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Our mission is to assist in the preservation of Nantucket's character by permanently conserving, maintaining and managing natural areas and habitats and to encourage an appreciation of and interest in the island's natural resources.





Message from the President

DAVID B. POOR

Excerpts from David Poor's address at the Foundation's Annual Meeting held on August 18, 2011

THANK YOU ALL FOR JOINING us today. I will let Jim [Lentowski] handle the full review of our past year, which has been a good one for the Foundation. As usual, the extended family of the Nantucket Conservation Foundation has spent the year ensuring that we remain true to our mission. However, I would like to focus my remarks in a tribute to two very special people, people for whom the Foundation has always, truly been a passion. And people who mean so much to our family.

The first is Peter Sacerdote. I first met Peter 30 years ago when I was a freshly minted MBA interviewing at investment banks. My field was M&A, where the expectation was that a young associate's life and family was regularly sacrificed in the pursuit of the deal. However, it will not surprise any of you that even then Peter showed me it was possible to have balance in life, you could have a very successful career in business, but all within the context of the more important elements of life and a complete dedication to family. More recently, Peter has guided the Foundation as a Trustee and as a wise and steady steward of the Investment Committee through tumultuous





times. I know we will all miss his wisdom and commitment, but above all his friendship. We are delighted that through the leadership support of our own board and others we will be establishing an endowment fund in Peter's name. [*Peter Sacerdote, a Trustee of the Foundation for ten years passed away on July 31, 2011—see In Memoriam section on page 39*].

The second individual is Jim Lentowski. And yes, Jim is very much with us and the Foundation today, as he has been for the past 40 years. Jim was recognized earlier this year with a lifetime achievement award. And in Jim's case, his lifetime of achievement has been truly extraordinary. When Jim joined the Foundation, only a handful of land parcels were held by the Foundation. Today, after 40 years of his leadership, almost 9,000 acres or 30% of the island is permanently protected under the stewardship of the Foundation.

I say, "to date," because Jim's work is not finished. In many ways, 2011 was one of

the more productive in Jim's long career. How is that, you ask? We did not add vast acreage to the Foundations holdings. No, but thanks to Jim's tireless efforts and unique ability to bring together all the pieces of the island conservation puzzle, huge strides were made in the resolution of three key parcels: the FAA tower site in Madaket, the LORAN station in Sconset, and the Coffin Property along Milestone Road. As a result of progress with these three parcels, we are finally in a position to focus on the jewel in the crown, the Norwood Farm property on the doorstep of Altar Rock.

As Ann Oliver [Trustee] pointed out so well earlier this summer as we were discussing potential new Board members, what is different about the Foundation is that we are indeed part of a family with a remarkable legacy. Thanks to Peter Sacerdote, to Jim Lentowski, and to all of you for continuing that legacy.



Treasurer's Report

ARTHUR A. GOSNELL, *Treasurer*

Revenues

Total Revenue for the year of \$3.1 million was comprised of Unrestricted Revenues of \$2.7 million and Restricted Revenues of \$400K. Revenues were derived primarily from Membership Dues, Capital Campaign donations, Foundation grants, restricted land-fund gifts through membership donations and investment income.

The Cranberry operations produced net income of \$88K on total revenue of \$707K as market prices continued flat due to oversupply. The Foundation also received \$60K in scientific grants during the year. Competition for scientific grants is fierce, but our science staff continues to explore all opportunities to help support our increased science agenda.

Expenses

Direct Operating Expenses were \$3.5 million, which was neutral to prior year, resulting primarily from cost cutting efforts and program cuts in response to the macro-economic environment.

Balance Sheet

Our Balance Sheet remained in solid shape with high liquidity (\$13.3 million of liquid assets vs. \$12.2 million for the prior year)

and no real debt (long-term liabilities consisted of a \$693K note, which is fully offset by paid-up escrow accounts in favor of the sellers). Overall, net assets decreased by \$378K (vs. a gain of \$845K in the prior year), with the primary difference being a slight loss in our investments in 2011 against a \$1 million gain in 2010 due to the macroeconomic gyrations of the market. We had sheltered our investments in very low risk funds for most of the year. We are responding to the challenging economic environment by constantly reviewing revenues, expenses and capital expenditures along with initiating new ideas and programs to improve our revenue base. Overall, the Foundation remains in solid financial shape, and we are confident of our ability to safeguard the Foundation's assets, manage the current portfolio of properties, and pursue additional conservation properties as they become available.

