



An amazing trail connection is so close...

Imagine if a critical link in the 25-mile Cape Cod Pathways Trail—right here in Barnstable—was conserved forever rather than being lost to development. Home to birds like the red-bellied woodpecker and migrating birds like towhees, warblers and goldfinches, the land and the trail could provide an important place for our community to hike, birdwatch and cross-country ski.

That's about to happen with your help. Two years ago the 1717 Meetinghouse Foundation, who owned the land, understood its importance and asked the Barnstable Land Trust to purchase it rather than see it be developed.

The outpouring of support has been inspiring. Community organizations, including the Cape Cod Five Cents Saving Bank, the Fields Pond Foundation, and the Town of Barnstable through the

Community Preservation Act, have stepped up to the plate and contributed all but the final \$35,000 needed to make the project a reality.

When protected, the land—and its beautiful stone wall, woodland with oaks, maples and holly, and the gentle smell of sweet ferns—will greet you as you enter the trail off Church Street.

Now all we need is the support of people who care.

Contributions of any size from you, your friends and neighbors, will make a difference. Together we can conserve this land before it's too late.

To learn more and see a map of the location, go to www.BLT.org. You can contribute online or send a check payable to Barnstable Land Trust, PO Box 224, Cotuit, MA 02635. Please note that it's a donation towards the trail. Thank you for making this trail link, and related habitat conservation, a reality.

You are creating a community of treasured places





Do you have a special place you cherish, here in Barnstable?

Eagle Pond Sanctuary is a very special place for Lauren Kanzer. Lauren has enjoyed walking her dogs there almost daily since moving to Cotuit in 1992. She considers the trails an extension of her backyard and feels as comfortable and as safe in the woods at Eagle Pond as she does sitting in her own living room.

“I have met so many wonderful 2- and 4-legged friends walking the trails throughout the years. I cherish the peace, solitude and beauty of the entire conservation area. Thank you to all those who had the foresight to preserve this very special place for all to access and enjoy. The Eagle Pond conservation area is a huge asset to our health and community!”

Conserved originally in 1951 by Mary Lowell Barton, the 106-acre Eagle Pond Sanctuary area might have faced a different future scattered with house sites; instead, it has become a favorite spot for quiet moments and deep conversation, for running, swimming, laughing, for inspiration and reflection.

Thanks to you and growing community support, the special places in Barnstable are being conserved and cared for before they are lost to haphazard development. Coming together in partnership with families, friends, and those new to the land trust, we are working to conserve and care for the woods, fields, trails, water-access, historic spaces, and wildlife habitat that bring joy to so many.



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The opportunities are amazing

As Janet Milkman, Executive Director of the land trust, explains, “Over the next five years, in response to our community, the land trust will be here to help create, care for, and celebrate, the simple and iconic places like Eagle Pond in all seven villages of Barnstable. Whether a trail, farm stand, community garden, or monthly campfire, we look forward to seeing you on the land or the lovely waters that surround us.”

Thanks to people like you, that dream is becoming closer to reality.

Volunteering: A Part of Who You Are

Do you know someone who's really special? Someone who's passionate, dedicated, friendly, and helpful? Someone who has unexpected talents or patience? We do. All 50 of them.

The student and community volunteers who make conservation come alive, all year, are the heart and soul of the lands we love. We couldn't conserve the lands without them.

Coombs Bogs Clean Up

"We believe it is important for students to become acquainted with land preservation, land stewardship and ways to protect the environment."

– Christopher W. Keavy, Head of St. John Paul II High School

"Barnstable Land Trust provides students an excellent opportunity to learn about land protection and get dirty. Plus, old-fashioned hard work is good for the soul as well!"

– Jim Remillard, chaperone



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East Bay Road Clean-up

"I joined the land trust as a member when it began. When I retired, I wanted to be part of the community. I'm impressed by the people who are out here regularly, maintaining trails and mowing grass. It's obvious that people care."

– Peter Doyle

"Each year for Senior Service Day, we try to connect the students with local groups and organizations who are doing work in and around the community. We were really happy to connect with BLT."

– Christine McDowell,
Sturgis Charter Public
School TOK Teacher



Help Us Care for Your Land

Would you like to join our volunteer team?

Would you, your school, organization, or business like to be part of a volunteer project? Let us help your group connect outside in service. Please e-mail Will Holden at will@BLT.org or call the office at 508-771-2585.

The gift of a lifetime...

Joe Hawley often jokes that his friends believe he joined the Barnstable Land Trust because he thought they were in the golf course business. The truth is, he wanted passionately to protect the Cape forever.

