



John J. Donovan Reservation in Hamilton

## 19,000+ Acres Conserved by Greenbelt!

The 2022 numbers are in. After completing 32 conservation projects in 15 communities last year, Greenbelt has protected more than 19,000 acres of land, forever. The best part? It's all close to home in your communities of Essex County. Thank you for making this possible!

# **News and Happenings**



West Gloucester's Great Ledge & Bray Street - Success!

Because of the commitment and generosity of many area supporters, 17+ acres in West Gloucester are now conserved. This land encompasses 11.5 acres adjacent to Greenbelt's Great Ledge property, and 6.1 acres on Bray Street near Tompson Street Reservation. Purchased from National Grid, these properties include important natural resources, wildlife habitat, and existing trails. This project successfully came together on a short timeline thanks to all who helped us reach this goal!



Get Involved with Greenbelt - Volunteer!

Whether you like to be outside on the trails, a friendly face at events, or an extra hand in the office, Greenbelt has a variety of year-round volunteer opportunities. Last year 262 volunteers contributed over 3,500 hours of their time to support the mission of Greenbelt!



#### Point of Reference - Greenbelt Edition

You might have recognized some familiar faces on Haverhill's recently televised *Point of Reference* episode. Greenbelt's Vanessa Johnson-Hall and Rachel Horgan joined Frank Novak at HC Media to feature our work in Haverhill, and throughout Essex County. Keep an eye out for future episodes highlighting even more about Greenbelt.

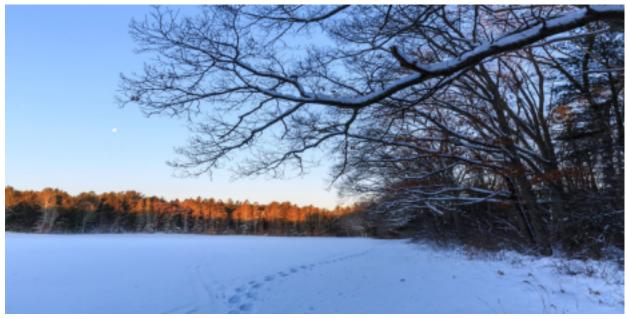


Photo: Jerry Monkman, Julia Bird Reservation in Ipswich

### **GreenbeltGo Reaches 5,000 Downloads**

Have you tried GreenbeltGo, yet? Our free trails app makes getting outside easier than ever. It

allows you to search for properties to explore, track your position along trails, easily get directions to parking areas, and download offline maps. Give it a try! For a hands-on tutorial, join us on May 10th at 9:30am at Cox Reservation in Essex.



#### **Hunting on Greenbelt Properties**

Deer populations in eastern Massachusetts have exploded in recent decades, resulting in more risk of vehicle collisions, damage to forests and landscapes from overgrazing, and increased prevalence of Lyme Disease. With permission, Greenbelt allows deer hunting with archery equipment on select properties. While the 2022 hunting season has come to an end, last year we issued approximately 70 permissions across Essex County.



#### Join the Team at Greenbelt!

Greenbelt currently has two open employment positions based out of our Cox Reservation headquarters in Essex. The Conservation Technology and Planning division is seeking a full-time GIS Specialist. The Stewardship department is seeking to fill a newly-created, full-time Land Steward position. Greenbelt welcomes a diverse pool of candidates. In addition to being an Equal Opportunity Employer, we aim to create an inclusive, equitable workplace where everyone is valued. Come be a part of our team!