As always, we express our deepest gratitude to the great assistance received from the Tupancy-Harris Foundation.

The audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2011 have been prepared by our CPA, Kirkland Albrecht & Fredrickson.



Statement of Financial Position

	12 MONTHS ending October 31, 2011	12 MONTHS ending October 31, 2010
REVENUE & SUPPORT		
Contributions	957,119	995,137
Investment Income	(139,377)	1,012,396
Grants	664,989	626,766
Membership Dues	749,735	744,331
Cranberry Revenue	706,814	623,056
Gatehouse Revenue	135,908	149,865
Other Income	16,806	19,886
Total Revenue & Support	\$3,091,994	\$4,171,437
EXPENSES		
Program Services:		
Land Management	1,969,256	1,893,867
Gatehouse Expenses	43,389	48,666
Supporting Services:		
Fundraising	489,571	448,957
Management & General	968,146	934,547
Total Expenses	\$3,470,362	\$3,326,037
Net Assets, End of Period	\$110,271,717	\$110,650,085

ASSETS

	12 MONTHS ending October 31, 2011	12 MONTHS ending October 31, 2010
Cash & Cash Equivalents	12,314,474	12,152,522
Accounts Receivable	646,008	538,315
Pledges Receivable	651,587	1,335,339
Prepaid Expenses	82,194	62,075
Land Held for Conservation	95,874,657	95,874,657
Property & Equipment, Net	2,567,388	2,505,857
Other Assets	87,721	91,166
Total Assets	\$112,224,029	\$112,559,931

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Accounts Payable	66,055	75,720
Accrued Expenses	70,461	39,308
Long Term Debt	692,556	670,091
Other Liabilities	1,123,240	1,124,727
Total Liabilities	\$1,952,312	\$1,909,846

NET ASSETS

Board Designated	8,191,393	8,030,157
Other Unrestricted	96,473,747	97,293,338
Temporarily Restricted	4,021,582	3,841,595
Permanently Restricted	1,584,995	1,484,995
Total Net Assets	\$110,271,717	\$110,650,085
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$112,224,029	\$112,559,931





Executive Director's Report

JAMES F. LENTOWSKI

Excerpts from Jim Lentowski's address at the Foundation's Annual Meeting held on August 18, 2011

FACED WITH THE CHALLENGES

produced by difficult economic

conditions, the Nantucket

Conservation Foundation, through

the Board's careful allocation and the

staff's responsible use of donor

contributions, has been able to make

significant progress in a variety of

areas during the past year.

Current Projects

Among the many projects which have occupied our hours is the continued effort with our associates at the University of Massachusetts Boston. I am pleased to report that there has been an accelerated effort to define the future of the Nantucket Field Station in terms of programming and the on-site facilities needed to support such activities. We now have a detailed program for the rehabilitation of the Field Station's buildings and there have been substantive discussions establishing goals for future science, research, and educational programming.

A project that has simmered quietly for nearly 20 years came back to life recently when consultants to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers appeared in Tom Nevers to search for the remains of munitions dropped by WWII-era naval aviators. This former target range covers approximately 3,500 acres, with a large portion of this owned by the Foundation. Sophisticated ground penetrating technology is being considered for the next phase of this work.

New Board Members

Each year the Foundation's Governance and Nominating Committee has the responsibility for responding to the needs of the organization in light of changing Board membership and the skills required to govern an increasingly complex organization.

Board vacancies have been filled by three new faces: Daphne Mitchell, Alison Monaghan, and Barbara Stamper. All three have individually proven themselves in ways that attracted the attention of the Governance and Nominating Committee's members. We welcome them and welcome back those who have already put in many years sharing their wealth, wisdom, and work.

Monitoring Unprotected Open Spaces

In case you think that the Foundation is no longer in the business of protecting land, I want you to know that I continue to regularly monitor the status of several properties.

