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When the Buddhist community in Raynham built a new Meditation Center [right] they also set aside 75 acres to remain in its natural state [above].



RELIGION AND CONSERVATION: A NATURAL FIT

The Trust has partnered with religious orders to protect significant landscapes, including:

- = TOWN GREEN CR
Duxbury, 3 acres
(completed 2001)
- = PACKARD-MANSE CR
Stoughton, 15 acres
(completed 2006)
- = CRYSTAL SPRING CR
Plainville, 33 acres
(completed 2008)
- = HEDGES POND CPA CR
Plymouth, 114 acres
(pending)

Working with the Religious Community to Protect Land

Across the globe and here in Massachusetts, conservationists are fashioning productive relationships with the religious community.



The work of land conservation introduces us to a wide variety of people and institutions, and sometimes presents opportunities for seemingly unlikely collaborations. One of the most unusual and rewarding of these collaborations involves the religious community. In recent years, as it has become evident that global-scale environmental issues are not sectarian or political in character but are relevant to all of us, it is increasingly common for spiritual leaders to address environmental topics. The Dalai Lama has spoken extensively and powerfully on a broad range of environmental issues, as has Pope Francis. The leadership of these eminences, and the contributions of leaders from other faiths, has been instrumental in advancing a broader awareness of pressing ecological concerns.

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A Different Kind of Family Values

Passing down the ethic of land conservation through the generations.



Back in 1992, a certain presidential candidate coined the phrase “family values” to promote his belief that American families were best when headed by two married biological parents. The idea was

quite controversial and I raise it only to show the contrast with a much less divisive version of “family values” that lies behind the success of so much of the Trust’s work to conserve land in southeastern Massachusetts.

In this edition of Wildlands News you will be introduced to two remarkable families, the Ingersoll Family of Bourne and the Davis Family of Plymouth who share an abiding multi-generational land ethic that has led to the protection and stewardship of hundreds of acres of beautiful land in our region. It hasn’t always been easy as you will learn in Phyllis Ingersoll’s piece on Bay End Farm, which highlights the challenges her family has endured to conserve their land. Likewise, Sam Chapin, the great grandson of Howland Davis, tells of struggles his family faced during the early years of Davis-Douglas Farm, the new home of Wildlands Trust. Sam’s story focuses on the Farm’s water tower, a curious structure that sits high upon a perch at the entrance to the Farm.

One of Aldo Leopold’s most enduring ideas was that of the “land ethic,” which he defined as the moral responsibility of humans to protect the natural world. The Ingersolls and the Davises, long time family friends to Wildlands Trust, embody the spirit of this concept, which is rooted in a type of family values that will always be undisputable.

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How Our Stewardship Crew Spent Summer Vacation

Here’s just a sampling of some of the projects recently completed by our stewardship crew.

Our stewardship crew was hard at work this summer—you may have even passed them on our trails at some point, sweaty and dirty with smiles on their faces!

Great River Preserve / Bridgewater

Have you been down to Great River Preserve in Bridgewater lately? Our stewardship crew was busy this past summer with cutting back the old roadway and installing a new picnic area. Now with a nice wide and level pathway, this property is a much more accessible and pleasant place to visit and enjoy a snack beside the beautiful Taunton River. In the near future, look to see a new informational kiosk installed next to the picnic area explaining the history and ecological significance of this unique 125-acre area which encompasses over a mile of pristine river frontage, expansive open fields, mixed pine and oak woodlands, vernal pools, and habitat for several rare species.



Brockton Audubon Preserve / Brockton

Wildlands Trust was granted a DCR Recreational Trails Grant to enhance the quality of life of Brockton City residents by creating an expanded, easily accessible, and well-maintained trail network at the Brockton Audubon Preserve. In August, we installed a four-car parking area off of Pleasant Street to ensure adequate access to this valuable public resource. Following the installation of the parking area, our hardworking stewardship crew installed a new trail linking the parking area to the existing trail network. Trail maps have been updated on our website, and we welcome visitors to this unique 125-acre property of mixed woodlands and wetlands in the northwestern corner of the city.



