



Greenbelt
Essex County's Land Trust



Lynn Woods, Lynn

Get Outdoors at Lynn Woods

The City of Lynn, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, and Greenbelt have completed a decades-long effort to ensure all of Lynn Woods is [permanently protected from development](#). A beloved recreational area since 1890, many property users were unaware that this vast landscape was not permanently protected until this past year.

Greenbelt invites you to explore this stunning 2,100 acre property and the many activities available to visitors. [Learn more](#), and stay tuned for additional hikes later this fall to celebrate the permanent protection of Lynn Woods.

News and Happenings

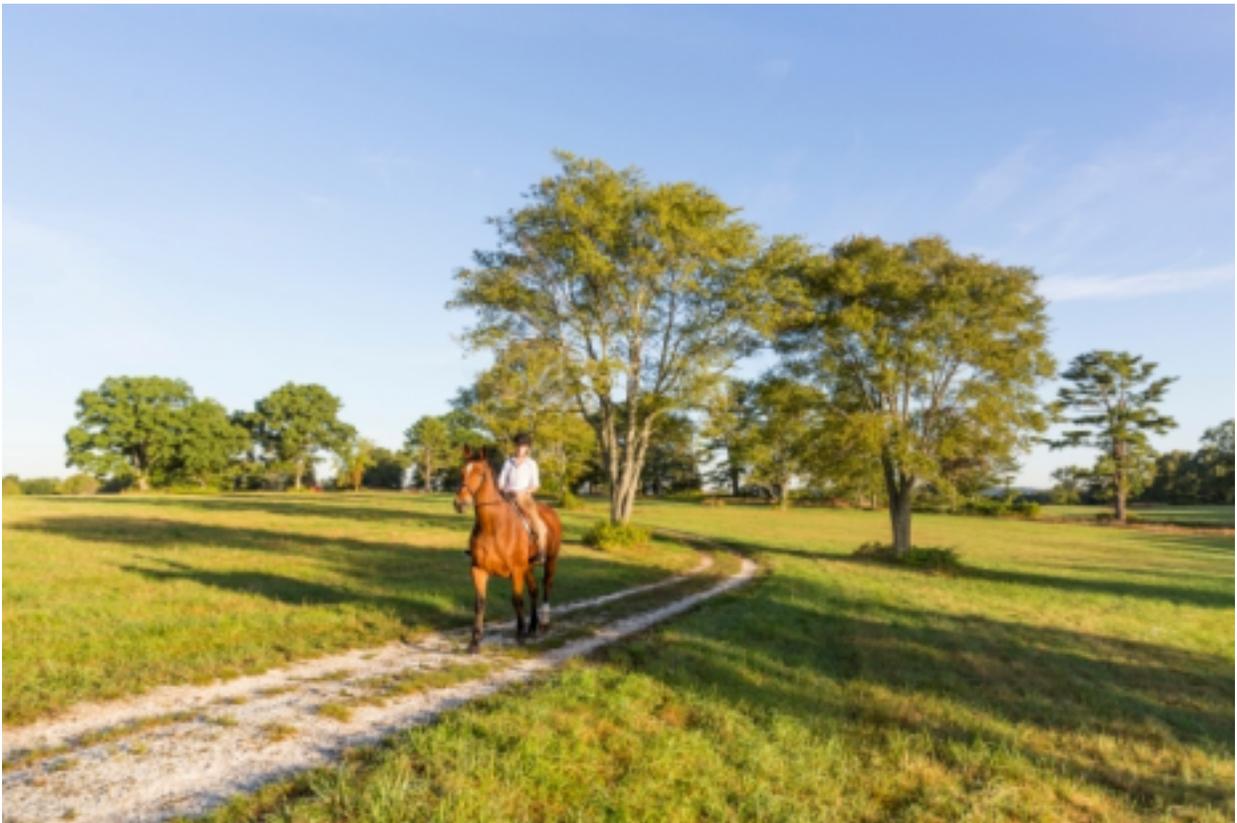


Mount Hunger, Essex and Gloucester

Mount Hunger Land Campaign

Greenbelt is actively fundraising to conserve 90 critical acres in Essex and Gloucester, land that will further expand the protected forest in the Manchester Essex-Gloucester area. Conserving this Mount Hunger land will conserve wildlife habitat, protect important watershed, and ensure public access to an existing, popular trail system.

[Learn more](#), and help us reach our fundraising goal by March31st!



John J. Donovan Reservation & Sagamore Hill Conservation Area, Hamilton & Essex

Myopia Hunt Club Wins Conservation Award

Greenbelt congratulates the Myopia Hunt Club, in Hamilton, which was recently recognized by the Masters of Foxhounds Association with its 2024 Hunting Habitat Conservation Award. The award acknowledged Myopia's significant and enduring contributions toward the preservation of habitat and biodiversity.

The Hunt and Members of the Hunt have been significant supporters of a number of Greenbelt projects that provide meaningful public access, including the [John. J Donovan Reservation/Sagamore Hill Conservation Area](#) and [Vineyard Hill Reservation](#).



Bridges at River Road, West Newbury

The Work Continues: Trail Improvements

Greenbelt's Stewardship Department works year-round, even in the cold weather months. If you've been out on the trails lately, you may have noticed an updated boardwalk at [Nickerson Knoll](#) in Wenham, a new parking area at [Alt Reservation](#) in Beverly, and a new parking area at [Tomson Street Reservation](#) in Gloucester, allowing easier access to Sunset Mountain.

Keep an eye out for more property improvements, and maybe you'll even encounter the crew at work during an upcoming hike!

Join the Stewardship Team this Summer!

Are you looking for a summer job? Do you love being outdoors, enjoy working the land and know your way around power equipment? Then we have the position for you! Greenbelt is seeking applicants for a Seasonal Land Stewardship Technician. This full-time position is seasonal, May August (approximately 12-14 weeks), and will support all aspects of the Land Stewardship department with their work, including property maintenance, event support, invasive plant control and more.

[Click the link to learn more and to apply!](#)



Gaining Ground Campaign

Land trusts play an important role in mitigating the effects of climate change, and Greenbelt is proud to support the Land Trust Alliance's Gaining Ground campaign. It is aimed at teaching the benefits of land conservation to those who care about our warming planet. To meet the goals of Gaining Ground, Greenbelt is working alongside land trusts across the U.S. to save an additional 60 million acres by the end of 2030.



Winter Solstice 2023

Solstice Walk & Winter Fun

Greenbelt supporters marked the Winter Solstice with a walk to the summit of the John J. Donovan Reservation at Sagamore Hill on December 21. They watched the sun set in silence and then toasted the New Year and the return of longer days.

Greenbelt properties are open year-round for recreation and, when there's snow on the ground, to snowshoe and cross-country ski.



Castle Neck River Reservation, by Neil Ungerleider

Remembering George Loring

Greenbelt mourns the passing of George Loring, a former Greenbelt board member and vice president. An avid conservationist, he also co-founded the Manchester-Essex Conservation Trust. George was a passionate bird watcher who traveled often on birding expeditions.