

Nature Conservation and Tax Benefits

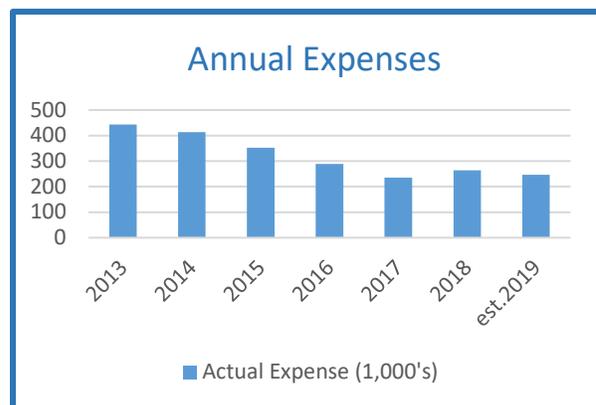
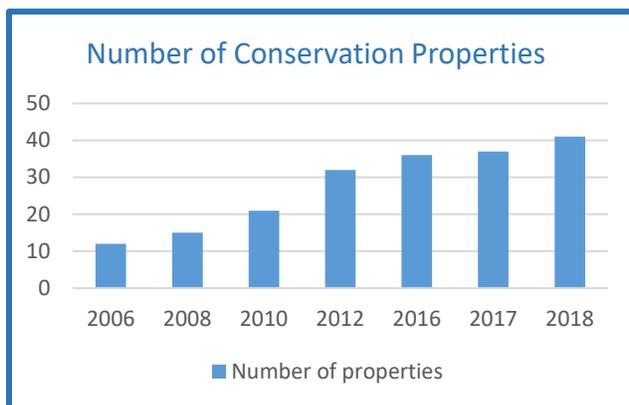
A Backgrounder for Donors, Financial Professionals,
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Muskoka Conservancy is the only **registered charity** with a Muskoka-wide environmental focus, and with over \$14 million in natural assets under protection, a solid place to invest your charitable dollars. We are a land trust that can offer unique tax advantages, along with the peace of mind for supporters who share our core mission to protect space for nature in Muskoka.

What we do:

- Protect 41 conservation properties consisting of approximately 2,500 acres, 50,000 feet of waterfront, and 450 acres of wetland
- Nature Quest series of expert guided hikes
- Little Sprouts Eco Club for 4 to 8-year-olds
- Native Plant Program including annual spring sale, The Corner Garden showcase of Muskoka native plants, and education about invasive species
- Land Stewards and Project Protect engage volunteers in citizen science



Tax benefits of land donation:

- a charitable receipt for full market value of their qualified donated land can be applied against an individual's net annual taxable income (corporate donors deduct the amount directly)
- a ten-year period to apply the receipt to income
- no tax on capital gains for capital gifts
- no limit on the total value eligible for deduction/credit in any one year

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Tax benefits of a financial gift:

- claim charitable credits up to 75% of net income
- claim any excess in any of the next five years
- capital gains tax is eliminated for most gifts of private company shares which translates into an immediate tax saving

Audited statement highlights:

An annual audit was conducted by BDO for the fiscal year 2017. Audited financial statements are available at www.muskokaconservancy.org. Muskoka Conservancy manages:

- nature reserves valued at more than \$8.2 million
- conservation easements valued at more than \$5.9 million

MC has a track record of budget control, annual auditing, steady reserve balances and sound investment policy.

MC receives no core funding from government sources. Every dollar we spend must first be raised.



Muskoka Conservancy partners with American Friends of Canadian Land Trusts, providing American owners/donors of ecologically significant lands both a US income tax benefit and relief from Canadian capital gains tax.

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Important: Each tax and donation situation is unique. Obtaining independent professional legal and tax advice is strongly recommended.



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