Stephen C.L. Delano Memorial Forest / Rochester

With the help of a grant from the Makepeace Neighborhood Fund, Wildlands Trust was able to improve this 110-acre property by installing a small, three-car parking area and new trailhead kiosk. Open cart paths and a two-mile loop over gentle terrain make this property wonderful for a family walk. Keep an eye out for future volunteer workdays and educational programs at these wonderful sites. We are very excited about building upon all of these recent improvements, and we could certainly use your help!

TOP: Wildlands staff members Debbie D’Isabel and Katie O’Donnell enjoy the new picnic area overlooking the Taunton River at Great River Preserve.

BOTTOM: Matt Luongo, Owen Grey, and Otto Kleber (kneeling) are all smiles after a long, hot, humid day of installing the new trailhead at Brockton Audubon Preserve. It looks fantastic!

Bring on the White: Enjoy Nature in All Seasons

Winter is a wonderful time to get outdoors and appreciate the quiet beauty of Southeastern Massachusetts.



As the chillier seasons descend upon us, we want to remind all of our friends and visitors that outdoor adventures don't have to stop simply because the mercury in the thermometer is dropping. Lace up your boots, grab your hat and mittens, fill up your thermos with coffee or hot chocolate, meet up with a friend and go!

NATURE WATCHING With the leaves off the trees and a more open landscape to peer through, winter is a wonderful time for spotting wildlife in a variety of habitats. Bring your binoculars and keep an eye (and ear) out for the hardy birds who stick around New England for the winter—classic black-capped chickadees, bold red northern cardinals, tufted titmice, even the occasional eastern bluebird. Great River Preserve in Bridgewater and Phillips Farm Preserve in Marshfield both have wonderful large fields for birdwatching. Don't forget to watch the beaches as well! Shifting Lots Preserve in Plymouth is a great spot for observing raptors such as Northern Harriers and Peregrine Falcons on the hunt. Last year was a great one for spotting Snowy Owls in this area—it will be interesting to see if they return again this winter. If there is snow on the ground (or even frozen mud!), be on the lookout for animal tracks. While deer and turkey tracks are common, watch for otter slides and fisher tracks near water sources.

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING & SNOWSHOEING When the snow starts to fly, grab your gear and head on out to a preserve! Willow Brook Farm in Pembroke and Great River Preserve in Bridgewater are great spots for cross country skiing, and Halfway Pond Preserve in Plymouth provides wonderful views out over the pond for snowshoers.

As always, we want you to stay safe on our properties. Make sure you're well-prepared and dressed for the weather. Familiarize yourself with maps of our trails—particularly if you're making first tracks after a heavy snowfall, the trails may appear unfamiliar at first. If it is a bright day, remember your sunglasses and sunscreen. Above all, be safe and have fun!

FASHION TIPS FOR HUNTING SEASON



The change of seasons also means sharing the outdoors with hunters. We want to ensure everyone stays safe while enjoying nature. Wear plenty of blaze orange on the trails and in the woods. Bright hats and vests are available at many local stores. And don't forget your four-legged friends; canine vests and bandanas work wonderfully. Don't underestimate your ability to look like a deer in certain conditions. Use common sense. Err on the side of safety. Even if you are walking a property that prohibits hunting, there could be neighboring parcels where hunting is allowed. Stay on marked trails and keep dogs on leash.

2014 HUNTING SEASON



Hunting season has begun. Wildlands Trust allows lawful hunting on these 4 preserves:

BRIDGEWATER
Great River Preserve

HALIFAX
Barnes Preserve
Striar Preserve

PLYMOUTH
South Triangle Pond Preserve

Many different game species are found in Massachusetts. Hunting seasons, bag limits and regulations for each species vary across different management zones throughout the Commonwealth.

To stay informed with the latest rules and updates, visit the MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife's website:

www.mass.gov/masswildlife

A Turn-of-the-Century Utility Endures on the Farm

Sam Chapin, great-grandson of Howland and Anna Davis, writes about the heyday of Davis-Douglas Farm and its water tower.



Photo taken in 1905 by Sam's grandmother, Ruth Gardner (Davis) Steinway. Hester Ludlow (Davis) Howe is on top of the tank. Her descendants still live in the main Davis house.

