



Greenbelt
Essex County's Land Trust



The Greenbelt Team

Have you wondered how Greenbelt leads the way on local land conservation, stewards thousands of acres across Essex County, hosts free community events throughout the year, and partners with area organizations to promote a love for and protection of our natural landscapes? Greenbelt staff work together to accomplish all of this and more!

News and Happenings



Exciting New Conservation Projects:
Great Ledge & Bray Street, West
Gloucester

Greenbelt has the opportunity to purchase over 17 acres of land adjacent to Great Ledge and not far from the Tompson Street Reservation in West Gloucester. Please help us raise \$105,000 by January 13 to conserve this land and protect salt marsh, beaver ponds, and wooded uplands forever. Thank you!



Crystal Lake Watershed, Haverhill

Greenbelt is currently working to conserve 88 critical acres of the Crystal Lake Watershed. With your help, we will protect this land from the threat of development, preserve important wildlife species, extend the trails of the Crystal Gorge conservation area, and help protect the drinking water supply for the City of Haverhill.



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Photo: Dr. Stephen Young

Great Marsh Symposium

Scientists, students, residents, and representatives from area towns and organizations came together on November 3 for the annual Great Marsh Symposium. Greenbelt President Kate Bowditch contributed her experience and perspective while speaking to this year's topic, *The future of roads through the Great Marsh: Balancing access with natural resource protection*. This event, hosted by the Great Marsh Coalition, seeks to share the latest research and ideas for the protection of the vast and complex Great Salt Marsh.



MLTC's Land Trust & State Agency Retreat

Earlier this month, members of Greenbelt's staff joined representatives of other Massachusetts land trusts and state agencies for the annual retreat hosted by the Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition and the Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs. This was an excellent opportunity to collaborate and strengthen the working relationships of the public and nonprofit sectors of land conservation in the state.



Invest in Local Land Conservation

This time of year, mailboxes and inboxes are swamped with requests for support. When asked, "What sets Greenbelt apart?" the answer is that Greenbelt is *local*. Right here in Essex County our land conservation work is making an unmistakable impact. We hope it's

gratifying to know that, with your gift to our Annual Fund, you help safeguard our drinking water, our climate resilience, our vulnerable habitats, and our irreplaceable landscapes. Thank you for your support.