

Conserving land is just the beginning! Once a property is protected, Greenbelt's mission to steward and safeguard the land continues — now and forever.



Analyze & Document Property

Collect detailed baseline data and create long-term stewardship plan

- Record GIS data
- Inventory land resources
- Catalog into database
- Map unique property features



Design Trails & Navigation

Enhance or create trails and improve public access

- Create user-friendly trail maps
- Install wayfinding signs & kiosks
- Assess parking needs
- Update GreenbeltGo trails app



Protect Biodiversity Facilitate safe, year-round access

for visitors while preserving existing wildlife habitat - Plow, mow, clear trail hazards

- Enhance access, build boardwalks - Sustain wildlife corridors
- Protect ground nesting birds - Strengthen Osprey program



Ensure Protection of Conserved Land Forever

Manage Conservation Restrictions (CRs), which permanently protect private land

- Oversee and uphold CRs - Engage with landowners to review and clarify CR terms
- Monitor CR compliance through regular property visits



Create opportunities for secure and affordable farmland, foster sustainable agriculture

- Provide assistance with farmland acquisition and protection Connect farmers to succession, estate, and business planning resources

- Manage Greenbelt community gardens
- Lease/license land to farmers



generations

- Provide free, guided property walks - Offer educational and family nature programs

- Host annual recreational events - Advance community partnerships and volunteer opportunities

Forever Greenbelt – preserving and protecting land in Essex County for generations to come