In 1884, Plymouth native Howland Davis visited his cousin Joanna Morgan at her place on Long Pond and decided he needed his own place on the pond for his growing family to spend time in the summer. When a neighbor, Charles Stoddard, was willing to sell some land on the east side of the pond, Howland bought it. He had a summer house built for his family and, in 1890, moved-in with his wife Anna and their three children. They named the house "Ashanty." There was no electric power, of course; wood and kerosene were used for fuel, and water was drawn from the pond for everyday use. More children came and a boathouse, an ice house, a kitchen wing, a laundry, a tool shed, and a stable were added to the place.

September 1900 brought a great forest fire that lasted for days and burned many houses as it moved from Carver to the sea. Ashanty lay on the east side of the pond. It was spared but the woods north off Ashanty, near Long

Pond Road, were badly burned. Howland and Anna cleared the charred stumps. They built a farm consisting of a large barn, a chicken house, a home for a resident farmer—and the water tower, built at the highest point on the property, on Long Pond Road. A pump house was built near the pond. Iron pipes conveyed pond water up to the water tower, where it was stored. By gravity flow, the tower provided water back to the farm and down to Ashanty, as well as to the stable and other outbuildings. Constructed of native stone with a cypress barrel, the water tower originally had a platform halfway up and a ladder to the top—which Howland and Anna's children enjoyed climbing. They often had to run down to the house to let them know, when water was flowing out the top, that it was time to shut off the pump!

When electricity came to Ashanty and the farm in the early 1930s, well water started to replace pond water for everyday use. However, as late as mid-century, pond water stored in the tower was still the only water supply for the farm. Today, the pump house is gone, although its foundation remains. Traces of the iron intake pipe can still be seen in the pond as a rust-colored streak in the shallows. Also remaining are two stone-lined valve chambers where the water was directed to the right places, flowing up to the tower or down to the farm and to the buildings of Ashanty. And of course the tower itself remains, a vestige of a bygone time and an icon for the future of Wildlands Trust.



YOUR LEGACY FOR OPEN LAND



For over 40 years Wildlands Trust has worked to ensure that you and your family will always have clean water to drink, and woods, fields, ponds, and beaches to enjoy. Much of our success has been made possible by generous individuals who made provisions in their wills to support the Wildlands Trust. Have you thought about leaving a legacy to protect the nature of southeastern Massachusetts through a planned gift?

Please let us know if you have or would like to consider naming the Wildlands Trust as a beneficiary in your estate plan. We appreciate gifts of all sizes.

A 100 Year History of Bay End Farm

How family idealism and resilience brought us what we have today.

By Phyllis Ingersoll



IN 1965, Hope Ingersoll learned that interstate highway Route 25 from New York was projected to go directly through the center of her house and farm.

More than 100 years earlier, in 1906, Marie Tudor Garland, from Boston, with a family of six, bought three big old houses and the surrounding land to be the location of her ideal farm. It was normal for a big family to have a farm to support its needs (no supermarkets), but she created more than a normal farm. It became a community of farmers, artists, poets, and visionaries who wanted to live life as it should be: a mix of poetic and hard hands-on farming, animals, and interaction with nature. Marie named it Bay End Farm, because it is at the northern tip of Buzzards Bay (the water).

Marie's patriotic response to World War I was to clear 60 acres of forest east of Bournedale Road, and to build there a large new farm center with model buildings for cows, horses, sheep and the farmer. This would provide for more than family; it would provide produce and milk for the local community. Of Marie's children, daughter Hope was by far the most interested in the land and the farm. At 21 years she, by then married and a mother, was given the deed to the New Farm and 80 acres of land. As

Hope's brothers and her mother moved elsewhere, Hope bought their land shares, which included the cranberry bogs and other forested land.

Before and during World War II the farm supported a large commercial milking herd. But after the War, the economic situation changed drastically for landowners, and the costs of running the farm increased greatly. To economize, most of the milking herd and the farm manager moved to the County Correctional Farm leaving a smaller mixed farm nearer to Hope's ideals.

Hope had shared these ideals of her mother and reached out to holistic farming ideas promulgated by the Rodale Press. In 1962, the year that Rachel Carson published her eye-opening book "Silent Spring" about the threats to the environment, Hope was already harvesting organic cranberries from her two bogs, and had built up her own remarkable organic vegetable and flower gardens. This was at a time when most people in America had never heard the word "organic."

