



JULIA ANGLE

Don Cox and Laura Scholten
OLD WILD FARM

"We need to do everything we can to partner with local farmers to keep their farms viable, and to keep their land available to grow food for future generations."

ED BECKER
President

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GREENBELT
ANNUAL MEETING

May 17, 2018

Cox Reservation, Essex

6:00pm Creative Pot Luck Supper

7:00pm Business Meeting



Greenbelt
Essex County's Land Trust

Spring 2018 Newsletter

Greenbelt and Partners Awarded \$1M to Permanently Protect Farmland

Seed Funding Earmarked for Working Farms in the Merrimack River Valley



Don Cox grew up farming in Oklahoma. In 2009, at the age of 23, he boldly embraced an opportunity to farm on nearly 100 acres of land in Haverhill, MA, which had passed

down through his mother's family. He was met and encouraged by a resurgent local food movement in the Merrimack Valley that supported his early CSA vegetable operation. Through trial and error, and with the help of a job "off the farm," he and his wife Laura have worked hard to make Old Wild Farm productive using organic farming and sustainable forestry practices.

"The outside job provided needed capital to grow our operation and every year we've worked to improve its profitability," said Don. "It's also taken the pressure off to sap the land for short-term profit – we've turned down a developer's offer to purchase our land four times this winter."

While every family farm situation is unique in Essex County, Don and Laura's story is a familiar one. It is very difficult to start farming and make a living, and it's equally hard for established farmers to withstand the growing demand to develop the fertile, yet cleared, rolling landscape they have farmed for generations.

These are just two of the reasons that Greenbelt and five partner organizations are pleased to have been awarded \$1,050,000 through the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) of the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service. The program will provide important seed funding to permanently protect working farms in the Merrimack River Valley over the next five years.

The awarded project, "Saving Farmland in the Southern Merrimack Watershed," allows Greenbelt to work with Essex County farmers to keep farming a vital part of the region's landscape and economy.

High land values in our region make these family farms extremely vulnerable to development. Greenbelt estimates that several thousand acres of unprotected farmland in the Merrimack Valley could change hands in the near future. The RCPP funding will allow Greenbelt to offer farmers the opportunity to keep their farms farming, forever.

According to project partner Land for Good, nearly 30% of Massachusetts farmers are likely to exit farming in the next decade, and 90% of these retiring farmers don't have a young farmer lined up to take over.

Although the main focus of the project will be voluntary agricultural conservation easement acquisition, Greenbelt and its partners will collaborate on a series of free workshops providing resources to both young farmers like Don and Laura, and older farmers thinking about their retirement. Over the 5-year project term, project partners Land for Good, Massachusetts Dept. of Agricultural Resources, National Young Farmers Coalition, Merrimack River Watershed Council, and the New Entry Sustainable Farming Project will collaborate on resource protection and educational programming on topics including farm business planning, how to find farmland to buy and lease, and farm succession planning.

"This program will be a real boost to farmland protection, viability, land access and farm legacy in this region,"

said Jim Hafner, Executive Director of Land for Good. "Viable farm businesses, access to land for next generation farmers, and securing the legacies of established farms and farmers are closely linked to permanent protection. Greenbelt is helping lead the way in applying farmland protection tools and building relationships to advance all these goals."



Dear Friends You'll often hear Greenbelt use the term **grassroots** to describe our approach to land conservation. In fact, we cannot be successful without it! The dictionary describes a grassroots movement as collective action from the local level that affects change at a higher level. For Greenbelt, it's about everyday citizens caring about something so much that they are willing to organize and inspire others to act on behalf of their community.

As we look back on the land conservation results Greenbelt achieved in 2017, and to what opportunities lie ahead for us this year, we see the examples of grassroots activism on behalf of land protection and nature everywhere.

