



Greenbelt
Essex County's Land Trust



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Greenbelt's Growing Membership

In 2022, Greenbelt welcomed more than 260 new members from across the United States, including 33 of the 34 cities and towns that make up Essex County. Members make it possible for Greenbelt to conserve natural land, healthy ecosystems, clean water, local food supplies and scenic landscapes, while offering free and accessible places for all. If you are not yet a member and interested in joining, please click below. If you are one of our much-appreciated members, please consider telling a friend about Greenbelt. Membership matters, thank you!

News and Happenings



Farm Succession Stories

On February 9, Greenbelt's Conservation team worked in partnership with the New England nonprofit Land for Good to host *Farm Succession Stories: Passing Your Farm to the Next Generation of Farmers*. During this candid and interactive panel discussion, farmland owners shared the family history of their land and first-hand experiences in planning for the future of their farms.

From its earliest days, Greenbelt has worked to protect farms in Essex County. This includes working with more than 50 farming families, representing over 1,000 acres of cultivated farmland. We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with Land for Good to support our local agricultural community.



Trees on the Trail? Let us know!

With over 100 miles of Greenbelt trails, Stewardship staff are busy year-round working to keep trails safe and accessible for all to enjoy. The Stewardship team receives many reports of downed trees, limbs, and other trail issues through the GreenbeltGo app. GreenbeltGo allows trail-users the option to send pictures and the exact location of issues encountered on Greenbelt properties. We encourage you to use this feature when you are out on the trails too!



***Cooked: Survival by Zip Code* with Dr. Marcos Luna**

As part of the 2023 Film & Lecture series, Greenbelt and co-hosts Lynn Museum/LynnArts screened *Cooked: Survival by Zip Code* on February 8. This thought-provoking film connects the dots between natural disasters and, in the filmmaker's words, "the way class, race and zip code predetermine our chances of survival during environmental crises."

Following the film, Dr. Marcos Luna led a thoughtful discussion sharing how he and his team use geospatial technology to analyze the impact of climate change, and identify areas of environmental injustice in our own region.



We're Hiring!

Bring your love of the land to our team at Greenbelt! The Stewardship Department is accepting applications for a seasonal, full-time Land Stewardship Technician for the months of May through August. This opportunity is based out of the Cox Reservation headquarters in Essex, though responsibilities involve working at properties throughout the county.

Greenbelt seeks 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. Join us!



Welcome, Rebecca Smalley

We are excited to announce that Becca Smalley has joined the Conservation team as Greenbelt's GIS Specialist. Along with a strong dedication to local land conservation, Becca brings extensive geographic, analytic, and technical skills to the role. Becca received her Bachelor's Degree in Cartography, and will receive her Master's Degree in Geo-Information Science from Salem State University this spring. Please join us in welcoming Becca!