Under her management, the new farm grew larger and more varied. By the 1970s, with



the operation renamed Grazing Fields Farm, it supported sixty-five Welsh Ponies, fifty Montadale sheep, two hundred chickens, ten Polled Short-horn beef cattle, and three Guernsey milking cows. The prize Welsh ponies became internationally famous.

Then came the plan to run Route 25 through the property. Hope became an obstacle in the way of the Eisenhower administration's project to build a network of superhighways throughout the United States. The battle lasted 25 years, requiring two federal court lawsuits and costing thousands in legal fees.

Thanks to new environmental laws, the highway planners were forced to change the route to its present alignment.

Hope's son Jerry, an architect, and his wife Phyllis, a city planner, led the highway fight, and stayed involved to see if Hope's other ideals might be made a reality. This involved estate planning. Hope was introduced to an innovative idea: give land away in order to assure its preservation as open space. Enter Wildlands Trust, a new land trust, to which Hope could give land without also giving a large endowment. This was the means by

which she could achieve her main goal: "to keep everything the same." With the encouragement of her family she commenced by donating 115 acres of land to Wildlands Trust for the purpose of preserving it undeveloped. The Wildlands Trust and Bay End Farm continue to work together in determining best ways to care for the land.

During the 1970s and 80s, the "value of open land" had gained wide support locally and at the state level. Additional legal tools were developed to encourage conservation. Chapter 61A Agricultural Assessment reduced taxes of forest and farm land to a minute share of what they would otherwise be. By certifying 235 acres for 61A it was possible for the family keep the ownership. Other new legal tools included permanent agricultural and conservation restrictions which allow retention of the right of ownership. Following sale of the farm center's fields and buildings to operators of a successful equestrian operation still using the Grazing Fields name, Wildlands Trust holds the permanent restriction for 87 acres of that property, ensuring that it will remain undeveloped.

Hope, using the mechanism of gifting shares to family members through a Limited Partnership structure, gave land annually until she owned no more land on which she would have to pay an estate tax of 60%.

Most recently, the Community Preservation Act has provided funds for



2014-2015 MassLIFT AmeriCorps Members Arrive at the Trust

Meet the service members who will be lending their talent, expertise, and passion for land protection to the Trust.



Andrew Bagnara, Land Stewardship Coordinator

I am excited to start working with Wildlands Trust as the land stewardship coordinator. Originally from Indiana, I graduated from Purdue University with a degree in Natural Resources Planning and Decision Making in 2013. Since then, I have served AmeriCorps Cape Cod. Projects I was a part of during this amazing year included invasive plant removal, environmental education, trail maintenance, and shellfish propagation. I also worked twice a week with the town of Wellfleet and its local land trust focusing on land stewardship of conservation lands. My interests include hiking, bicycling, playing my guitar, and of course—going to the beach! I am most looking forward to learning the principals of land stewardship in a new location and working with a new community.



Rachel Calderara, Community Engagement Coordinator

A Plymouth native, I am very excited to serve my community with the Wildlands Trust this year. I completed a BS in Environmental Science at the University of Massachusetts Amherst in 2012. During my undergrad, I traveled to South Africa to volunteer on a wildlife reserve, and completed a dissertation on rhinoceros habitat use. After college I began pursuing a career in outdoor education. Working as an educator and facilitator in the outdoors has taken me west to the coast of Oregon and back home to the South Shore. With Wildlands Trust, I will be working on educational and other community based projects and hope to expand responsible use of our properties. During my free time I enjoy kayaking, hiking, volunteering, and live music.



Elizabeth Migliore, Regional Conservation Coordinator

Originally from Buffalo, New York, I have a BS in Environmental Studies from SUNY Buffalo, and a MS in Environmental Studies from Ohio University, with concentrations in natural resource management and environmental policy. My thesis involved a study on the impacts of hydraulic fracturing for natural gas to a small community in West Virginia. This past year, I was a member of AmeriCorps Cape Cod living in Wellfleet, with a placement as the National Seashore Planning Assistant. As Wildlands Trust's Regional Conservation Coordinator, I will assist with conservation planning and coordinate a variety of land management projects. I look forward to gaining professional experience with a non-profit land trust and serving the Southeastern Massachusetts community.