Greenbelt began working with local community members in the Annisquam neighborhood of Gloucester, and in the southern region of Topsfield, who were galvanized by the possibility of large-scale development in their midst. With their help - by organizing their neighbors, attending meetings, raising funds and generating goodwill on Greenbelt's behalf - we were able to protect a scenic hillside on Lobster Cove in Gloucester and most of the historically significant Donibristle Farm in Topsfield. We highlight the efforts of grassroots activists for these projects in the 2017 Annual Report.

Grassroots movements may begin as small and at the hyper-local level, but they bring public attention to regional concerns. We saw this in action on Good Harbor Beach last summer, as our Land Stewardship crew helped protect exposed plover nests from danger. A passionate crew of citizens banded together to serve as plover wardens,



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hoping to protect these tiny creatures until they could fledge.

Gandhi counseled, be the change we want to see in the world. Our recent Film & Lecture Series hoped to strike this chord, providing thought-provoking oppor-

tunities to learn, build community and change the world, one neighborhood at a time. While we admit our goal remains lofty and some of our challenges overwhelming, we believe individual action for the greater good will generate effects that resonate at the broadest possible level, shaping resilient futures and empowering communities.

Thank you for all you continue to do to support our conservation work at the grassroots level and for the personal commitment you are making to support nature and our fragile environment.

Ed Becker
President

Philip Lake
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STAFF UPDATE - CONGRATULATIONS ALL AROUND



Thank you, Mary!

After seven years at Greenbelt, Mary Williamson will soon depart to become Executive Director of the Anna Jaques Hospital Community Health Foundation. Her new position marks an exciting leadership oppor-

tunity for Mary during a time of significant change at the hospital.

As anyone who has had the pleasure of working with Mary knows, she's been a key part of our team at Greenbelt. Her leadership, creativity and hard work led to our success with the Capital Campaign and annual fundraising, as well as in the quality and reach of our public programs and communications. Her contributions to our organization are significant and lasting. All of us at Greenbelt extend our heartfelt thanks to Mary for her service, and our best wishes on her new position.

Welcome Cathy!

Director of Development & Community Engagment

We are very pleased to announce that Cathy Lanois will be returning to Greenbelt as Director of Development and Community Engagement. Cathy served with us for nearly eight years in roles of increasing responsibility related to membership, fundraising and events, most recently as Assistant Director of Development alongside Mary. Her talents led her to a leadership position with another organization, and we are delighted to have the opportunity to once again work with her at Greenbelt.

And Jane!

Event & Outreach Coordinator

As Greenbelt seeks to engage new communities in our work and expand our lineup of events and activities, we needed full-time focus! Greenbelt is pleased to welcome Jane Rumrill of Salem as our new Event & Outreach Coordinator. Jane is a former educator, trail runner and all-around outdoor enthusiast.

Greenbelt Events Calendar

- W** **Monthly Walks**
Guided 1.5-2.0 hour walk, explore at a moderate pace
- Y** **Y Connections Hikes**
A cardio workout! Guided 2.0-2.5 hour hike, 4mph pace
- F** **Family Fun Events**
Themed event, perfect for children and adults of all ages
- R** **Trail Runs**
Energetic trail run through Greenbelt-conserved land
- P** **Programs**
Lecture, film or presentation to educate and inspire

RSVP FOR ALL GREENBELT EVENTS

Email: ecga@ecga.org, or call 978 768 7241 x10

www.ecga.org/events

All dates, times, and event locations are subject to change due to weather conditions. Please check online for updates.

