



Greenbelt
Essex County's Land Trust



Photo: Neil Ungerleider

Your Annual Fund support will have important, local impact

Conserving Kamon Farm in Ipswich is an excellent example of the local impact that your gift to Greenbelt's Annual Fund will support. Protecting this property safeguards two drinking water resources, and preserves active hay fields, miles of public trail access, and intact wetlands and forest that provide climate resilience and habitat for wildlife.

Please support our 2022 Annual Fund. Your gift will help Greenbelt conserve more land close to home, keeping Essex County healthy, resilient and beautiful. Thank you.

News and Happenings



Greenbelt shares new Land Acknowledgment

After more than two years of diligent work, Greenbelt's board and staff have finalized and adopted a Land Acknowledgment for our organization. The purpose of the statement is to recognize the

Indigenous people who stewarded their homelands here before the arrival of Europeans. Greenbelt is grateful to the Massachusetts Center for Native American Awareness for their expert help and guidance throughout this important project.

The properties that Greenbelt conserves are on ancestral lands of the Pennacook and the Pawtucket, bands of Abenaki-speaking people. For thousands of years, these inhabitants and their families fished, hunted, farmed, conducted ceremonies, and developed deep stewardship connections to these unceded lands and waterways. Join us in honoring the elders who lived here before, the Indigenous descendants today and the generations to come.

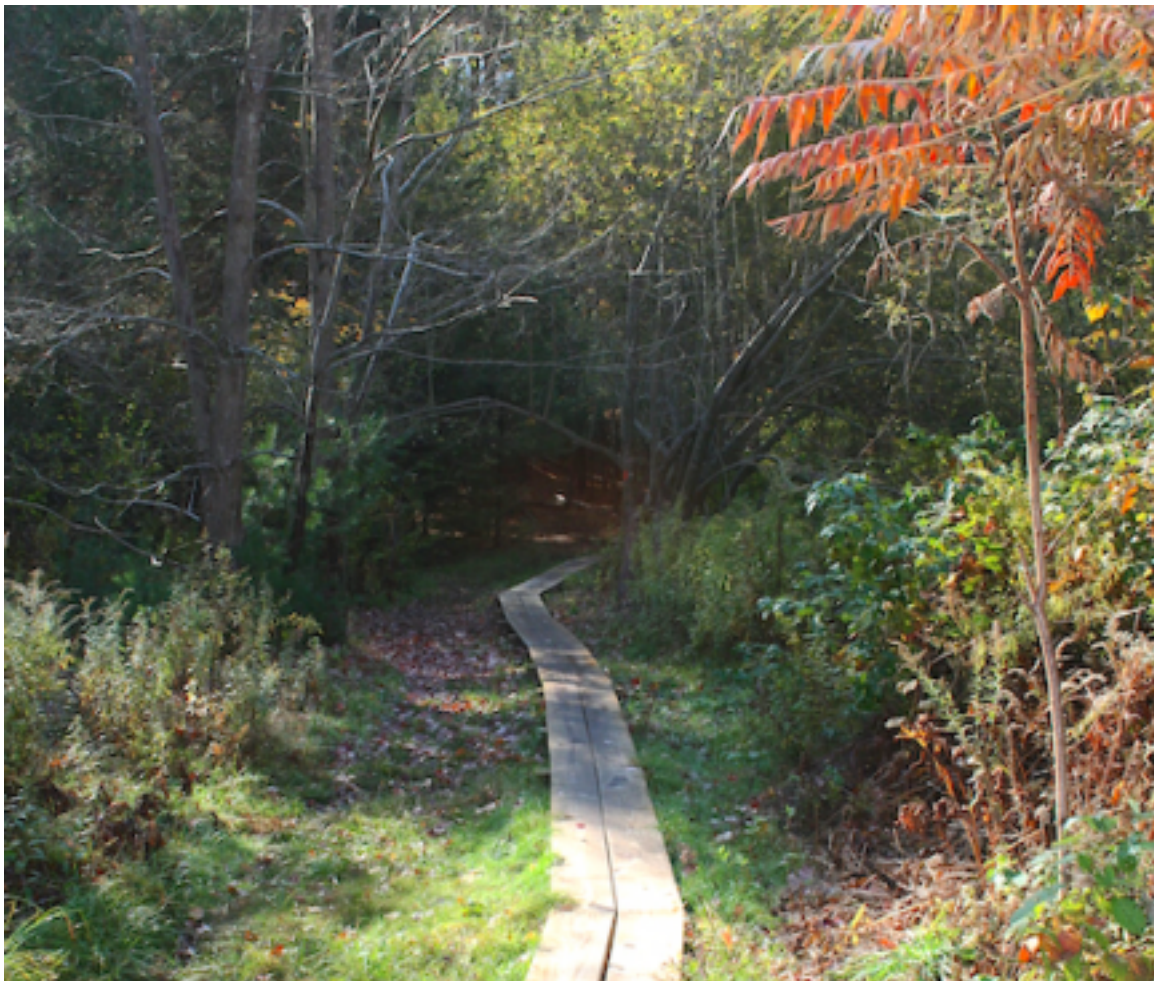


Photo: Kathy Goeben

Hundreds of Riders Cycle for Land Conservation

On a crisp, late-summer morning, more than 200 riders set off from Cox Reservation for the 8th Annual Tour de Greenbelt, Cycle for Land Conservation. Riding 25-, 50- and 100-mile road routes and the 40-mile gravel grinder, cyclists passed breathtaking scenery and close to a hundred properties conserved by Greenbelt. A live band, burgers and beer set the stage for the post-ride celebration at Cox.

Thank you to Institution for Savings, our Presenting Sponsor; Cell Signaling Technology, our largest fundraising team; and the many sponsors, volunteers and cyclists who made this event possible!



Stewardship wraps up a busy summer

Sturdy boardwalks like this are the work of Greenbelt's Stewardship department, who has been busy installing kiosks, building boardwalks and managing vegetation growth on our properties all summer. In addition, the Stewardship team provided phenomenal event

support, most recently at Tour de Greenbelt where they marked the routes and managed the crowds. Thank you, Stewardship, for all that you do!



We can't thank our volunteers enough, but we try

A good time was had by all at an Ice Cream Social held in appreciation of our fabulous volunteers. From property and Osprey monitors, event supporters, GOATs, office helpers, ambassadors, photographers, gardeners, board, committee members and more, we could only do a fraction of our work without the help of our volunteers. THANK YOU.



Celebrating Camp Creighton with the Boys & Girls Club of Lynn

The Boys & Girls Club of Lynn hosted a fantastic lunch for members of the Creighton family and Greenbelt's staff and board to celebrate the permanent protection of the 112-acre Camp Creighton property in Middleton. "A Win - Win for Kids and Conservation," the successful completion of this project ensures that the camp will continue to be a place for young campers - many of them from Lynn - to experience summer days in nature well into the future. Greenbelt is grateful for this chance to collaborate with the Club, and looks forward to more partnership opportunities down the road.

Spreading the word about the importance of land conservation and watershed protection in Haverhill

Participating in farmer's markets, Tattersall Farm Day, Team Haverhill's River Ruckus and meetings with community members, Greenbelt is on a mission to communicate the importance of land conservation in Haverhill. Most immediate is the need to conserve 88 acres surrounding Crystal Lake, an important source of the City's drinking water.

Conserving this land will not only help protect drinking water, it will also preserve critical wildlife habitat and expand access to trails in the adjacent Crystal Gorge Conservation Area. The next time you see the Greenbelt tent in Haverhill, stop by and say hello!