

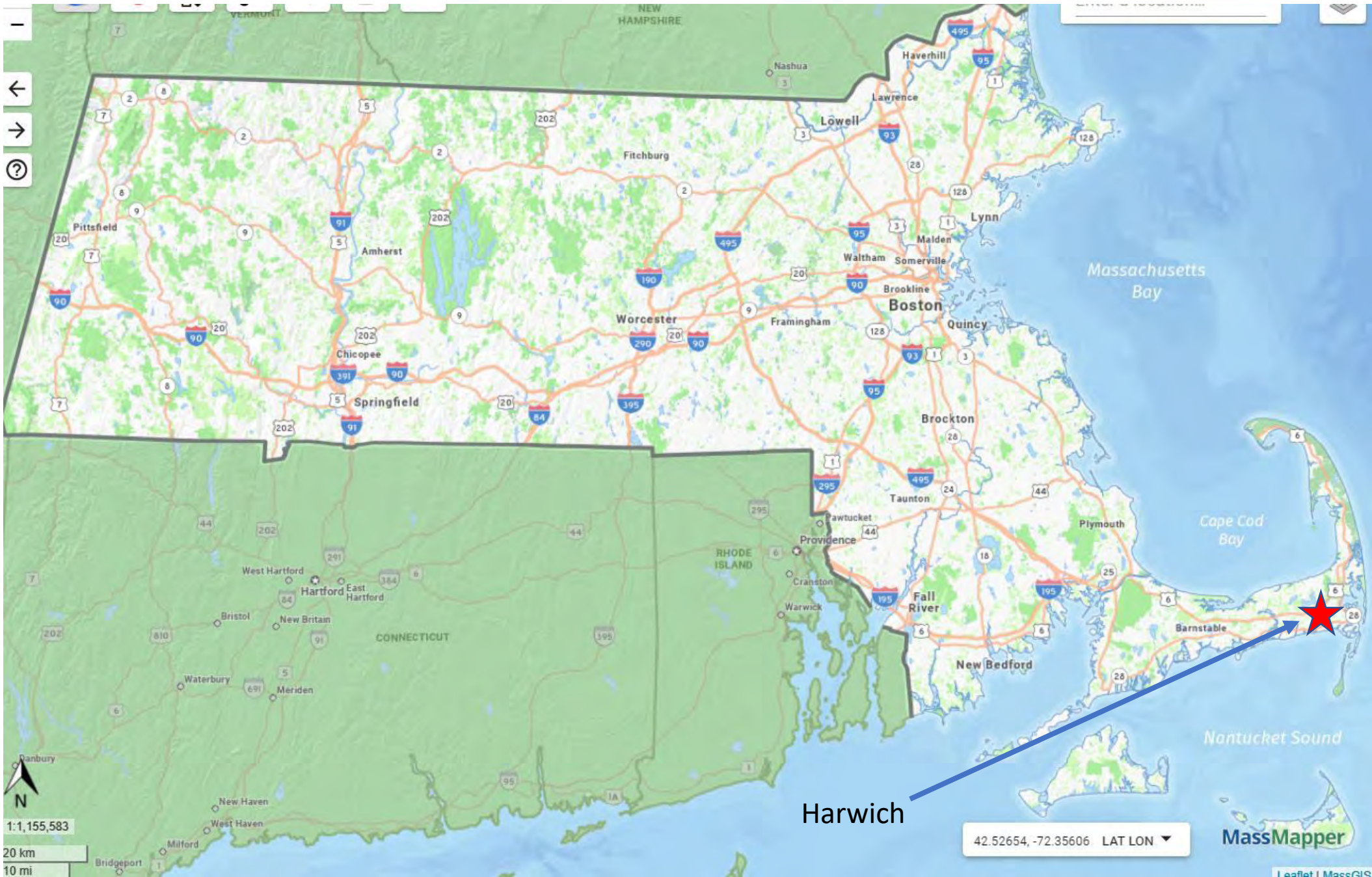


Increasing the Pace of Land Conservation

Massachusetts Land Trust/State Agency Retreat

October 6, 2023

Michael Lach, Executive Director, Harwich Conservation Trust (HCT)