Want to Become More Involved? Here Are a Few Ways

Take advantage of some of these opportunities to participate in the land conservation community and Wildlands Trust.

Open Space Networking Forum

On August 6, 2014, Wildlands Trust hosted an informal networking meeting for representatives of local Open Space Committees in Southeastern Massachusetts. This meeting sought to provide an opportunity for representatives to discuss their shared issues and experiences working on their Open Space Committees, and to answer each other's questions and provide ideas for how to more effectively manage their Committees and promote local land protection projects. The meeting was extremely productive, and a survey of participants indicated that 100% would attend similar meetings in the future. What we found is that many Open Space Committees throughout the region are facing the same challenges and seeking the same types of support, so as a result Wildlands Trust is working to develop discussion panels and training opportunities on these topics. By connecting Open Space Committee members together, we hope to strengthen our conservation network, enhance our local knowledge base, and increase land protection throughout the region. We are in the process of planning a slate of programs to begin in January 2015. For more information, contact our new AmeriCorps Regional Conservation Coordinator Elizabeth Migliore at regionalconservation@wildlandstrust.org.

Call For Volunteers!

Wildlands Trust is always seeking the service, skills, and creativity of local volunteers. We have a small staff and volunteers are critical to helping us achieve our conservation goals. We can always use help with property and trail upkeep, outreach and education programs, membership/office assistance, special events and more. Come get to know fellow conservation-minded folks and learn more about the Trust's work! We also have a new Adopt-A-Preserve Program which will appeal to our regular trail walkers. Apply on our website at www.wildlandstrust.org or call Katie O'Donnell at 781.934.9018 x112.

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WANT TO GIVE A SPECIAL GIFT?



Consider a donation to Wildlands Trust to commemorate a birthday, wedding, Mother's Day—or any other special occasion or milestone. It's a great way to honor that special person—or persons. To find out more or to arrange for your gift, call the Trust at 781-934-9018 or visit www.wildlandstrust.org/supportourwork.



WHAT IS MassLIFT?

Our MassLIFT-AmeriCorps program is funded in part by a grant provided by the Corporation for National and Community Service and administered by the Massachusetts Service Alliance. Developed in 2010, the program is run in partnership with Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust. Twenty MassLIFT-AmeriCorps members serve at host sites spread across the state. Members monitor protected lands, expand local interest in conservation, initiate land conservation projects, and engage young people in service learning.



DAVIS-DOUGLAS FARM BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

It's been a long road for the Davis-Douglas Farm (DDF) Buildings Committee. Three years ago, the committee was charged by the Board of Directors to oversee the design, budgeting, and construction of the Trust's new home at Davis-Douglas Farm. But now, with the project winding down and the planning underway for a December move, the committee can bask in the glory of their efforts. An enormous thanks goes out to Sam Chapin, Les Plimpton, Ginny Murray and Mike Hanlon for their incredible commitment to this project.

Connecting the Environmental and the Religious Communities

Efforts to promote dialogue and cooperation on issues of mutual interest are occurring at all levels across the globe, and often without great fanfare. On an international scale, the UK-based Alliance of Religions and Conservation (“ARC”) seeks to assist religious orders with establishing environmental programs consistent with their core tenets, and works to create alliances between environmental organizations and faith communities.

ARC’s initiatives recognize that religious orders are spiritual and cultural stakeholders of considerable importance, but often they are landholding stakeholders as well, and own many ecologically significant properties of great interest to the conservation community. Closer to home, and more particularly focused on land preservation, the Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition established the Religious Lands Conservation Project to promote dialogue and cooperation between the land conservation community and the religious community. Many successful land protection projects across Massachusetts have evolved from the Religious Lands Project’s efforts, including projects in Wareham and Wenham.

The Trust has also worked successfully with several religious entities over the past decade-plus. In 2001, we collaborated with the Sisters of St. Margaret and the Town of Duxbury to preserve land on Washington Street, including a scenic parcel known locally as the Town Green. In 2006, we worked with Packard Manse, an entity affiliated with the Catholic Church, to protect 15 acres in Stoughton. And in 2008, we partnered with Sister Chris Loughlin and the Crystal Springs Retreat and Meditation Center to place a conservation restriction on the Center’s 33 acres in Plainville. Sister Chris has been instrumental in creating and nurturing the Religious Lands Conservation Project. Sometime next year, we will complete a conservation restriction on the Town of Plymouth’s 114-acre Hedges Pond Recreation Area and Preserve,

purchased by the Town in 2008 from the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts.