“I grew up in a small town in upstate New York. My father was a real outdoorsman, as were my grandparents. Over the years and on many camping trips in the Adirondacks my dad would tell me and my brothers and sister to ‘Always leave the camping area better than you found it!’” reflects Joe.

Joe’s father’s words of wisdom stuck with him, explaining that “after all these years the land and water is still something I treasure. For this land and water to be loved for generations we have to get our youth involved. Dad gave me a gift of a lifetime.”

Volunteering is a great way to start. Joe’s been a volunteer with the Barnstable Land Trust for the last 15 years because, like many of you, as he says, “I’d very much like to leave Cape Cod better than I found it.”



Joe Hawley, Board President, (second from left) and his siblings in the Adirondacks in 1963. Research has shown that the love of the land and a desire to care for it starts with fun experiences outdoors at an early age.



Are you interested in sharing your love of the land?

The land trust now owns, and/or manages, 1,000+ acres in various places throughout Barnstable, which help establish what makes our community special.

Over the next three years, we will be developing land management plans for each property that will include basic maintenance and future opportunities for bigger investments. Volunteers of all ages and experiences will be a big part of that, including trail maintenance, wildlife habitat enhancements for birds and other animals, overlooks and parking area improvements, sending out educational materials or taking photographs.

It’s fun, and a great way to meet new friends. Whether you have two hours or a full day, we’d love to partner with you.

By fostering connections among people and lands, we’ll nurture a lasting community conservation ethic of Cape Codders, building a broader base of support for land protection now and forever.



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Gifts from the Heart

There is something very special about donating a parcel of land in honor of a loved one. Three local families did just that over the past year, when they donated land to help conserve important wildlife habitat for owls, fox and other species; provide additional salt-marsh habitat, and preserve a new beautiful vista forever. These are the gifts that last for generations, and ensure that those who are no longer with us remain in our thoughts every day.

In Memory of a Daughter Who Loved the Land

Thanks to the kindness of the Anderson family, their daughter’s love of the land will be remembered, forever. After learning about the Barnstable Land Trust, Irene Anderson decided to donate a beautiful, .57-acre piece of land in Barnstable in memory of her daughter, Birgitta Anderson El Hajj, who died 15 years ago at age 33.

Irene quietly recalls that Birgitta “loved living in and visiting Barnstable and always wanted to build on this parcel. It seemed appropriate to give the land in memory of her. It makes it special to us and her four daughters to have this memory and at the same time donate to a worthy cause.”

Honoring Our Dad

Arthur Cook, a former Barnstable Land Trust board member, loved looking at the water and riding his bike around Osterville to all the ponds. After her father passed away last year, Jennifer Ruhl and her family looked for a way to honor him.

“The idea of a donating this lovely .43-acre piece of land, on this precious pond, seemed like an appropriate thing to do,” she said. “It is not a stretch to imagine that this would have been important to him, something he would have very much approved of and something he felt very strongly about.” The land trust will manage the land with native plantings and flowers.



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A Shared Commitment to Caring for the Land

The Cobdens' love of the land is obvious from the moment you drive up to the house in South Egremont, MA. The gardens, hayfields and forest surrounding the house all radiate great care and respect.

Ted and his wife, Nancy, split their time between Egremont and West Barnstable, two different landscapes that gave them both great joy. Nancy, who died in 2015 at age 74, left a generous bequest to Barnstable Land Trust to help protect what she cared about so deeply.

"We could walk on the beaches all year long, breathe the clean air, and the scent of the bay," Ted remembers. "We loved that it wasn't all built up. Could you imagine what it would be like if it had all these developed properties?"

"We chose the Barnstable Land Trust for her bequest because of what it stands for. People who care need to be aware and do their share to make sure the land is not destroyed," continued Ted. "We shared that commitment. Nancy loved it. I loved it."

With the Cobdens' charitable bequest in honor of Nancy, the land trust will be able to work with families to conserve additional land as well as improve wildlife habitat and maintain several trails. Like Nancy, Ted and his family see a future full of hope and promise. "Maybe Nancy's gift to BLT will encourage others to do the same and leave something in their will. Those of us who can need to be responsible, good stewards of the land."



Ted and Nancy Cobden sharing a laugh at a Williams College reunion.

Protecting One More Piece of the Great Marsh A Most Fragile Habitat

Doreen Bilezikian's family is passionate about Cape Cod, and especially the Mill Creek in Cummaquid. That's why the family donated an important parcel of land to the Barnstable Land Trust. The gift builds upon a 1.43-acre parcel donated to BLT in 2010 and neighbors the beautiful Long Pasture Sanctuary, owned by Mass Audubon.

