



President's Message

“Perpetuity.” Endless or indefinitely long existence.

This year, we celebrate 20 years of land conservation and preservation in Charlton.

20 years sounds like a very long time but like the land we protect in perpetuity, two decades is really just a moment. CHPT was formed by a small but dedicated group of Charlton citizens back in 1999. The faces have changed but the land has remained. That's what we are about. We are committed to protecting and preserving land for our generation, the next generation, and the next, long after we are gone.

We have a diversified Board and actively collaborate with Greater Worcester Land Trust and Opacum, two local regional land trusts that cover Charlton. Working together, we are able to preserve more land in Charlton through Conservation Restrictions, land purchases, and/or flexible subdivision open space conveyances.

We have increased our stewardship activities and identified properties needing improvements. We are exploring grants opportunities and reaching out to local businesses in an effort to obtain funding and manpower to improve trails, parking areas, and signage. Hammond Woods, Little River, and Lambs Pond are high on our priority list.

CHPT still has a website and we have also expanded our social media presence on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

Wendell Berry wrote:

“Until we understand what the land is, we are at odds with everything we touch. And to come to that understanding it is necessary, even now, to leave the regions of our conquest - the cleared fields, the towns and cities, the highways - and re-enter the woods. For only there can a man encounter the silence and the darkness of his own absence. Only in this silence and darkness can he recover the sense of the world's longevity, of its ability to thrive without him, of his inferiority to it and his dependence on it. Perhaps then, having heard that silence and seen that darkness, he will grow humble before the place and begin to take it in - to learn from it what it is. As its sounds come into his hearing, and its lights and colors come into his vision, and its odors come into his nostrils, then he may come into its presence as he never has before, and he will arrive in his place and will want to remain.” (pg. 27, "A Native Hill") [The Art of the Commonplace: The Agrarian Essays](#)

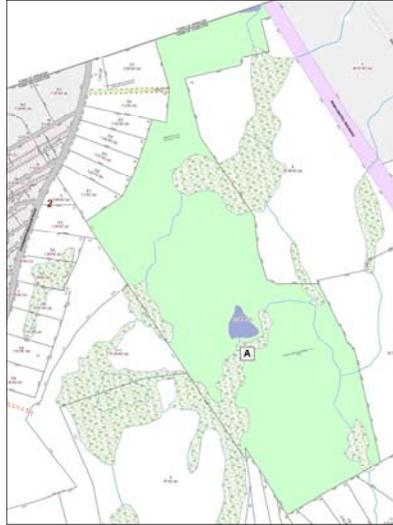
We encourage you to re-enter the woods.

Lisa Westwell
President

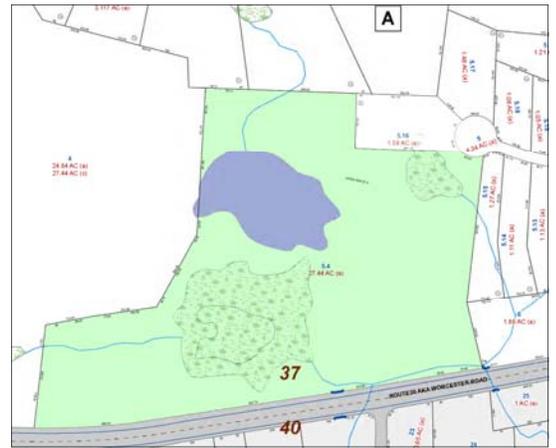


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Cranberry Meadow



Hammond Woods



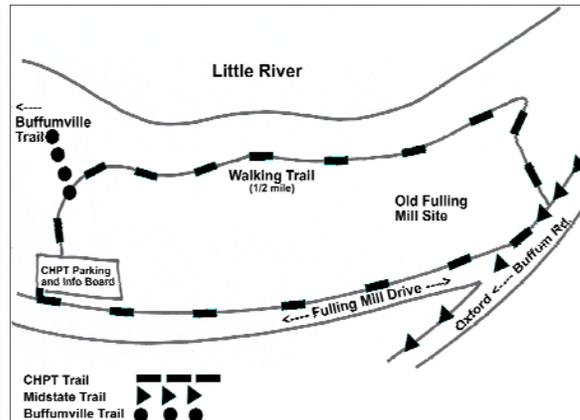
**These are all subdivisions.
Please be respectful of homeowners.**

Cranberry Meadow: Access off of Cranberry Meadow Road
www.charltontrust.org/cranberry.htm

Hammond Woods: Access off of Hyde Road. Trail to right of #27
www.charltontrust.org/hammondwoods.htm

Little River: Access off of Fulling Mill Drive. Park in CHPT Lot
www.charltontrust.org/littleriver.htm

Little River



**Dogs
Permitted
MUST BE
ON LEASH**

Great Reasons to Become A Member in 2019!