One of our most recent unusual and rewarding collaborations in recent years has been with the Raynham Buddhist Temple, or more formally, the NMR Buddhist Meditation Center. Part of the purpose in creating the Center was to honor King Bhumibol, Thailand’s reigning monarch and currently the world’s longest-serving monarch. King Bhumibol was born in Cambridge, Mass. in 1927. Opened last June with four days of ceremonies attended by visitors from across the globe, the NMR Center is the largest Buddhist temple in the western hemisphere, and a truly magnificent edifice that is now an international attraction.

The Trust first established its relationship with the NMR Center in 2008, when we met with several of its representatives, including Dick Cook, to discuss our common interests. The NMR Center’s holdings directly about the Trust’s Oxbow Preserve. A retired engineer with close ties to the local Buddhist community, Mr. Cook serves as a liaison for the NMR Center to local stakeholders, including the Trust. The Center was then in the process of formulating its plans for the new temple, and reached out to its neighbors, including the Trust, to advise us of its plans, to extend an offer of friendship, and to seek cooperation on issues of mutual interest, including providing public access to the Oxbow Preserve Complex.

The NMR Center has expanded its holdings in recent years, acquiring an additional 30 acres in 2013 that also about the Oxbow Preserve. The Trust, the Center, and The Nature Conservancy have been in discussions with Easton businessman Doug King about preserving additional land at the Oxbow complex that could add as much as 83 acres.

The Trust and the NMR Center share a deep common interest in the preservation and enjoyment of the natural world, and also

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share a common vision for establishing a nature reserve on the banks of the Taunton River, a true sanctuary for nature lovers and spiritual seekers alike. In combination, the Trust and NMR hold over 175 acres that includes scenic open fields, floodplain forests, a unique oxbow island, and over a mile of frontage on the Taunton River, formally designated as a National Wild and Scenic River by Congress in 2009. The complex also includes 45 acres on the Taunton side of the river, protected in 2012 by TNC and the Trust. While the scale of the Oxbow complex is significant, perhaps its most compelling attribute is the contrast it offers to the surrounding area. Although situated not far from the intersection of Rt. 24 and 44, two very busy thoroughfares, the complex offers the visitor a bucolic respite all the more remarkable for its proximity to these highways and their frenetic bustle.

The NMR Center complements its ecologically informed philosophy with a strong interest in engaging the community. Far from a forbidding imperial palace, the Center welcomes visitors, and is open to the public for meditation and a variety of programs. The expanded conservation area adjacent to the Center is a considerable asset to its operations and mission, and offers visitors abundant opportunities for communing with nature.

According to Dick Cook, “The NMR Center/Wat Nawamin is a place of welcome where neighbors who share an appreciation of nature can work together. The Center looks forward to making its contribution toward the conservation and expansion of the Oxbow landscape”.

The process of building a relationship with the NMR Center has certainly been enjoyable, but it has been more than that: an educational experience on many levels, indeed a true cultural exchange. We look forward to strengthening that relationship in the coming years.

Thank You for Your Contribution

The Trust relies on private philanthropy to fund the work we do to save land throughout the region. You, our supporters, *are* Wildlands Trust. Thank you for your vision and for your dedication to preserving land for future generations.

New Members

Welcome to the 39 new members who joined the Trust since March 1, 2014.

In Honor of

SUKIE AMORY
-Duxbury Garden Club, *Duxbury*

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-Elizabeth W. Hoagland, *Plymouth*

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-Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Mowry, III, *NY*

MEET OUR MEMBERS



Matt and Betsy Hoagland
Supporters since 2000

Matt and Betsy Hoagland gave a unique wedding present recently. They donated to the Trust as part of a wedding gift to two young couples. Instead of more “things,” that most of us have enough of, Betsy gave gifts to the Trust in their honor. Betsy tells us that this will be her “go-to” gift for newlyweds. The Hoagland’s first became aware of Wildlands Trust when they bought their home in Plymouth. The previous owner donated surrounding land to the Trust. Because of that, Betsy was able to raise her children to understand and value nature. Like many of our members, she is concerned about sprawl in our region and appreciates the work that the Trust does to save the remaining special places in the area.

