



STEWARDSHIP

The Trust views its conservation lands as a legacy for area residents and we consider stewardship of these lands as our basic responsibility.

Each Director is a Steward for one or more of the Trust's properties and is responsible for developing and implementing a specific management plan for that property.

For example, trails must be cleared, marked and maintained; fields mown; and shorelines, marshes and wooded areas cleared of debris.

While the Directors do some maintenance and volunteers make a huge contribution, services such as clearing fallen or dead trees or mowing fields must be contracted out to professional vendors. Every year the Trust invests in maintaining our properties so they are safe and beautiful for those who visit. The cost of good stewardship is steep.

Future plans include restoring portions of Dean's Meadow to a grass meadowland.

Please support our stewardship program by making a donation...even a small amount makes a big difference.

Pictured on the left are views looking into Pelletier Park before and after a recent clearing effort.



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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Friend of the Cohasset Conservation Trust,

We hope that you are enjoying the summer, and that you will have a chance to enjoy some of the Cohasset Conservation Trust's properties. Spend the day on Bassing Beach walking out past the breakwater and taking in the beautiful views of the busy harbor, the Glades at the end of Minot, and the ocean and Minot's Ledge Light beyond. Enjoy a walk through the wooded and peaceful Great Brewster Woods on the trails now more clearly marked with yellow trail markers. Put your kayak or canoe in at the Gulf River crossing on Gannett Road in Scituate and paddle down the Gulf River, enjoying the open marshes and wildlife habitat of Pegram Preserve and Dormitzer Salt Marsh on the left at the Scituate/Cohasset border. Enjoy the view into Barbara Churchill Conservation Area from the spot where Beechwood Street crosses Bound Brook. All of these and our other properties, over 100 acres in total, are identified and described on the map in this newsletter.

We hope you also enjoy the information we have put together for you in this newsletter: the articles on our newest property, Ingram Park, and our trail marking project in Great Brewster; and the photos of our third annual Earth Day Cleanup during which Cohasset High School students cleaned up Bassing Beach and Scott's Shore.

Our success in preserving these properties and maintaining them for future generations to enjoy depends in large part on the support we have received from you ever since our founding in 1967. Please consider a donation now or during our end-of-year fund drive – or both! – to enable us to continue to make the enjoyment of open space a part of all our lives.

Sincerely,
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The Andrus Property as viewed across Lily Pond serves as a wildlife refuge and watershed protection.

HELP US PRESERVE COHASSET'S NATURAL BEAUTY

What we have saved and what we will save is all that will remain to be passed on to future generations. You can make a difference. Please support the CCT's conservation and stewardship efforts.

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☐ I have enclosed forms for a matching gift.

Enclosed please find my tax-deductible donation in the amount of \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: The Cohasset Conservation Trust Inc. and mail to Cohasset Conservation Trust Inc. PO Box 314 Cohasset MA 02025 or donate online at www.cohassetconservationtrust.org



NEW TRAIL MARKERS GUIDE WALKERS AT GREAT BREWSTER WOODS

Great Brewster Woods and Dean's Meadow together cover 26 acres and were donated to the CCT in 1985 and 1002 respectively by the Great Brewster Corporation and Helen Dean.

The CCT hopes the new markers will encourage more people to walk the trail and enjoy this beautiful natural area so close to the center of town.

The entrance to Great Brewster is at the end of Great Brewster Lane, off the St. Stephen's Church end of Highland Avenue. Parking is available in the Town Hall parking lot.

The Directors of the Cohasset Conservation Trust recently posted the walking trail in their Great Brewster Woods property with new yellow trail markers.

The first part of the trail winds past old stone walls and ledge (one of which, off a short side trail on the left, offers views of Little Harbor over 'the Mohawk' salt marsh) and follows a gradual downhill slope.

The trail then follows a loop, turning right and then left through Dean's Meadow, then left again through a stone wall, past a small brook (just off the trail on the right) and the Mohawk salt marsh.

It then turns left again, running uphill to rejoin the trail back towards town. The entire trail is now clearly marked with yellow markers. A trail map highlighting interesting landmarks is planned to be available for download from our website in time for fall foliage walks.



A NOTE TO THOSE WHO VISIT OUR PROPERTIES _____

Many of our conservation lands are open to the public, and we welcome visitors who walk our woodlands, meadows and coastal properties. We ask only that you "Leave only footprints, take only memories." *Chief Seattle*

However, some of our properties are dedicated wildlife habitat areas where access may be limited or prohibited. We appreciate your cooperation in abiding by any posted restrictions.

