



# Mount Agamenticus Conservation Program

## 2024 Stewardship Report

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2024 marked an exciting time at Mount A. The completion of new parking and restroom facilities commanded the need for our largest ever seasonal staff, with an expansive range of duties. For the first time, a rotating team of Park Rangers worked from dawn to dusk seven days a week maintaining trails, protecting natural resources, and managing the Summit Park and facilities. Rangers were assigned their own unique trail route and set out to thoughtfully improve conditions for long term sustainability.

Increased staffing and unusually dry weather combined for a productive field season with substantial accomplishments. Notable projects include new boardwalks on Ring and Cedar trails, rehabilitated stormwater management on the Big A Trail, refinishing the Learning Lodge floors, installed over 200 native plantings, and invasive species mapping and removal throughout the Three Hill area.

The continued success of the Conservation Program would not be possible without the invaluable support of volunteers and passionate staff. Those who dedicate time to care for Mount A have much to be proud of in 2024.

### FIELD SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

PROJECT	QUANTITY
Invasive Species Removal	112 hours
New Native Plantings	250 stems
Three Boardwalks Replaced	135 linear feet
Big A Trail Reconditioning	10 tons of stone dust, 600' Drainage Swale
Summit Shrubland Habitat Management	5 acres cut/chipped
Pollinator Promotion	Over 500 seed bombs disbursed
Trail Gravel Fill	15 tons
Sensitive Habitat Surveyed and Managed for Invasive Plants	24 acres
New Bird Houses	21 built
Unsanctioned Trail Closures	1.4 miles
Trail Sign Update	15 new signs
COMMUNITY WORKDAYS	
Community Workdays	8 days
Work Day Volunteers	94 volunteers
Work Day Hours	245.5
ADOPT-A-TRAIL PROGRAM	
Total Participants	18 volunteers
Adopter Visits to Trails	66 visits
Trail Adopter Volunteer Hours	154
VOLUNTEER TOTALS	
112 Volunteers	399.5 hours



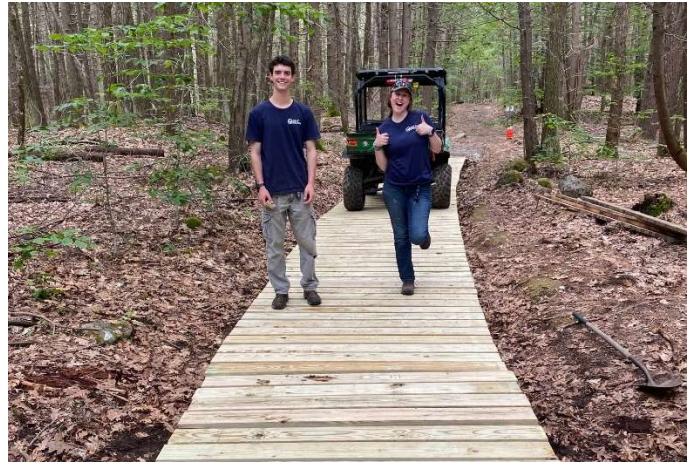
*Above:* Serve with Liberty volunteers staining accessible boardwalks on the Big A Trail.

*Below:* Park Ranger, Leon, installing a new bluebird box at the summit.





*Below:* A favorite project involved Crew and volunteers replacing 135' of boardwalk on Cedar and Ring Trails.



**Community Workdays** are open to the public, and hosted monthly, each with a specific hands-on focus. Projects include: shrubland habitat management, native plant bed rehabilitation, trash cleanups, trail maintenance workshops, boardwalk construction, invasive plant removal, and assisting with events and trail races. Properly caring for the Region's 4,400 protected acres and 40 miles of trail is a year-round, ever-expanding, effort and community participation is the essence of our success.



### **SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS IN CONSERVATION!**

York Water District, York Land Trust, Great Works Regional Land Trust, Kittery Water District, Town of York, Town of South Berwick, The Friends of Mount Agamenticus, and Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

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