Conditions change slowly on large unprotected properties that include 90 acres at the Head of the Plains, where a transmission tower operated by the FAA once stood.

Another large acreage property, owned by the United States Coast Guard, is the former LORAN Station located on Low

Beach Road in Sconset. It consists of 190 acres with an extensive oceanfront dune area as well as uplands that include seasonal wetlands which provide habitat for endangered amphibians. The future disposition of these two properties has not yet been determined.

Also on the list of critical unprotected open spaces is the Norwood Farm located in Polpis, north and northeast of Altar Rock. Although this property includes extensive areas of natural wetlands, there are potentially developable uplands where clusters of homes could possibly be constructed. Development would definitely impact the views of Polpis Harbor, Coatue, and Great Point now enjoyed from Altar Rock. The Foundation hopes to play a major part in the resolution of the property's conservation agenda.

Managing Access to Land

If you have followed the news this summer you have read of the struggle which the Foundation had with a proposed foot race which was determined to incorporate Foundation properties along Coatue's length into their "around the island" race course.

We are hoping that town agencies improve their event permit application process. Before being allowed to submit an application for a town permit, event

organizers should be required to prove that all affected private property owners have granted permission for the use of their land. Otherwise, the confrontation that consumed weeks of Foundation staff time and required considerable state and federal wildlife agency involvement could be repeated.

The Future

Nantucket is like no other place in the world. In what world-class coastal community can residents and visitors enjoy free access to miles of pristine beaches, well-maintained roads and trails, spectacular natural vistas, and interpretive facilities? Nantucket is a one-of-a-kind place whose open spaces are recognized internationally.

With an important anniversary just over the horizon—the Foundation’s 50th—I encourage you to help us celebrate a rare organization milestone by cultivating many new memberships and setting aside resources to get ready to make a special anniversary gift that will pay tribute to our

Founders and the hundreds of land donors whose incredibly generous expressions of confidence laid the footings for this visionary undertaking.

Word of Thanks

I would like to thank the Tupancy-Harris Foundation and its Trustee, Bob Karelitz, for their exceptional and essential annual support. Also, my sincerest gratitude for the special support the Foundation has received for its Coatue ranging efforts from the recently deceased Joan Craig and her surviving family members.

My sincerest thanks to our Trustees, Advisors, Officers, committee chairs, department heads, and staff members of the Foundation who, together, have accomplished so much during the past year. Most especially to the members of the Executive Committee which is led by Foundation President, David Poor. The contributions of time and effort given by each of these people are considerable. Thank you.



2011 HIGHLIGHTS



The Foundation helped broker the signing of a purchase agreement for 119 acres of open space, including the 'Sconset Golf Course, between the Coffin family estate and a consortium of the Sconset Trust, the Nantucket Islands Land Bank and Nantucket Golf Club.



The cranberry harvest was one of the largest in the Foundation's 46 years of owning the bogs; nearly 2.2 million pounds were harvested.



We began implementation of our fourth property management plan for the long term care of Sanford Farm, Ram Pasture and The Woods.





We successfully negotiated the moving of the date of the Rock Run so the runners would not interfere with federally protected bird nesting areas near the course.



Our science staff completed a multi-year research project on the effects of prescribed burning on sandplain grasslands and rare species at the Head of the Plains in Madaket



The Cranberry Festival, held over Columbus Day weekend in October, had a record attendance with an estimated 5,000 people participating in the event.





Shorebird monitoring

DURING THE PAST YEAR, the Nantucket Conservation Foundation's Department of Science and Stewardship has continued to focus on its mission to undertake research, inventory and monitoring projects aimed at providing increased understanding of the rare resources found on our properties. We use this information to make well-informed ecological management decisions and develop detailed property conservation management plans for the Foundation's various conservation lands.

To accomplish this, our year-round staff, including Karen Beattie, Jennifer Karberg, Kelly Omand, and Danielle O'Dell, worked closely this year with three highly-qualified seasonal field assistants. John Krapek, a University of Wisconsin graduate, came to us with extensive botany skills gained from previous positions with the Bureau of Land Management and the Wisconsin State Herbarium. Jonathan Shuster, a Brandeis University alumnus, had prior experience working with nesting shorebirds obtained while working for the Massachusetts Audubon Society on



Jennifer Karberg, Karen Beattie and Danielle O'Dell at St. Andrews Cross Planning.