Thank you,
Cohasset Conservation Board Members _____

CCT PARTNERS WITH THE COHASSET LAND FOUNDATION TO PRESERVE INGRAM PROPERTY



Our most recent acquisition, Ingram Park, is a large parcel of open space south of Beechwood Street and west of the railroad tracks. Farmland 100 years ago, the park is now forested with underbrush, including bull briar, typical of many grown-over farm parcels in the area. By and large fairly flat, in detail the contour of the 22 acre park is rolling and slightly sloped with areas of wetlands as well as uplands. Three fourths of the park occupies a swath of land running adjacent to the railroad right of way, with the remainder looping around behind Talarico and Norman Todd Lanes and reconnecting with Beechwood Street next to the Vedanta Center.

Together with the land of the Vedanta Center and the Cohasset Land Foundation, Ingram Park helps create an almost 50 acre reservation and wildlife corridor spanning from the railroad tracks to Route 3A and from Beechwood Street to Brewster Road and Ledgewood Drive. The property was part of a 35 acre parcel purchased in 2007 by the Land Foundation, which retained 12 acres for itself, and sold the remaining land to the Conservation Trust and the Vedanta Center.

Our long range plan for the park is to maintain it in its semi-wild and overgrown state, while improving access and developing trails to provide a walking and riding environment similar to those in Wheelwright Park and Whitney Woods. There are definite opportunities here for Eagle Scout projects!

The park is named after George M. Ingram who arrived in Boston with his parents as a young boy from Scotland in 1881. George grew up to become a butcher working at the Quincy Market, and around the time of World War I he bought this land from the long established Lincoln family in order to build himself a permanent residence. He eventually decided to build on a smaller parcel he owned on the other side of Route 3A, leaving the larger parcel undeveloped. His son, Osborne F. Ingram, a civic minded lifelong resident of Cohasset and a former Advisory Board Member and School Committee Chairman, inherited the land and worked with his family and the Land Foundation to enable its purchase for open space.

The public is welcome to use the park, recognizing that it is still undeveloped. Anyone using it had better wear sturdy waterproof boots, thorn resistant jeans and jacket, and in season, bring along a healthy supply of mosquito repellent!

The best access is either near our Ingram Park sign about 100 yards south of the railroad crossing on Beechwood Street, or near the Land Foundation's 'Lots for Sale' sign close to the junction of Norman Todd Road and Beechwood Street.





Cohasset High School boys lacrosse team members with CCT Director Jim Hamilton ready to leave for Scott's Shore

3RD ANNUAL CCT/CHS EARTH DAY CLEAN UP APRIL 22, 2010

The Cohasset High School boys and girls lacrosse teams picked up bottles, cans, plastic, and trash that has accumulated at two CCT properties, Bassing Beach and Scott's Shore. Trash bags and gloves were provided by the Board of Health and the DPW.

Harbormaster Lorri Gibbons transported the girls to Bassing Beach and helped haul several boatloads of trash back to the Government Island parking lot. Bassing yielded the most trash, including abandoned tents, a mattress and old lobster pots.

The Trust thanks all the students who showed up and made the cleanup relatively short work under sunny skies.



Cohasset High School girls lacrosse team members ready to leave for Bassing Beach