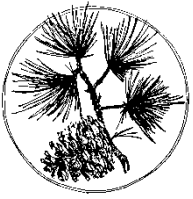


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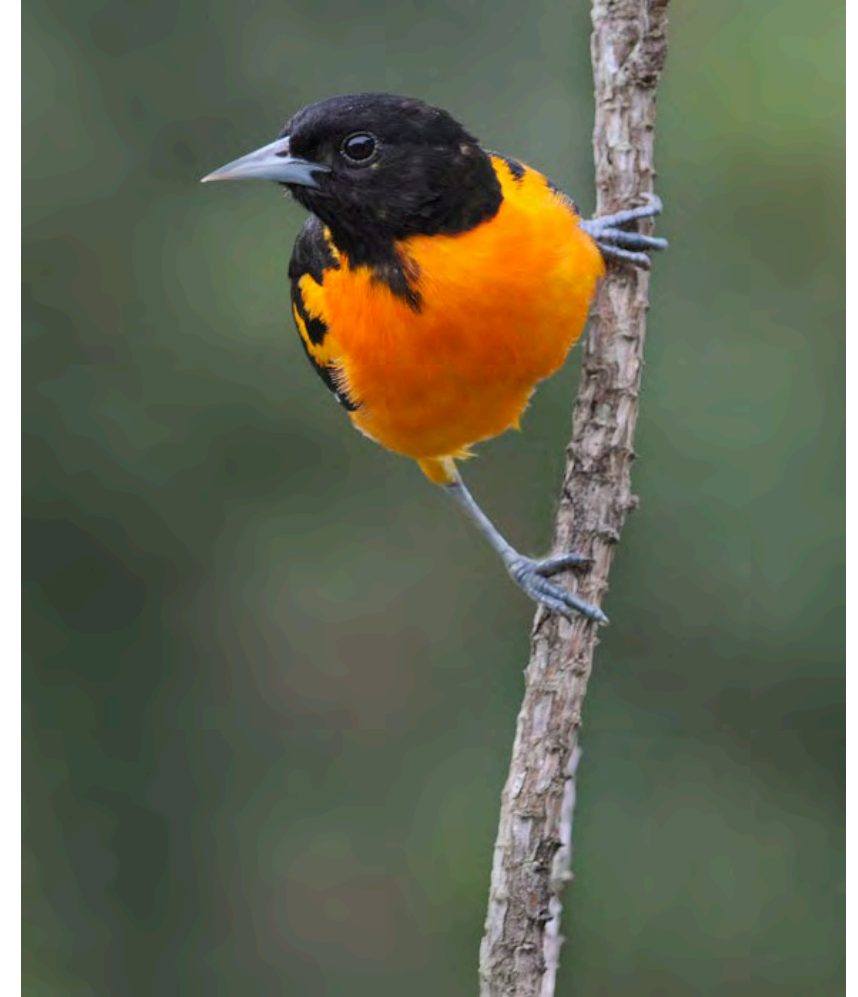
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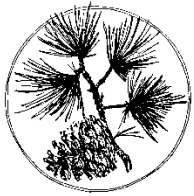


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Male Baltimore oriole photo by Janet DiMattia



Identifying Land Protection Projects

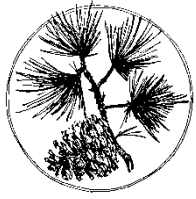
EX. HIGH VALUE FOR
WATER QUALITY,
WILDLIFE, RECREATION

THE BEST NEXT
PROPERTY



EX. AVAILABLE,
NEGOTIABLE,
CHARITABLE SALE,
FUNDRAISING

EX. LISTED ON MARKET,
SUBDIVISION PROPOSAL



2022: Robbins Pond Project

Goal: \$350,000 to save 3.3 acres with 660 feet of shoreline

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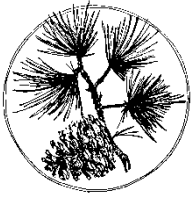


