creates a "Vermont Clean Energy Loan Fund," showed commitment to supporting clean energy initiatives. The bill opens the door for the Vermont Economic Development Authority to allocate \$5 million to help Vermont businesses and farms finance efficiency, conservation or renewable energy initiatives that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Although the House passed H.526, a modest shoreland protection bill with a strong majority, the bill was not picked up by the Senate. Instead, the Senate decided to take the concept of shoreland protection around Vermont to public meetings for discussion and input. VNRC is urging lawmakers to pass strong legislation in 2014.



### Resilient Communities Scorecard

VNRC released *The Resilient Communities Scorecard*, a checklist to help towns rate whether or not they are economically, environmentally, and socially resilient. Building on the Smart Growth Scorecard published by the Vermont Forum on Sprawl in 2001, the update makes it the first scorecard developed in Vermont that looks at resilience.



### New Forest Program Guidebook

VNRC released *Community Strategies for Vermont's Forests and Wildlife: A Guide for Local Action*. Over the years, VNRC has supported Vermont communities by offering proactive solutions to reduce forest fragmentation and parcelization in Vermont to maintain the rural character of our state. There are many different ways that communities can help sustain forests and wildlife at the local and regional levels, and the Guide provides town officials and interested citizens with the tools – both regulatory and non-regulatory – to do just that.

### Arthur Gibb Award for Individual Leadership

At VNRC's 51st Annual Meeting, Bob Klein received the Arthur Gibb Award for Individual Leadership. Klein, of East Montpelier, was the state director of the Vermont Chapter of The Nature Conservancy (TNC) for over 30 years and a founder and co-chair of the Vermont Housing and Conservation Coalition. He has helped add thousands of acres of land to Vermont state parks and forests, and bring millions of dollars in state funds to Vermont's ongoing conservation efforts.



### Strategic Partnership with Vermont Conservation Voters

In fall 2013, VNRC entered into a partnership with the Vermont Conservation Voters (formerly Vermont League of Conservation Voters). VCV has hired Lauren Hierl as its Political Director. She will join VCV in March 2014 to focus on VCV's mission of moving forward a pro-conservation, pro-environment, and pro-smart growth agenda in Montpelier. The added support and technical expertise provided by VNRC will provide VCV with a much stronger foundation in policy analysis and a greater ability to reach out to voters.



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 Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation  
 Jessie B. Cox Charitable Trust Fund at the Boston Foundation  
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 Park Foundation Inc.  
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 Still Point Fund  
 Unilever U.S. Foundation, Inc  
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Cultural Intrigue  
 Dorset Citizens for Responsible Growth  
 National Wildlife Federation  
 Quechee Garden Club  
 State of Vermont  
 The Nature Conservancy  
 United States Fish and Wildlife  
 United States Forest Service  
 US HUD  
 Vermont Chapter of the Sierra Club

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 Patagonia Burlington  
 ReFleece  
 James Regan  
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 Shelburne Museum  
 Shelburne Orchards  
 Skirack  
 SlopeStyle Ski & Ride  
 Sugarbush Mountain Resort  
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 The Point  
 Tonewood Maple  
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