Girls loading the trash onto the Harbormaster's boat

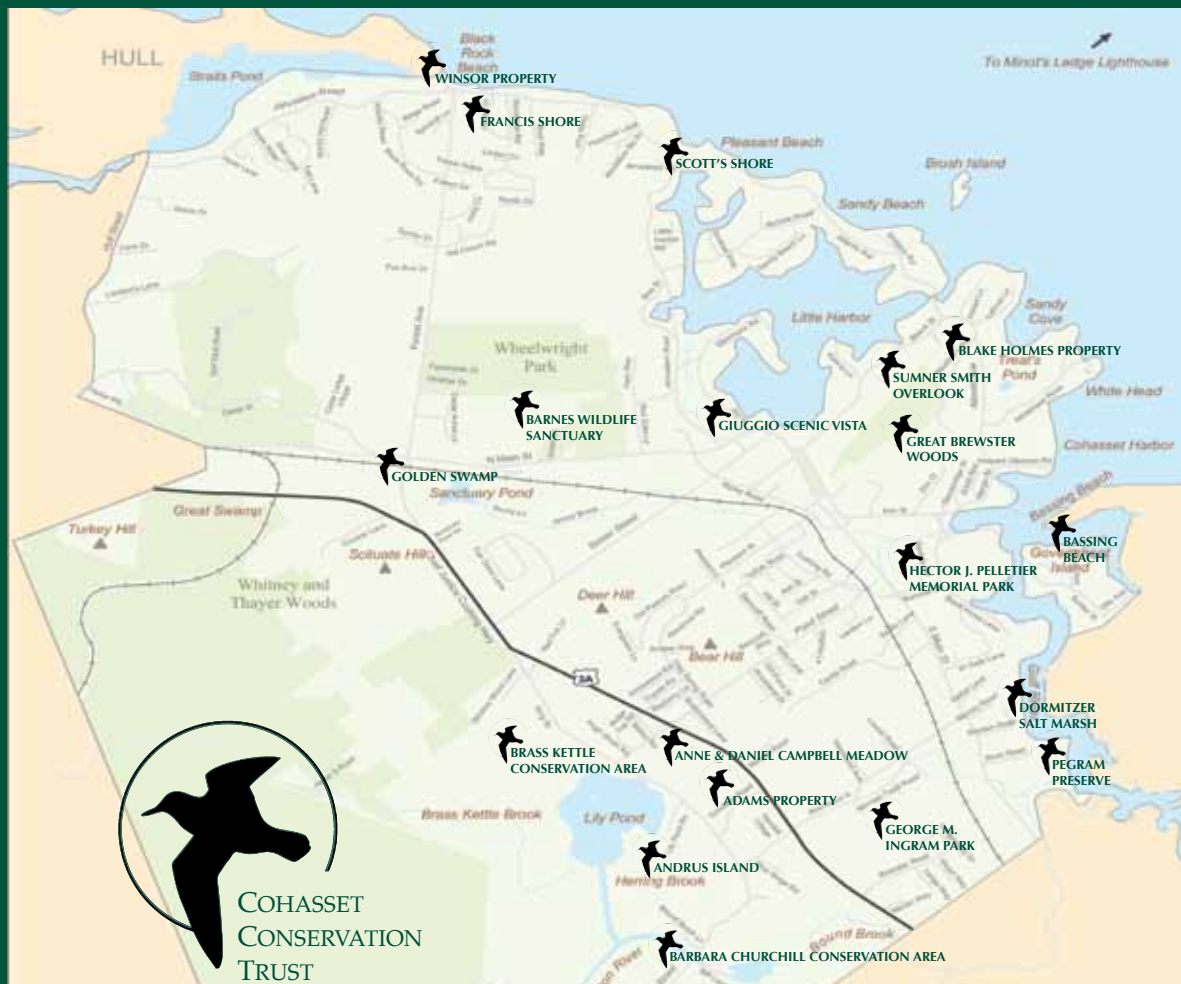


Girls at Bassing with their haul



Girls on the town dock with their haul





The Cohasset Conservation Trust's holdings comprise over 100 acres of shoreline, woodlands, and meadows.

ADAMS PROPERTY: 5.25 acre parcel protects Lily Pond and preserves wooded roadside

ANDRUS ISLAND: 3 acres of wooded land helps to protect Cohasset's water supply

BARNES WILDLIFE SANCTUARY: 32 acres of forest habitat abutting Wheelwright Park; Town- owned, the CCT donated significant funds towards its purchase & holds the Conservation Restriction

BARBARA CHURCHILL CONSERVATION AREA: 5 acres of low-lying woods; provides habitat for birds, waterfowl, fish, and other wildlife

BASSING BEACH: 3/4 mile long barrier beach; first property purchased by the Trust; first property acquired in 1968

BLAKE HOLMES PROPERTY: dense woodland and rock ledges provide nesting areas for wildlife and birds

BRASS KETTLE CONSERVATION AREA: almost 100 acres in the Lily Pond Watershed; owned by the Water Commission, the CCT donated significant funds towards its purchase

ANNE & DANIEL CAMPBELL MEADOW: 3.7 acre meadow bordered by hardwood forest; watershed for Peppermint Brook and Lily Pond

DORMITZER SALT MARSH: 4.7 acres of salt marsh provides nesting and cover for egrets, herons, and other bird and animal life

FRANCIS SHORE: a 350 foot section of rock ledge; expands public beach area

GIUGGIO SCENIC VISTA: .6 acre parcel provides an open view across salt marsh to Little Harbor

ALBERT A. GOLDEN RESERVATION: 3 acre parcel of marsh is home to wetland creatures

GREAT BREWSTER WOODS: 26 acres of woodland with hiking trails, marsh and rock ledges

GEORGE M. INGRAM PARK: 21.6 acres of densely wooded wildlife habitat

PEGRAM PRESERVE: 14.7 acres of salt marsh and upland forest; protects river frontage and provides wildlife habitat and nesting areas

HECTOR J. PELLETIER MEMORIAL PARK: 1.6 acres of low woodlands and marsh that serve as protected cover for small birds and animals

SCOTT'S SHORE: a 1,000 foot strip of rocky beach provides a nesting area for migrating shore birds

SUMNER SMITH OVERLOOK: a .8 acre rock ledge provides winter views of Little Harbor and the ocean

WINSOR PROPERTY: .44 acre habitat adjacent to Straits Pond in Hull

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