May

- Y** **Explore Mill Pond**
Mill Pond Conservation Area | West Newbury
Partner Event, Y Connections Hiking Club
May 17, Thursday | 9:30 - 11:30 am
This weekday hike will take us through the largest trail network in West Newbury, popular with hikers, dog walkers and horseback riders. **FREE.**
- P** **Annual Meeting & Potluck Supper**
Cox Reservation | Essex
Special Event
May 17, Thursday 6:00 Dinner, 7:00 Meeting
Join us for the camaraderie of our popular potluck, followed by business meeting, elections and awards. **FREE.**
- F** **Pollinator Day**
Cox Reservation | Essex
Family Event, Lecture
May 19, Saturday
10:00am - 1:00pm Kid-friendly activities focus on important insects and mammals that are part of the pollinator cycle. **FREE.**
1:00 - 2:00pm Lecture: "Pollinator Friendly Pest Control in the Residential Garden" geared towards adult gardeners. **FREE.**
- W** **Forest Bathing Workshop**
Julia Bird Reservation | Ipswich
Monthly Walk
May 20, Sunday | 9:30am - 12:30pm
Join Nadine Mazzola, a certified Forest Therapy Guide, trainer and mentor, for a multi-sensory, restorative experience in nature, based on the Japanese practice of Shinrin-yoku. \$25

June

- W** **National Trails Day Hike**
Tompson Street Reservation | Gloucester
Monthly Walk
June 2, Saturday | 9:00 - 11:00 am **FREE**
Guided hike covers moderate to challenging terrain from Mt. Jacob Cemetery entrance.
- F** **Eyes on Owls**
ifarm | Boxford
Family Event
June 2, Saturday | 1:00 - 2:00 pm
Meet live owls and learn the field marks, signs and skills used to discover wild owls without disturbing them.
\$10 members, \$18 non-members
- P** **Art in the Barn**
Cox Reservation | Essex
29th Annual Art Exhibit & Sale
June 8, Friday 10:00 - 3:00, 5:00 - 8:30
June 9, Saturday 10:00 - 5:00
June 10, Sunday 10:00 - 5:00
Weekend-long sale of paintings, sculpture, pottery, and jewelry benefits Greenbelt's land conservation efforts. **FREE.**
- F** **Reptiles & Amphibians**
Arthur Ewell Reservation | Essex
Family Nature Series
June 16, Saturday | 4:00 - 6:00 pm
Wetlands are a hotbed of activity in mid-June and we'll focus on the critters that make ponds and streams their home with naturalist Andrew Prazar. **FREE.**
- Y** **Hike Among the Laurels**
Maudslay State Park | Newburyport
Partner Event, Y Connections Hiking Club
June 21, Thursday | 9:30 - 11:30 am
Ranger-guided tour of gardens, meadows, towering pines, and one of the largest naturally-occurring stands of mountain laurel in Massachusetts. **FREE.** *Parking fee*
- P** **Introduction to Invasive Insects**
Cox Reservation Barn | Essex
Special Event
June 21, Thursday | 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Learn the history and ecology of the many invasive insects that are found within Massachusetts from expert Javier Marin and how to help combat the threat. **FREE.**
- W** **Paddle with IRWA**
Ipswich River Riverbend | Ipswich
Partner Event, Ipswich River Watershed
June 24, Sunday | 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Start at Riverbend HQ and enjoy this guided paddle through the most beautiful and less frequented stretch of the river. **FREE.**
Limited capacity

July

- R** **Run for the Hills 5K/10K* Trail Run**
Pingree Reservation | Hamilton
North Shore Endurance Trail Series
July 14, Saturday | 9:00am Race Start
11th annual trail run on land conserved by Greenbelt. Register online at www.ecga.org/events. \$25 member/\$30 non-member.
**10K part of the North Shore Endurance Series*
- Y** **Towne Pond Loop**
Bald Hill Conservation Area
Middleton / Boxford
Partner Event, Y Connections Hiking Club
July 19, Thursday | 9:30 - 11:30 am
Join leader Richard Lombard for 3-mile hike on woodland trails along Towne Pond that has been shaped by beaver activity. **FREE.**
- W** **Plum Island Beach Tour**
Plum Island | Newburyport
Monthly Walk
July 29, Sunday | 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Join acclaimed local science writer and environmentalist Bill Sargent for a tour of the history and environmental significance of this fragile barrier beach paradise. **FREE.**

