

Twice

THE WILD

The Home Stretch

Twice the Wild started as a dream of doubling our conservation lands by 2025.

Thanks to you, we're looking forward to bringing it home and saving **30,000 acres** of Nova Scotia's best wild places.



Double Vision

In 2020, with the encouragement of amazing donors like you, the Nature Trust sensed it was time for something big. By then, we had grown from a small, fledgling group of community members to become a leader in private land conservation, having worked since 1994 to acquire 15,000 acres of Nova Scotia's most important wild spaces and protect them forever.

So when the Federal government announced its own commitment to conserve 25% of land by 2025 along with a multi-billion dollar investment in conservation, we seized the opportunity and launched Twice the Wild, an ambitious campaign to double the acres of land under our care by 2025.

Thanks to your outpouring of support, we reached our initial Twice the Wild fundraising target of \$4 million in just over a year. We were then able to unlock four times that amount from key funding partners, providing a total of \$20 million for nature conservation in Nova Scotia!

Today, we are so pleased to report that your generous support of Twice the Wild has added 71 more properties to our conservation lands in priority areas such as the Mabou Highlands, the 100 Wild Islands and the St. Mary's River. You've helped save critical coastlines, build assemblages of old and unique forest, protect the homes of over 30 species at risk, and so much more.

Today, only 4,405 acres remain until our goal of 30,000 acres is met! This achievement would not have been possible without your belief in the necessity of Nova Scotia's natural legacy and the Nature Trust's ability to best protect it. On behalf of all the wild lands and lives saved, we are humbled and forever grateful.

CAMPAIGN UPDATE / JANUARY 2024

New properties featuring

Old and Unique Forest	31
Freshwater	24
Saltwater Coast	25
Karst Topography	8

New properties protecting

Reptiles at risk	17
Plants at risk	10
Birds at risk	18
Mammals at risk	7
Lichens at risk	12

New acres by area

North Mountain Ridge	714
Mabou Highlands	1,588
Lowland Cove	100
Bras d'Or	982
Canso Coastal Barrens	370
100 Wild Islands	470
Urban Wildlands	672
Southwest Nova Coastal	1,494
Kespukwitk Wild	1,972
St. Croix	318
St. Mary's River	837

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Early Twin Win

Spectacle and Peases Islands were two of Twice the Wild's earliest successes within a globally-significant island chain where the Nature Trust now protects nearly 800 acres.



Rarity on the Bras d'Or

Plaister Cliffs is on the Bras d'Or, an area known for fragile and fascinating karst landscape. Karst features are threatened in Nova Scotia, and with approximately 90% of sites on private land, the Nature Trust is crucial to saving these unique habitats.

High at Lowland Cove

Showcasing the best of Cape Breton's coastal mountains and wilderness, Lowland Cove is one of the last 'inholdings' within the Polletts Cove-Aspy Fault Wilderness Area and a key link in the iconic Seawall Trail.



Lac de l'Ecole

This property along the Tusket River provides habitat for rare Atlantic Coastal Plain Flora and likely the only place left in the province where Long's Bulrush produces flowers.

More for the St. Mary's

So far, Twice the Wild added another eight properties along this beloved river. In all, provincial and Nature Trust conservation lands there now exceed 11,000 acres!



A Fresh Focus

Our Acacia Valley Conservation Lands south of Digby in the Kespukwitek district represent an exciting first in a part of the province where little is currently protected.



Little Charles

This ecologically diverse 24-acre island is often referred to as the "crown jewel" of the 100 Wild Islands.

Connecting in Canso

The protection of Harbour and Prices Islands is new for the Nature Trust in this area. Relatively less developed, the Canso Coastal Barrens has huge conservation potential, particularly as a pristine refuge for birdlife.



...plus so many more!

To our Special Donors

With just 4,405 acres left to go, we thank you! Doubling the space for nature in our province would have remained just a wild dream without your incredible support of Twice the Wild!

FULL PROPERTIES LIST

Acres

North Mountain Ridge

Marble Mountain (Site 2)	45
Lime Hill (Site 2)	47
Lime Hill (Site 3)	90
Lime Hill (Site 4)	150
Lime Hill (Site 5)	195
Marble Mountain (Site 3)	94
Lime Hill (Site 6)	93

Mabou Highlands

Mabou Highlands (Site 10)	143
Mabou Highlands (Site 11)	105
Confidential Property	468
Confidential Property	337
Confidential Property	62
Mabou Highlands (Site 12)	100
Mabou Highlands (Site 13)	50
North Highlands	323

Lowland Cove

Bras d'Or	
Plaister Cliffs (Site 1)	43
Plaister Cliffs (Site 2)	279
Plaister Cliffs (Site 3)	44
Plaister Cliffs (Site 4)	112
McKinnons Point	41
Maskells Harbour (Site 1)	360
Maskells Harbour (Site 2)	69
Maskells Harbour (Site 3)	29
Maskells Harbour (Site 4)	5

Canso Coastal Barrens

Harbour Island	200
Prices Island	170

100 Wild Islands

Little Charles Island	24
Little Harbour	446

Urban Wildlands

Blue Mountain Connector	521
Timberlea	9
Purcells Cove (Site 2)	27
Purcells Cove (Site 3)	6
Cox's Lake	109

Southwest Nova Coastal

Peases Island	28
Spectacle Island	60
Port La Tour Beach	364
Sand Beach	154
Middle Island	38
Blanche Island	36
Green Island	1
Knob and Round Islands	9
Sheep Island	22
Confidential Property	782

Kespukwitek Wild

Gillfillan Lake (Site 5)	17
Luxtons Meadow	278
Bull Moose Meadow (Site 2)	40
St. Mary Bay	42
Springhaven Duck Lake	100
Ponhook Lake	14
Barren Meadow (Site 4)	50
Pleasant River (Site 2)	127
Upper Pleasant River	37
Hectanooga (Site 2)	181
Confidential Property	196
Lac de l'Ecole	182
Hectanooga (Site 3)	20
Cameron Lake (Site 2)	137
Salmon Lake	347
Deep Brook Bog (Site 2)	40
Acacia Valley	164

St. Croix

St. Croix (Site 1)	165
St. Croix (Site 2)	153

St. Mary's River

The Bend	137
Barren Brook	71
McDonald Mill Brook	45
Oxbow	17
Lyons Pool	2
MacKeens Brook	107
Stillwater	8
Crows Nest East	450