



Our Mission:

Westwood Land Trust is a public charity dedicated to promoting the protection & stewardship of open space and natural resources in Westwood.

Dear Friend,

What a year it has been. As we approach the holidays, it is always a good time to reflect and have gratitude for all the good things that surround us, including the beautiful green spaces of our town.

Although COVID-19 has slowed life down for many of us, it has also given us the opportunity to spend much more time outdoors appreciating the land all around us. Westwood Land Trust is committed to staying vigilant about acting on opportunities to preserve green space that benefits both the environment and our health. We appreciate all of the support we get from our Westwood neighbors.

Next for Westwood Land Trust is to assist Hale Education with its campaign to permanently protect 1,000+ acres of its property. Hale is the single largest open space in Westwood and is currently NOT protected from development. Hale is pursuing municipal and philanthropic funding to protect this invaluable resource. Hale provides countless opportunities for outdoor recreation and education for residents of this community as well as the broader communities in the greater Boston area.

These efforts would not be possible without the generosity of our supporters. Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to Westwood Land Trust this year. Donations large and small make a difference as we continue to care for our existing properties and be prepared for the next opportunity on the horizon to protect more of Westwood's open space.

With Warm Wishes,

Westwood Land Trust Board of Directors

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Why Contribute to WLT?

- Westwood Land Trust protects over 200 acres of land in Westwood, an area greater than Legacy Place and University Station combined.
- WLT is the only charitable organization dedicated to saving our town's open space and receives no funding from the Town of Westwood.

Westwood Land Trust Highlights and News from 2021

Fall Walks at 590 Gay Street



A hidden gem, 590 Gay Street has over 74 preserved acres protected by Westwood Land Trust. The property owners generously permitted two guided walks of the private property this fall. Over 45 people explored the ponds, woods, and beautiful labyrinth, taking in the “zen” feel of this unique space. While the property is for sale, we can all rest assured that it will never be developed and is secured as a natural habitat.

A Supporter’s View

A 42-year Westwood resident, Felicity Botwinik has been a loyal supporter of Westwood Land Trust since its founding in 1999. She became passionate about WLT when the nearby Holbrook Farm was set to be developed. WLT is grateful for supporters like Felicity who have given their time, talent and financial support for many years. She writes:

I am immensely grateful that Westwood Land Trust was formed to preserve unspoiled acreage within the bounds of Westwood. The Trust has received donations of conservation restrictions and land from residents and judiciously purchased parcels of land that help preserve the rural nature of Westwood preventing it from merging into characterless suburbia. The closest of the WLT properties to my heart (and where I live) is the land now known by the name of Sen Ki, though to me it is still the old Holbrook Farm. We were so relieved to have had the help of Westwood Land Trust to rescue this special property from development, which would have dramatically altered the landscape of our neighborhood.

News from the Board

Our newest board member, Trevor Laubenstein, joined Westwood Land Trust in Spring of 2021. WLT is fortunate to have an energetic, young, talent join our all-volunteer board. He writes:

My wife and I settled in Westwood in 2013, and with two young sons, were keen to contribute to Westwood’s future as a safe and healthy place to live. I started with a stint on the Planning Board, where I first learned of Westwood Land Trust via a fellow board member. I believe it is our duty to act on a local level to bolster the environment - not just from an aesthetic view but critically in support of carbon reduction - and I believe retention of open space is one of the most beautiful and publicly beneficial actions we can take to support this end. We are fortunate in Westwood to have the Trust to support homeowners who wish to conserve our land and help ensure a green Earth for our children. I feel fortunate to have found a way to contribute not just to the beauty and rural nature of our town, but to the preservation of our planet.

How Can You Support Westwood Land Trust?

*Donations of any size are welcome by check, PayPal, Donor Advised Fund, Matching Gift, Stock or IRA donation. Checks may be mailed in the enclosed envelope.
Questions? Call 617.697.5671 or visit www.westwoodlandtrust.org*