August

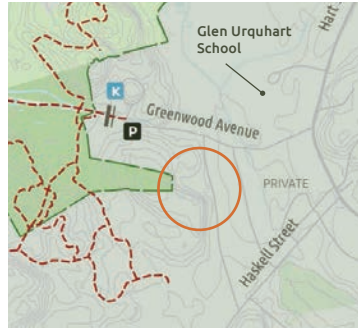
- Y** **Dogtown Connections**
Carter Reservation & beyond | Gloucester
Partner Event, Y Connections Hiking Club
August 16, Thursday | 9:30 - 11:30 am
Discover the dense woodlands and final resting places for rocky debris left behind by melting glaciers 10,000+ years ago. **FREE**
- P** **Mushroom Identification Classes**
Cox Reservation | Essex
Introductory Class
August 18, Saturday | 10:00 - 11:30 am
Intermediate Class
August 19, Sunday | 10:00 - 11:30 am
Join expert Gary Gilbert of the Boston Mycological Club to begin your journey into the fascinating world of mushroom hunting.
Limited capacity. \$10 materials fee for each class
- R** **Beverly Common Trail Run 3.5 / 7.0* Mi**
Beverly Common Conservation Area
North Shore Endurance Trail Series
August 25, Thursday | 9:00am Race Start
8th annual trail run on land conserved by Greenbelt. Register online at www.ecga.org/events. \$25 member/\$30 non-member.
**7.0 mi. part of the North Shore Endurance Series*

LAND ACQUISITION

Beverly Commons Gateway

5-ACRE ACCESS WITH PARKING TO BEVERLY COMMONS CONSERVATION AREA | BEVERLY

As part of a nearby development project, Greenbelt will acquire another five acres of land adjacent to our holdings in the Beverly Commons Conservation Area. The Commons (known to mountain bikers as “Greenwood”) is an area of approximately 126 protected acres of land owned and managed by both Greenbelt and the City of Beverly. Long popular because of its challenging and extensive trail system, adequate access and parking has always been limited. The addition of the Beverly Commons Gateway property allows Greenbelt to establish another access point along an existing driveway off of Webster Avenue. A beautiful “dragon’s tooth” wall graces the edge of the driveway and curves up the slope to meet our existing trail system along the cliffs. We expect the project to be completed later this summer.



Last Hurdle for Mehaffey Farm: Clarifying Town Meeting Vote April 30

28.8 ACRES OF HISTORIC FARMLAND ROWLEY

Greenbelt’s recent award of an \$85,000 state grant for the Mehaffey Farm conservation restriction (CR) has closed the fundraising gap on our campaign. Now one hurdle remains. Rowley voters can help by voting “yes” on Article 25 at their April 30 Town Meeting to confirm - not change - the Town’s authority to contribute \$100,000 of Community Preservation Act funds towards the CR acquisition. The vote does not change the amount authorized at the 2016 Town meeting. The Mehaffey Farm CR will permanently preserve this heritage farm from development, and allow for a new public trail and parking to access Willowdale State Forest.

MORE INFORMATION
www.ecga.org/saverowleyfarmland

Greenbelt Website Offers Easy Access to New Interactive Maps

ecga.org/trails

INTERACTIVE MAPS You can now access a variety of interactive maps on Greenbelt’s new website. The *Trails* button on our homepage takes users to an interactive Essex County map where you can zoom in and explore Greenbelt reservations, trails, and parking areas near where you live, work, or play. The new property search toolbar, accessed via the *Explore Our Properties* link, allows users to search for properties by town, activity, terrain, or keyword. Once on a property page, users can explore an interactive map of each property.

LOCATE ME* FEATURE While on the trail, touch our maps’ locate icon on your mobile device to show your position on the trail.

IN-DEPTH PROPERTY TOUR Another new feature is an interactive property tour of the Allyn Cox Reservation in Essex, Greenbelt’s headquarters. Navigate to the *History & Headquarters* page from the *Who We Are* menu. In the property tour you can experience many facets of the property including the history, flora and fauna, and regular events.