1. You support CHPT's mission to preserve and conserve land in Charlton.
2. CHPT has preserved roughly 200 acres and you wish to be a part of future conservation efforts.
3. You believe in the value of conservation and long term environmental planning.
4. Charlton is your home. You want to enjoy the benefits of its rural character in perpetuity.
5. Wildlife corridors and other natural resources deserve protection.
6. You want to join others who share a common vision of conservation and preservation.
7. You want to know what's happening to land in Charlton.
8. Your membership fee is tax deductible as allowed by law and helps support trust operations.

Please consider renewing your membership or becoming a new member of CHPT!

Thanks for your support!

CHPT Property List

Cranberry Meadow
Fitzgerald Road
Great Blue Heron Cove
Hammond Woods

Jennings Road Ext
Lambs Pond
Little River
Manor Ridge
Ponnakin Hill

Potter Village Estates
Preservation Estates
Stonegate Estates
Willow Tree Farm

For information on each property, visit www.charltontrust.org/properties.htm

Connect with CHPT!



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twitter.com/chptrust

CHPT Board of Trustees:

Lisa Westwell, President
Sandy Dam, Treasurer
Ellen Boyle, Clerk
Lois Fay
Colin Novick
Ed Hood

**There are three Trustee positions open. We are seeking active board members and/or volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please call or email Lisa Westwell at 508-248-5121 or info@charltontrust.org.*

Contact CHPT:

Charlton Heritage Preservation Trust
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Charlton Depot, MA 01509
(508) 248-5121
Website: www.charltontrust.org
Email: info@charltontrust.org

CHPT is an all volunteer, 501(c)3 non-profit land trust dedicated to protecting open space and natural resources in the Town of Charlton.

Volunteer Property Stewards

Do you love to walk or hike in the woods? Do you notice flowers, animal tracks, and trees? Do you whisper to yourself when you see changes, good or bad, in the lands you love? Do you like to explore new places in town or are you an abutter to CHPT owned open space and already keep an eye on things?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you would make an excellent Volunteer Property Steward!

CHPT is responsible for the stewardship of roughly 200 acres of open space spread out over 19 separate parcels in Charlton. Stewardship is the careful and responsible management of the land entrusted to our care. Proper management of the land requires consistent monitoring. Volunteer Property Stewards (VPSs) would be responsible for monitoring activities, including walking CHPT property boundaries and interiors of parcels, looking for and documenting signs of natural changes in habitat, noting any man made infringements or activities that violate deeds or conservation restrictions for each parcel, photographing the property at multiple fixed locations to provide a permanent record, and assisting CHPT in evaluating parcels over time. Documentation forms would be provided for twice yearly monitoring of land. Stewards would be appointed by and report directly to the Board of Trustees.



Volunteer Property Stewards represent a vital component of open space management and as a Property Steward volunteer, you will be get the great satisfaction of knowing that your efforts help keep the open space in Charlton well maintained and pristine.

PLEASE SUPPORT CHPT!
Consider making a donation or becoming a member today!

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Make checks payable to CHPT and mail with this form to P.O. Box 92, Charlton Depot, MA 01509

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Member, \$25 (Feb 2019 - Feb 2020)	<input type="checkbox"/> I am a landowner. Please contact me about land preservation options.
<input type="checkbox"/> Donor, (Includes Membership) Oak, \$2500 or more per year Pine, \$1000-2499 per year Maple, \$500-999 per year Birch, \$100-499 per year	<input type="checkbox"/> I do not wish to become a member at this time, but I have enclosed a donation.
<input type="checkbox"/> I'd like to be a Property Steward or volunteer for CHPT	<input type="checkbox"/> I am purchasing a gift membership and have indicated the recipient's name and address in the space provided above. Please let he/she know that this membership has been given to them by _____. (please print your name and phone number)
<input type="checkbox"/> Please remove me from the CHPT newsletter mailing list. (Mail this form or email info@charltontrust.org to be removed). Please note: Abutters will automatically receive mailings.	

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