Least tern egg and chick

Cape Cod and familiarity with Nantucket's ecosystems from two summers as a natural science intern at the Maria Mitchell Association. Nora Harkness, a recent Muhlenberg College graduate, also worked for our department during the summer of 2010, when she had an opportunity to gain experience with all of our various research projects and to apply these skills again in 2011.

We would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to the Wallace Genetic Foundation, Inc., William and

Kate Miller, and Nathan and Tibby Allen for providing important funding to support our conservation science field assistantship program during 2011.

This past year, our department focused on a variety of new and ongoing research projects. Our projects are designed to accomplish one or more of the following goals: collect basic inventory data on rare plants and wildlife found on the Foundation's lands; determine best management practices for maintaining or increasing appropriate habitat for these rare resources; identify ecological stresses and threats to habitat diversity and recommend management actions; conduct habitat management with follow-up plant community monitoring; and provide increased opportunities for the public to enjoy the Foundation's conservation lands in ways that will not negatively impact their ecological integrity.



Major Science and Stewardship Projects



Development of a Property Conservation Management Plan for the Foundation's properties at South Pasture (south of Milestone Road between Madequecham Valley and Tom Nevers)



Documenting salt marsh restoration effectiveness at Medouie Creek through examination of tide levels, soil pore water salinity, water chemistry, and vegetation community monitoring



Spotted turtle regional population genetics research

Rare plant population monitoring and documentation of rare plant responses to sheep grazing at Squam Farm



Piping plover, least tern and American oystercatcher protection and monitoring



Vegetation community and rare species monitoring to document responses to prescribed fire at Head of the Plains





Document response of Nantucket shadbush to mowing at Trott's Hills



Monitor rare species and potential habitat responses to shrub removal at the Sconset Dump



Research to document the impacts of deer and rabbit browse on rare plant species and overall vegetation community composition within sandplain grassland habitat at Sanford Farm



Research to determine if soil harrowing followed by native seed addition is a viable technique to promote establishment of grassland habitat



Documentation of salinity tolerances of populations of the invasive species, common reed (*Phragmites australis*)



Determine, through targeted trapping, if remnant populations of the rare New England cottontail rabbit still exist on Nantucket



Establish a basic inventory of pollinator populations, targeting a variety of rare habitats and representative flowering plant species



The Nantucket Conservation Foundation's stewardship of the Island's two commercial cranberry bogs continues at both the Milestone and the certified organic Windswept Bogs. The tradition of family farming also continues with Tom Larrabee celebrating his 53rd year at Milestone and his son, Tom Jr. leading our efforts as our bog managers. In addition to the 232 acres of cultivated bogs, these two properties also contain areas of pristine woodlands, ponds and freshwater marshes that are all important components of the area's ecosystem.

2011 Harvest

In contrast to the results of 2010, this year's harvest saw a bumper crop. In fact, the 2.2 million pounds harvested represent one of the largest crops in the Foundation's 43-year history of cranberry farming! A welcome combination of ideal weather conditions, well-managed timing of pest control and long hours put in by the bog crews led to the bountiful harvest.



Cranberry Festival

On a picture perfect Nantucket autumn day, over 5,000 people flocked to the Foundation's 9th Annual Cranberry Festival at the Milestone Bog to enjoy the natural beauty of the Middle Moors as well as learn more about the intricacies of cranberry farming. Delicious food, children's events, hayrides and music all complemented the scenic vista of our bogs being harvested as they have been for the previous 150 years. The festival held on Columbus Day Saturday, was again fortunate to have ideal conditions.



The Foundation is extremely fortunate to be the beneficiary of considerable financial support from its members. These voluntary contributions are the sole source of funds for the Foundation's land acquisition efforts, scientific research, educational programs and land management activities. Members continued to support the Foundation's efforts with increasing generosity in 2011. Both the number of donors and net revenue increased from their previous year's levels. We were also pleased to see 277 members increase their donation levels in addition to the 345 new donors we welcomed to the Foundation in 2011.