2022: White Pond Project

Goal: \$500,000 to save 1.37 acres with 300 feet of shoreline

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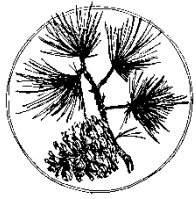


Herring River Marsh View Project

Goal: \$450,000 to save 2.25 acres with scenic views including 450 feet of salt marsh shoreline



View from HCT's A. Janet DeFulvio Wildlife Sanctuary wheelchair accessible boardwalk
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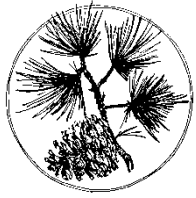


2022: Six Ponds Great Woods Project

Goal: \$3 million to save 85 acres with hiking trails connectivity to 320+ acres of neighboring conservation land

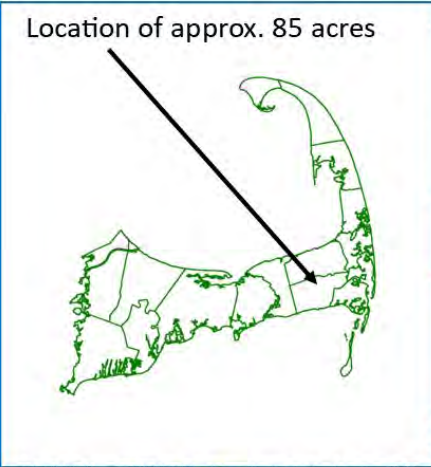


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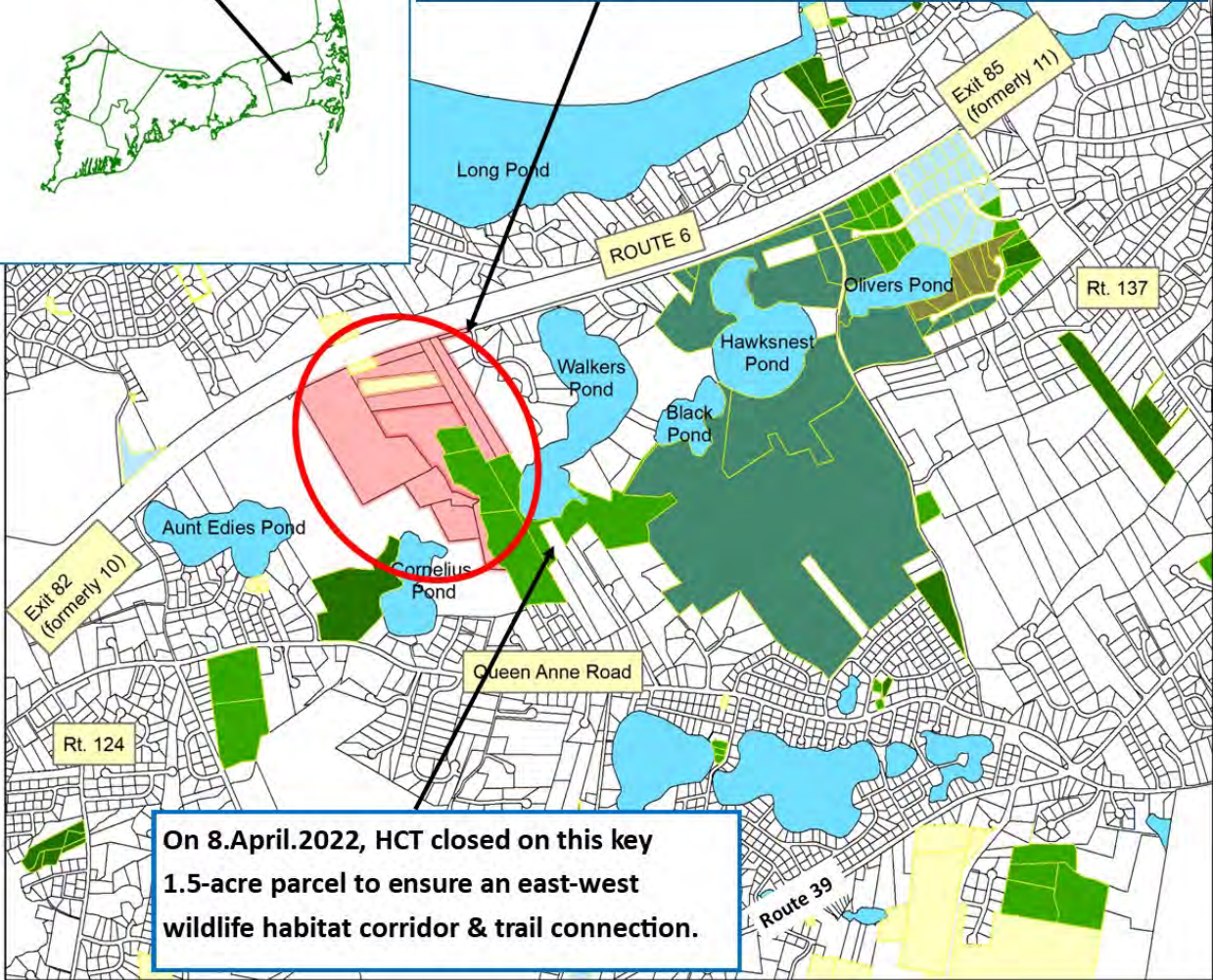
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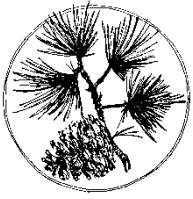