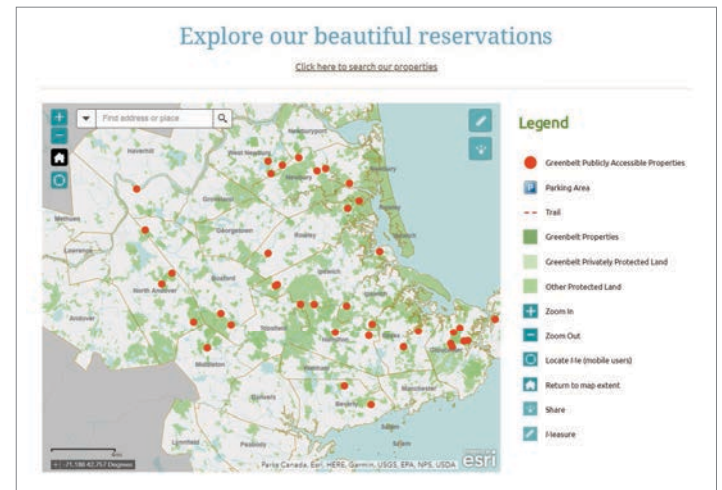
David Heacock Intern

TEAM EFFORT The interactive maps on the website were only possible due to the hard work of our previous MassLIFT AmeriCorps service member Christine Viola, and our dedicated interns from Salem State University. Our intern in the fall of 2017, Brendan Lewis, was instrumental in producing the interactive tour of the Cox Reservation and our current intern, David Heacock, is hard at work improving the look and performance of the web maps. Greenbelt is grateful for their effort and dedication.

*Location services must be activated on your phone. Accuracy is dependent on available cellular service.

Interactive County and Property Maps

Discover Greenbelt properties nearby



In-Depth Property Tour

Browse photos, history, features, events



Allyn Cox Reservation | Essex



Greenbelt staff reinstalling the Osprey platform at the Cox Reservation in Essex.

PROGRAM UPDATE

Osprey Platforms Recovered, Restored, Reinstalled

JANUARY STORM WREAKS HAVOC ON A DOZEN STRUCTURES

Another Osprey nesting season has begun and Greenbelt’s 2018 Osprey Program is well underway. The winter of 2018 was not kind to Osprey nest platforms in our region. At least 12 platforms were knocked down and swept away by the high tides and floating ice associated with a storm on January 4. Luckily, many of the platforms were found, recovered, restored and reinstalled in February and March in time for the Osprey’s return.

Now with spring upon us, the Osprey are back in the area and nesting once again. Our crew of 20+ citizen scientist nest monitors are out there now collecting observational data and helping Greenbelt know what is happening and where. If you are interested in helping out, go to www.ecga.org/osprey_watch for more information. Greenbelt’s Osprey Program relies entirely on private donations and grants to complete all the monitoring, management, research and public outreach work, so please consider supporting the program. For more information visit ecga.org/osprey



Improvements Continue

**DONOVAN/SAGAMORE HILL
HAMILTON**

In the fall of 2017, with cold weather rapidly approaching and the ground about to freeze, Greenbelt completed the signage, public access road, parking area and boardwalk to trails at the Donovan Reservation in Hamilton. Many hikers, skiers and dog walkers enjoyed this magnificent property all winter. This spring, Greenbelt is continuing to make improvements at this reservation by adding informational kiosks and

directional trail markers at key points along the trail system. We also entered into an agreement with a local farmer to cut the hay each summer. More than ever, we invite the public to come and enjoy this stunning property. For more information visit ecga.org/donovan

PUBLIC ACCESS PROJECTS 2018

Creating and Enhancing Public Access

STEWARDSHIP STAFF PROJECTS

- **Donovan Reservation** | Hamilton
Additional trail marking, new kiosks
- **Donibristle Reservation** | Topsfield
New parking area
- **Atherton Reservation** | West Newbury
Trail improvements
- **Seine Field** | Gloucester
Building an all-access trail
- **Tompson Street Reservation** | Gloucester
Improve trail marking
- **Patton Riverwalk** | Hamilton
Assisting town of Hamilton with creating public access
- **Castle Neck River Reservation** | Ipswich
(formerly Pony Express)
Developing plans for improved public access



National Trails Day 2017
Leonhard Farm CR | North Andover & Boxford

CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING

Property Monitoring Program

Designed for our members to act as our eyes and ears on Greenbelt properties throughout Essex County.

