



November 2019

Dear Neighbor,

Westwood Land Trust (“WLT”) celebrated its 20th anniversary this year. To mark this milestone, WLT board members led hikes for the public on several WLT-protected properties. Participation exceeded our expectations. Some hikes included visiting properties typically not publicly accessible. In addition, a new website was launched this year to provide the community with easy and current access to WLT’s mission, protected properties, and events.

Since WLT’s incorporation in 1999, over 220 acres have been permanently preserved in Westwood on 12 different properties. Much of this land is contiguous to other open space, extending the natural terrain and providing habitat for wildlife.

These accomplishments would not be possible without the generosity and dedication of our supporters - 700+ over the years. Many of you have contributed to our annual appeals or our three successful fundraising campaigns. We are so grateful for this support!

Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to Westwood Land Trust this year. Donations large and small make a difference. Your support allows us to continue to monitor our existing properties and be prepared for the next opportunity as it arises. Thank you in advance for your support!

With best wishes,

Westwood Land Trust Board of Directors

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Why Donate to WLT?

- Open space is a key attraction to Westwood and enhances property values.
- Westwood Land Trust is a local charity and the only charitable organization in Westwood dedicated to saving our town’s open space.
- Every donation counts; at least 1/3 of Westwood Land Trust’s financial support must come from persons other than major donors to maintain our public charity status.
- Westwood Land Trust does not receive any funding from the Town of Westwood.
- Westwood has seen many changes through the years, and we are bound to see many more in the future.

*I go to nature to be soothed
and healed, and to have my
senses put in order.*

John Burroughs

Our mission: Westwood Land Trust is a public charity dedicated to promoting the protection and stewardship of open space and natural resources in the Town of Westwood. Tax ID 04-33477793

Snapshots of 2019

20th Anniversary Hikes

The community participated in four hikes led by WLT board members, one of which was at Sen Ki. Located at 1255 High Street, Sen Ki is open daily to the public for hiking from dawn to dusk. It boasts one of the highest elevations in Westwood.



New Website

WLT launched a new website that showcases the protected properties, provides updates on news and events, and is mobile-user friendly. Check it out at www.westwoodlandtrust.org and learn more about our mission, organization, and activities.

Earth Day Cleanup

As part of the annual Spring Keep our Town Clean program, friends of Westwood Land Trust joined board members to help collect litter from one of the preserved properties. Participants were rewarded with a hike through the property following the cleanup.




Westwood Day

WLT hosted a vendor booth at Westwood's annual town-wide event. WLT board members enjoyed meeting attendees of all ages and answered questions involving land preservation and current initiatives.

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