



Mount Agamenticus Conservation Program

2025 Stewardship Report

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2025 marks the 25th Anniversary of the Conservation Program at Mount A. What began as a modest, grant funded, effort to remediate old ski trails in 2000 is today a comprehensive effort that protects natural resources, while sustaining year-round passive recreation.

This year, a rotating team of eleven Park Rangers, supported by more than 100 dedicated volunteers, staffed the mountain seven days a week from dawn to dusk, spanning May through mid-November. Together, they completed a wide range of projects, including trail maintenance, habitat restoration, and management of the Summit Park and its facilities. Highlights of the season included planting American Chestnut trees, installing new trailhead kiosks, constructing three boardwalks, and removing an abandoned cabin.

The Conservation Program’s success is made possible by the passion and dedication of our staff and volunteers. Everyone who helped care for Mount A this season has much to celebrate—and even more to be proud of—as we look ahead to 2026.

FIELD SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

PROJECT	QUANTITY
Invasive Species Removal	125 hours
New Native Plantings	250 stems
Three Boardwalks Replaced	170 linear feet
Garbage Removal	14 Pickup Loads
Summit Shrubland Habitat Management	5 acres cut/chipped
American Chestnut Trees Planted	5 Trees
Trail Gravel Fill	17 tons
Sensitive Habitat Surveyed and Managed for Invasive Plants	24 acres
New Trail Map Boxes	5 built
Unsanctioned Trail Closures	.9 miles
Trail Sign Update	16 new signs
COMMUNITY WORKDAYS	
Community Workdays	7 days
Workday Volunteers	78 volunteers
Workday Hours	225.5
ADOPT-A-TRAIL PROGRAM	
Total Participants	17 volunteers
Adopter Visits to Trails	68 visits
Trail Adopter Volunteer Hours	149
VOLUNTEER TOTALS	
109 Volunteers	390 hours



Above: American Chestnut tree planting with volunteers from Central Michigan University



Below: Volunteer Crew from the USS North Dakota remove former restroom building

Below: Park Rangers install new Interpretive Kiosks and demolish an abandoned cabin to re-wild newly protected property.



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, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, and The Center for Wildlife

-Balancing the protection of wildlife and water quality with sustainable recreation-

If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Ben Jankowski, Conservation Stewardship Coordinator, at bjankowski@yorkmaine.org