

# East Hampton CONSERVATORS

## Our Mission

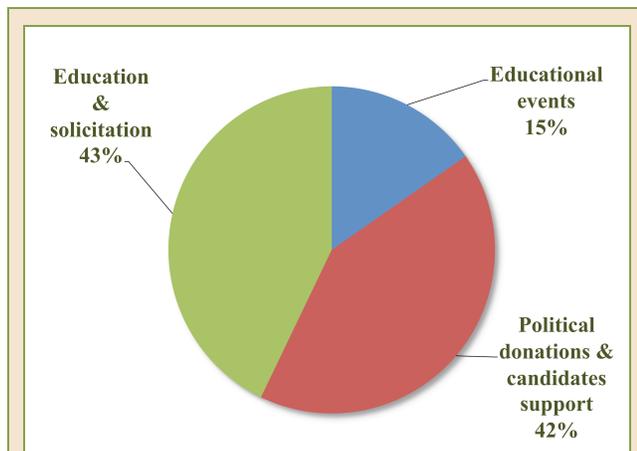
East Hampton Conservators is East Hampton's first Political Action Committee (PAC). Our mission is to control development, protect the environment and pure drinking water, and preserve open space and quality of life in the Town of East Hampton through vigilance, public education, and the election of candidates with a proven record of dedication to environmental protection and good government.

We differ from not-for-profit organizations in that we are permitted by law to raise funds to support political committees and candidates who promote environmental protection and quality of life legislation.

The generous contributions of our supporters since we began in 2006 have enabled us to pursue our twin missions of electing candidates whose voting records align with our objectives and of educating our neighbors about the critical environmental issues at stake in every election.

## WE FOCUS OUR PROGRAMMATIC SPENDING ON:

- Lending our financial support to elect those candidates who support our mission, from both parties, on the state and national levels as well as locally here in the Town of East Hampton
- Educating and activating the public on environmental protection and quality of life issues in East Hampton Town through newsletters, semi-annual reports, informational updates on candidates and their positions, and advertisements in local press – all of which put the spotlight on the critical matters we face in our common fight to preserve what we treasure about East Hampton
- Sponsoring Educational Events that bring together donors, potential donors, and candidates to explore issues and widen our circle of advocacy of and support for our mission



**Total Raised: \$229,840**

**Education & solicitation:** educational newsletters, brochures, town-wide mailings, newspaper advertisements, website, semi-annual reports

**Educational events:** educational events bringing together donors, potential donors, and candidates to explore the issues and widen our circle of support

**Political donations & candidate support:** donations to candidates, political parties, and committees; candidate and committee advocacy in position papers, advertisements, brochures

Our Program Spending

**SINCE 2006**, when East Hampton Conservators was conceived by Alec Baldwin and launched as a PAC, a number of important achievements have been accomplished, and we have played an active role in helping candidates who are helping make the right things happen...

- The Town of East Hampton has preserved more than 370 acres from the kind of overdevelopment that threatens our rural town's character
- Among these critical parcels are wetlands, and groundwater recharge areas that help preserve the single-source aquifer we all depend on for clean drinking water
- The land preserved comprises properties in Springs, Montauk, Amagansett, Wainscott, East

Hampton Village—across East Hampton Town from Sammy’s Beach to development rights along Three Mile Harbor Road and the Babinski Farm

- Historic houses and buildings have been protected for the future, including the Thomas Moran House, Hook Schoolhouse, and the incomparable set of historic 18th and 19th century structures that make up the emerging Town Hall. They were donated to the town by Adelaide de Menil and Edmund Carpenter, who provided the funds to relocate the buildings, engage a historic restorationist, and left an endowment of \$2 million for their maintenance

The candidates we supported are responsible for the Comprehensive Town Plan, which provides a vision for our community’s future. It limited the number of buildable lots, preserving and protecting the town against the creep of "suburbanization"

- We supported candidates like Fred Thiele, for New York State Assembly, who has in the course of his career helped secure \$30 million in state funds for Peconic Bay and South Shore Estuary projects, the first state funding for farmland preservation, and state acquisition of critical environmental parcels at Shadmoor and the Sanctuary in Montauk
- We supported U.S. Congressman Tim Bishop, whose environmental voting record is stellar. He’s ranked by the League of Conservation Voters as leading environmental legislator, protecting our shoreline, beaches, and waters
- We launched a website that helps us communicate 24/7 to the public, and to local candidates, the irrefutable importance of our mission
- We will send out questionnaires to candidates so we can better understand their positions and then give support to those who, we believe, share our values and our vision

**BUT THERE IS STILL MUCH MORE TO DO.** In this year’s elections, we will encourage and support those candidates who are dedicated to the full implementation and enhancement of the preservation of open space and the protection of our environment. You can count on us to battle any talk of a car ferry from East Hampton, with all its incumbent pressures on our roads, our infrastructure, and the peace of our town.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW MORE THAN EVER.**

## A NEW, OLD TOWN HALL

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*...in accepting the buildings, East Hampton established itself as a place where heritage matters, where life as it was lived here in the past is known and valued. ...East Hampton is fortunate that Ms. de Menil and Mr. Carpenter were able to make a gift to the community of a part of our visible heritage. As we look at the project in hindsight, I think most of us will feel proud that the town took a chance on melding the past and the future.*”

The East Hampton Star

May 19, 2009

Helen S. Rattray “Connections”