Preserving this acreage, the largest forested tract left on the Lower Cape, resulted in creating a 400-acre assemblage in the Six Ponds Special District when combined with adjoining town, state, and Harwich Conservation Trust lands.

Map of Six Ponds Great Woods Project

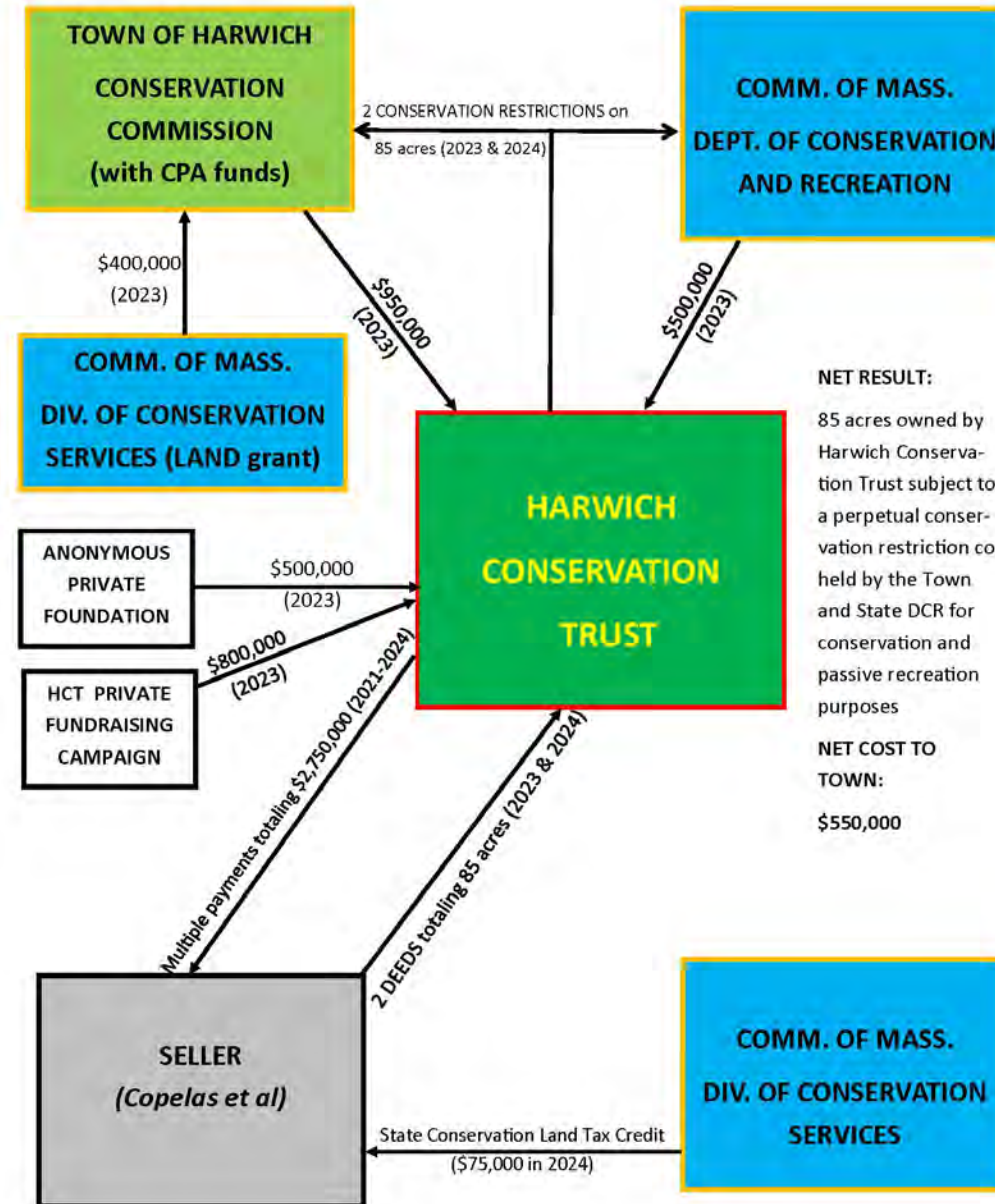


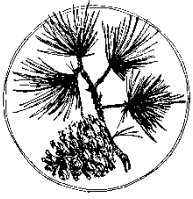
On 8.April.2022, HCT closed on this key 1.5-acre parcel to ensure an east-west wildlife habitat corridor & trail connection.



PARTNERSHIPS: 2022 Six Ponds Great Woods Project

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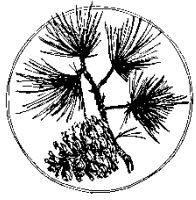


2023: Red River Valley Project

Goal: \$5,000,000 to save 12.34 acres with 780+ feet on Red River

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Communication: Consistency, Focus, Timing, Scope

Spring 2019

Reflections on land, water, and wildlife

- 2 Feisty fish
- 6 On the path
- 10 Growing season
- 12 Dedications
- 14 Woodlands saved
- 15 Inspiring events

Spring 2022

Making Connections

85-Acre Six Ponds Great Woods Project
Join Us to Save the Largest Landscape left on the Lower Cape

Plus: New Trail Opens at Hinckleys Pond – Herring River Headwaters Preserve, page 7

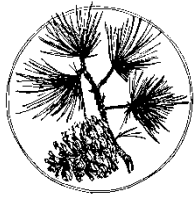
- 2 Vote "YES"
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- 6 Protect Robbins Pond
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- 14 Walk 'n Wag
- 15 Welcome Halley

Fall/Winter 2023

Celebrating 35 years together preserving, restoring & exploring the natural lands around us

LOOKING AHEAD: With your help let's create the new Red River Valley Preserve to protect wildlife habitat, the scenic experience along Rt. 28, and the water supply for both Harwich and Chatham.

- 2 Update: Red River Valley Preserve Project
- 6 Old Ladies Against Underwater Garbage
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- 12 Ms. Andrea Creatively Connects Kids & Families with Nature
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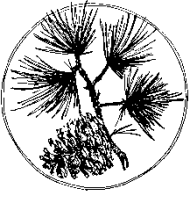
Community Engagement: HCT Guided Walks

Invite, Inform, Great Photos, Recaps

Photos by Gerry Beetham



Recap of Lessons Learned Along the Way to Increase Land Conservation



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Volunteers & AmeriCorps raise an osprey nesting platform, photo by Gerry Beetham