Types of volunteer activities

- Trail clearing
- Trail marking and maintenance
- Wildlife observation
- Leading walks for Greenbelt

Requirements for the program

- Reporting to Greenbelt at regular intervals
- Basic knowledge of trail maintenance
- Good physical health

GET INVOLVED WITH US!

ecga.org/property-monitoring

For more information contact Dave McKinnon
dmckinnon@ecga.org, 978 768 7241 x26.

In Memoriam



Ferdinand Colloredo-Mansfeld

Greenbelt expresses its sympathies to the family of Ferdinand “Moose” Colloredo-Mansfeld who passed away in late December. Though he spent more than 35 years as a significant figure locally and nationally in commercial real estate, his resume of civic involvement was even longer, serving in a leadership capacity on many local non-profit boards, believing that one should contribute back to the community and the society that we live and work in. The Colloredo-Mansfeld family have been major contributors of land for conservation in Hamilton, and have been ardent advocates for land protection efforts throughout the region and nation.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Pollinator Day, Fun for All!
Saturday, May 19th
Cox Reservation | ESSEX

Kid-Friendly Fun | **Gardener Lecture**
10:00am - 1:00pm | 1:00 - 2:00pm

Learn about the important insects and mammals that are part of the pollinator cycle at this free event.

- Enjoy a pollinator scavenger hunt
- Create a pollinator seed kit
- Build a mason bee house

Weather permitting there will be an introduction to the Cox Reservation bees with a hive opening and honey extraction demo.



Pollinator Day | Cox Reservation

Light snacks will be provided. All are welcome to bring a blanket and a picnic lunch!

Interested gardeners are encouraged to stay for a lecture about pollinator-friendly pest control led by two local beekeeping experts, Mike Garvey and Randy Johnson.

Art in the Barn | June 8-10 Weekend
BENEFIT ART EXHIBIT & SALE

Cox Reservation | Essex

Join us for the 29th year of our annual art show! Art in the Barn kicks off on Friday, June 8th with a fun-filled evening featuring music by EJ Oulette & Crazy Maggy, and refreshments by Lexie’s Burger Bus, Ipswich Ale, and Mill River Winery. Join us for a weekend full of beautiful paintings, jewelry, pottery, outdoor sculpture, and more all by local artisans. Interested in volunteering at the show? Email Shelley at shelley@ecga.org for more information.

FIND OUT MORE
www.ecga.org/artinthebarn



Tour de Greenbelt Adds Gravel Grinder Route



50-mile/25-mile Road Routes
37-mile Gravel Grinder NEW COURSE!

Seasoned cyclists to roadies in training will find thrilling scenery, on-route support and finish-line festivities at Greenbelt’s 4th annual cycling event. Choose from two all-road routes, or head into the woods on the new Gravel Grinder course, a combination of on- and off-road biking. Proceeds will directly benefit Greenbelt’s land conservation efforts. Entry fee includes bike jersey, after-party festivities and a road bike raffle ticket.

\$150 members, \$175 non-members, \$200 day of ride, \$50 Fundraising rate

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Al Creighton’s 100th Birthday

One of Greenbelt’s first Board Members and co-founder of the Manchester-Essex Conservation Trust, Al’s passion and life’s work has been protecting open space, delineating a core area in Essex County as wilderness, and protecting the picturesque coastline of Maine.

His impact in our region, and the northeast, is reflected in Greenbelt’s creation of the Al Creighton Conservation Award in 2011, during our 50th Anniversary year. The award annually recognizes a leader in regional natural resource protection.