*We are extremely grateful to all of our members
for their faith and generosity.*

Colleagues

In 1990, "The Colleagues of the Nantucket Conservation Foundation" was founded to recognize those members who have demonstrated, through their regular and substantial support, a deep commitment to the Foundation's work. The program continues to be successful, with 326 donors contributing \$1,000 or more this past year. Contributions from Colleagues accounted for over 80% percent of the Foundation's annual membership income in 2011.



Mornings for Members

The Foundation completed its 16th season of "Mornings for Members" walks which enable members to explore and learn about the properties that they are helping to protect. These outings, led by Middle Moors Ranger Allen Reinhard and members of the Science and Stewardship staff, continue to be popular with more members participating in the program than ever before. Information about the Summer 2012 program is available on our website.





F.I.E.L.D. Days

Among the most popular education programs are the FIELD (Find, Investigate, Explore, Learn and Discover) outings for children on various Foundation properties during the summer. The FIELD Days are a wonderful way for children and their parents to explore conservation lands with the guidance of knowledgeable Foundation staff. Information about these outings will be sent out in our newsletters and will be posted on our website.

Ferguson Family Fund for Education

The Ferguson Family Fund was established by the family of Elizabeth Ferguson Reighley in 1983 to commemorate her deep commitment to conservation on Nantucket. The fund is designed to help the Foundation educate the public about the fragility of our Island's natural resources.

At a June 1, 2011 academic awards ceremony, the Foundation's 11th Annual Elizabeth F. Reighley Book Award was presented to William Lendway, a graduating Nantucket High School senior. The Ferguson Family Fund also provided for the high school to receive a generous grant to purchase books for the school library in honor of William's accomplishment.

George A. Fowlkes Scholarship Fund

In August 2000, the Board of Trustees established the George A. Fowlkes Environmental Studies Scholarship Fund to honor George's 20 years of leadership and service to the organization. Proceeds from the Fund are used to provide annual scholarships to qualified graduating Nantucket High School seniors or other island residents enrolled in post-secondary school study with a concentration in environmental studies or a closely related field. The five winners, who were awarded the \$1,000 scholarships, are all Nantucket High School graduates currently pursuing undergraduate or advanced degrees.

2011 George A. Fowlkes Scholarship Fund Recipients

Adam Ceely	University of Vermont	Freshman	Environmental Engineering
Russell Joyce •	San Jose State	2nd Sem. Senior	Waste Management
Owen Moynihan •	University of Maine	Sophomore	Forestry
Justine Paradis •	Vassar College	Sophomore	Earth Science (Geology)
Kelly Reid	University of New England	Freshman	Marine Sciences

• Previous Fowlkes scholarship recipient



The Nantucket Conservation Associates is a group of dedicated young adults, aged 21–40, who assist in the Foundation’s mission of preserving and protecting the Island’s open spaces and natural habitats. The Associates strive to encourage an appreciation of Nantucket’s fragile environment by providing educational opportunities for children, increasing participation in Foundation activities by young families and sponsoring fund-raising events.

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Jenne Verney

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Ryan Wagner

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Race for Open Space

The Race for Open Space, the most recognizable event organized by the Associates, celebrated its 10th Anniversary with a record number of over 400 participants supporting the effort to raise both conservation awareness and funds for the Foundation. The 5k run/walk held in mid-July attracts serious runners, casual joggers, walkers and people who are simply avid conservation supporters.

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The generosity of our sponsors allows us to host a wonderful community event and we would like to thank them all for their encouragement and support:

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TUPANCY-HARRIS FOUNDATION

A MEMBER OF THE Foundation's Board of Trustees from 1978 until her death, Sallie Gail Harris Tupancy learned about the importance of open space protection and was one of the Foundation's strongest supporters. Together with her husband Oswald ("Tup") Tupancy, Sallie created the Tupancy-Harris Foundation in 1987 as a way of supporting the Conservation Foundation as well as a variety of other organizations which they felt benefited Nantucket's year-round population.

Today, the Conservation Foundation receives a generous annual grant in support of its organizational operations and to help bridge some of the gap that exists between membership revenues and expenses associated with the responsible stewardship of several hundred properties.