"My family and I have been blessed to live within yards of the Cummaquid bridge," explained Doreen. "Its charm and beauty is not lost on anyone who walks, bikes, runs or drives through the area. It is quintessential Cape Cod. The donated land, on the Cummaquid side of the bridge, will perpetuate the visual beauty of Mill Creek and its surroundings."

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Thanks to you, Barnstable's fields, ponds, woods and

We are so grateful that you have thought of Barnstable Land Trust to remember and honor your loved ones—and so pleased to be able to share their names. These recent gifts are listed below. Thank you so much for your generosity.

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Taking the Opportunity to Protect a Parcel Forever

William Doe felt it was the right thing to do, to leave a piece of property relatively untouched. He knew that somebody could have bought his property and built on it. “I was motivated by wanting to make sure it was permanently

in the hands of the right people. I’m not going to do anything with it, and I don’t want anything done with it.”

So late last year, just as the snow started to fly, he donated a beautiful

piece of woodlands and a lovely meadow to the land trust. Thanks to Bill, there’s now a great place conserved that might otherwise have been lost, forever.

Cyclists Making a Difference

Tour de Barnstable

Earlier this summer, nearly 400 cyclists pedaled their way through all seven villages of Barnstable at the 3rd Annual Tour de Barnstable. The “Tour” is designed to raise awareness of the special places in the region, as well as raise funds to protect important lands and water access... and have a great time.

Cyclists came from throughout New England and beyond, as well as locally, like Osterville resident Michaela Herlihy, President of Beacon Financial Planning of Cape Cod, who said she was “...reminded of the charm of each village as well as the fantastic community we have.” Maureen Thomas, who lives in Falmouth, was undaunted by the 38-mile ride and as a first-time rider, declared, “I will definitely be back next year.”

Thanks to...

SeaSports Cyclery, the Hyannis Chamber of Commerce and Pat Lentell of SEMCSports for a great partnership.

It’s local businesses, organizations, and local leaders like these who make a difference all year long.

Together, we are ensuring that Barnstable remains a great place to live, work, and play.



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Meet Will Holden

Land Stewardship Coordinator

Will Holden, a native of Lunenburg, MA, joined BLT as an AmeriCorps service member last October. He spent every Tuesday marking BLT boundaries and leading volunteer clean-up projects under the tutelage of Red Bansfield. This August Will takes on the role of BLT's first full-time Land Stewardship Coordinator—giving local land conservation efforts a significant shot in the arm.

He will be working with volunteers as well. To contact Will, e-mail will@blt.org or call 508-771-2585.



UPCOMING WALKS & TALKS

We'd love to see you...



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Mudflat Creatures of Barnstable Harbor Nature Walk Tuesday, August 22 | 5:30-7 pm | Barnstable

Are you interested in inspiring family members about the magic of the marsh? Perhaps you'd like to spend time with neighbors checking some special critters? Come to this family-friendly program.

Marstons Mills Historical Walk Saturday, August 26 | 9:30-10:30 am | Marstons Mills

We'd love you to join us for the special walk around bucolic Marstons Mills, led by Dan Haslam of Walkabout International.



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Special offering: Wilderness First Aid Course September 21-22 | 8 am - 5 pm | Cape Wildlife Center | Barnstable

Whether spending time outdoors is your passion or your profession, you should never have to ask, "What do I do now?" Prepare for the unexpected with this fun, hands-on introduction to wilderness first aid. This course is offered for \$225 per person. Preregistration required.

Sandy Neck Fall Migration Hike Saturday, September 23 | 9 am - Noon | West Barnstable

If you like birds, this is a great program for you. We often see mammoth flocks of swallows (both barn and tree), snowy egrets, peregrine falcons plus much more. Bring your binoculars and sturdy footwear; we'll provide the bird experts.

FOR MORE PROGRAM INFO:

Call 508-771-2585 or visit our website blt.org/walks-talks-2017

Fall Crocker Neck Walk Saturday, October 7 | 10 am - Noon | Cotuit

This family-friendly walk explores the saltmarsh ecosystem and the unique flora and fauna that eek out a living there on an approximately 2-mile walk. We will bring the snacks if you bring your love of nature.



The mission of the Barnstable Land Trust is to protect the special places people love for present and future generations.

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Do you, or someone you know, want to explore if land conservation is right for you? Feel free to email Janet Milkman at janet@blt.org or give her a call at 508-771-2585. All conversations are confidential to allow you the freedom to make a decision that is right for you and your family.

"Being a part of BLT pushes me to get involved, and to get out on the land, and once I am there, I remember how much I love it. Plus, it feels great to do my part in giving back and making a difference."

– Lillie, 25

West Barnstable