We wish Al our heartfelt congratulations as he celebrates this special milestone. Happy birthday, Al!

Winner of Second Tower Garden Shares Thoughts on Greenbelt

During 2017, Greenbelt offered two donated Tower Garden Systems as membership incentives. We're pleased to announce that Peter and Michelle O'Connor of Ipswich, won the second system at year-end. We are happy to share their recent letter.

Dear Greenbelt,

We have been Greenbelt members for over 20 years. Our commitment comes from an abiding belief that having an opportunity to regularly experience nature and open spaces is a vital human need.

For many years, when our children were young, we had no TV in our home. We found ourselves a bit overwhelmed

with the amount of time we had on our hands trying to keep our three young kids engaged. So our only choice was to get outside. During this period, we enjoyed regular outings to the **Julia Bird Reservation**. The hike through the woods to the banks of the Ipswich River was just long enough for beginner hikers. When we reached the river, the kids and the dogs would cool off with a nice swim! In the winter time, we regularly headed to **Willowdale** for cross-country skiing. The terrain is perfect for kids. No real steep climbs, but a huge variety of landscapes.

These days I would have to say our favorite destination is the **Donovan Reservation**. We have abutted this property for over 20 years and spent most of that time fretting over it's future. Without Greenbelt's persistence and vision, this gorgeous landscape likely would have become just another subdivision.

What is most valuable to our family about being Greenbelt members is knowing that, in our small way, we have helped preserve these beautiful outdoor spaces for generations to come.

Hmmmm... we haven't quite wrapped our heads around the magical powers of the Tower Garden. While we are in awe of all that nature offers, we have had very little luck contributing to her bounty in a direct green-thumb kind of way. That said, we're going to give this our best shot and will keep you posted on our successes.

Peter & Michelle O'Connor
Ipswich



Peter with daughters Isabelle and Lilly, enjoying a hike with their dogs Smitty, Boone and Taz.

SHARE YOUR SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

If you'd like to share your special relationship with Greenbelt for an upcoming newsletter, please contact Cathy Lanois at cathy@ecga.org or call 978 768 7241.



President Search Update

Greenbelt is in the active search phase for its next President. The Board is dedicated to identifying a passionate and strategic leader for Greenbelt's next chapter in local land conservation.

The Board is partnering with Koya Leadership Partners, a national search firm, in this critically important search and transition. Recruitment of candidates is ongoing. The search committee is excited with the search response to date, and will be conducting several rounds of interviews with promising candidates in April and early May. Engagement and interviews with finalist candidates will likely take place in late spring. We look forward to sharing further progress in the months ahead.

Search Committee:

Brad Aham, Mickey Culver, Alison Falk, Weze Harrigan, Philip Lake, Holly Langer, Annie Madden, David Tory, Kent Wosepka

Shhh! Don't Tell Ed!

FESTIVITIES PLANNED

Greenbelt invites our supporters and partners to join us in honoring the many contributions of our long-time President, Ed Becker, who will be retiring later this year.

Here's a few ways you can participate:

CONTRIBUTE TO ED'S SCRAPBOOK

We are collecting your memories, reflections, well-wishes and photos and compiling them into a scrapbook that will be presented to Ed at his farewell celebration. Please send any material for this book to alexandra@ecga.org, upload via webpage ecga.org/edbecker or drop them off at the Cox Reservation by June 1.



GIVE A GIFT TO THE ED BECKER FUND FOR GREEN INITIATIVES

In recognition of Ed's outstanding achievements, Greenbelt has established the Ed Becker Fund for Green Initiatives, a source of funding for critical land protection opportunities. Our goal is to raise \$250,000 for this Fund by September 30th.

JOIN US FOR THE ED'STIVAL!

Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 30, 3:00 - 6:00 pm at the Cox Reservation. This laid-back BBQ will give you a chance to thank Ed and wish him happy trails.



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