The Foundation would like to acknowledge and thank Mr. Robert Karelitz and Mr. Doug Burden, executors of the Tupancy-Harris Foundation, for their support and generosity.

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Making a memorial gift to the Nantucket Conservation Foundation's Land Fund is a wonderful and appreciated way to commemorate the passing of a loved one, a close friend, or an island neighbor.

The Foundation will promptly inform a family member or friend of your thoughtful gesture, acknowledge your gift to you and, unless otherwise requested, include it in our next Annual Report. At the time a memorial gift is made we would appreciate being advised who our notification should be sent to including that person's mailing address. Notification to an honoree's family member or friend and listing in a publication will not include the dollar amount of your gift.

Please remember that a memorial gift to the Foundation is a fitting way of celebrating a person's time on earth and sustaining the effort required to preserve Nantucket's remarkable open spaces for all to enjoy.

IN MEMORIAM

This past year was a difficult year for the Foundation's family and Board of Trustees. We experienced the loss of three long-time and highly valued members of the Board whose combined service totaled nearly seventy years.

H. Ward Reighley joined the Board in 1973. Ward was an enthusiastic supporter of land conservation on Nantucket, a place that he shared with his family for many years. His passion for the Island's open spaces inspired him to protect more than 150 acres in Madequecham Valley. This resulted in a gift of that property to the Foundation beginning an undertaking in 1981 which he completed with his sisters, nieces, and a nephew. During his 38 year affiliation with the Foundation, Ward was a very active participant of the Board serving as a trustee and advisor. In 2006 he was honored as one of the Foundation's first emeritus trustees.

J. Perry Ruddick allied himself with the Foundation in 1994. A long-time member of Sconset's summer community, he brought the concerns of that area of the island to the deliberations of the Foundation's Board, serving for 17 years as a Trustee and Advisor. As a person who spent a successful career in financial services, Perry's wise counsel was frequently of enormous value in dealing with the management of the Foundation's financial affairs. Golf was another passion of Perry's, as was the protection of neighborhood open spaces in his beloved Sconset where he played a key leadership role in the affairs of the Sconset Trust.

Peter M. Sacerdote joined the Foundation as a Trustee in 1998. He too, had a long association with Nantucket as a seasonal resident, spending more than 40 summers on the island. Peter was extremely appreciative of the opportunities he had to enjoy the outdoors with his family while on Nantucket—as a boater, a fisherman and a golfer. While serving as the chairman of the Foundation's Investment Committee his remarkable expertise as a financial manager was the envy of his peers. Like Ward Reighley and Perry Ruddick, Peter recognized the importance of preserving the island's open spaces and supported the Foundation's efforts generously, encouraging his friends to do the same.

NEWS

Commemorative Book

Thanks to a generous grant from the Ferguson Family Fund, we are in the process of creating a book to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Foundation in 2013. Mill Hill Press of Nantucket will produce the book which will include a brief history of the organization, profiles of key individuals and, most importantly, a collection of stunning landscape photographs from the very best of local photographers. The book is scheduled for publication in June of 2013.

New Foundation Website

The Foundation will be launching a completely revamped and improved website this summer. Using the most current technologies, the new site will feature an interactive property map, new video clips, improved navigability and in-depth information on our various programs and events. The website will use the same address as the old site (www.nantucketconservation.org) and members will be notified when the new site is active. *Funding for the website came from anonymous donor who we would like to thank for their generosity.*

Foundation 50th Anniversary

The Foundation is currently planning a series of commemorative events and celebrations for its 50th Anniversary (1963–2013) during the summer of 2013. Members will be notified about the various outings and events through newsletters, invitations and electronic correspondence. *Please make sure that the Membership Office has your current contact information so that you don't miss out on any of the activities!*

About the Artist

We are often asked about the beautiful landscape photographs that are in our Annual Report, on our website and in many of our other materials. For over ten years, the Foundation has been fortunate to be the beneficiary of the work of local photographer Daniel Sutherland. *We would like to thank Daniel for his generosity in donating these beautiful images and for his ongoing support of the Foundation.*

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