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towns to buy land for open space. After all the giving away that Hope did, the family was able to sell 96 acres to the Town at fair market value for open space. Other funds came from selling 45 acres to the Water District for land surrounding additional public water supply wells.

The Farm was fortunate to include the region’s highest hill. With the advent of cellular telephone technology, the family promoted the installation of a radio tower. Income from the tower and several rental houses supports the Farm today.

After surviving four decades as a group of Limited Partnerships, the plan now is that the property will be held as an LLC, and will be managed by seven members of the next generation who support the proposed change. The goal is sustainability. Ten members of the family now live on the property, including four great-great-grandchildren of Marie, participating in the management of the organic vegetable garden, the rental houses, and the forested land. Other family members visit for vacations or family meetings.

A visitor to the farm might say “Oh how nice it is that you’ve kept everything the same for 100 years.” However, anyone owning land knows that this requires a very active process for a family, necessitating constant adjustment and innovation.



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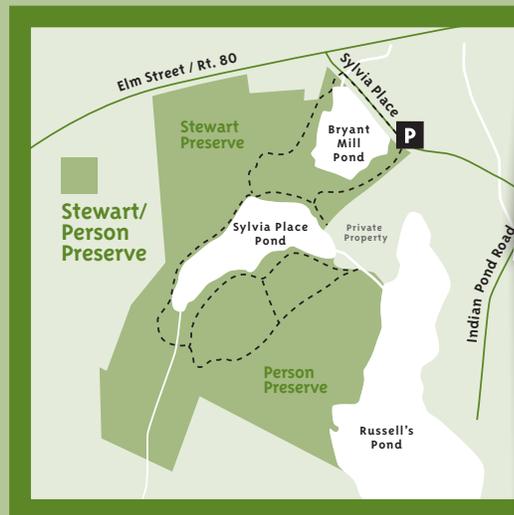
PROPERTY SPOTLIGHT

STAFF PICK: O.W. Stewart/Person Preserve / 27 Acres, Kingston, MA Matt Luongo, Seasonal Land Steward, writes about how his favorite preserve provides a welcome retreat from the fast pace of life.

The bustling nature of life on the South Shore often demands moments of serenity to balance out life's otherwise fast pace. Stewart/Person Preserve provides the perfect opportunity to take a peaceful walk through the woods and leave all cares at the trail head. The Trust originally acquired the 13-acre Stewart Preserve in 1975. The donation of the Person Preserve in 2011 doubled the size of the combined properties to 27 acres made

up of pine forest, red maple swamp, and three ponds—Sylvia Place Pond, Bryant Mill Pond, and Russell Pond.

Entering from the parking lot takes you past foundations that held machinery for turn of the century mills down-stream. Walking along the path past Bryant Mill Pond takes you to Sylvia Place Pond where you often see people fishing. The pond is valued for its bass, pickerel, and perch. A loop extends around Sylvia Place Pond, crossing several sites of interest. An eighty year old herring ladder allows fish to spawn upstream in Russells Pond. Continuing across the herring ladder, the trail leads to a bench with a scenic overlook of the pond. This spot is my personal favorite place to sit and reflect on the surrounding natural beauty or take a



quiet moment to relax. Even farther down the trail you cross a log-bridge fashioned on-site from natural timber by yours truly and the Trust's stewardship staff. Across the stream, signs of otter are often apparent. On your walk around Sylvia Place Pond, you may be lucky enough to see an osprey, red-crested woodpecker, or a great blue heron. All three birds are routinely spotted. A twenty minute walk all told, Stewart/Person offers plenty of trails and natural beauty to extend your walk much longer than you may have originally planned.

DIRECTIONS: Take Rt. 3 to Exit 9. Head North on Rt. 3A. Turn left onto Rt. 80. At the stop sign, turn left. Continue on Rt. 80/Elm St. Take a left onto Sylvia Place Rd. The parking lot is down the road on the right.