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## GCT October News

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Fri, Oct 30, 2015 at 1:17 PM



Fall on Lotz Land

### Dear Susan,

Do you have a favorite outdoor space in Groton? During the past 50 years the Trust has become the steward of over 40 properties, from complex ecosystems such as the Throne Hill to simple, lovely vistas like the Taplin Wildlife Sanctuary. In total this is over 1,400 acres, yet we remain an all-volunteer, single-town entity. That means the work of maintaining properties, fighting invasive growth and ensuring we all are able to enjoy these beautiful places falls to us. And we could not do it without your help!

Consider what your support has accomplished in the last year:

- Native wildflower and grass seed was purchased for The General Field park (opening spring of 2016) and wheelchair accessible paths were put in.
- A [new property was acquired and dedicated](#) to complete a bigger conservation picture.
- Two interns were hired over the summer to learn about conservation work and help with the invasive project, specifically to conduct mechanical removal of invasive plants on the Throne complex and Shepley Hill.

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- Six new signs were installed and repaired.
- We continued a study to determine the effectiveness of different invasive control methods (specifically mechanical removal, foliar spray herbicide application, and cut-stem herbicide application). We began the study last summer and this summer collected the first set of data to see how well each method worked.

Please take a moment to [renew your membership now](#). It is important work and we cannot do it without your annual contribution of \$50. Since dues from our membership continue to be our only source of annual income, we are counting on you to keep us moving forward.

### The General Field: Enjoy your visit but please no dogs!

Did you know that The General Field is a working agricultural site? Groton farmers maintain and mow the fields for hay. Because of this, it is one of the few GCT properties where dogs are prohibited. For the safety of your pets, the protection of the grassland



wildlife and as a courtesy to our neighbor farmers, please keep your dogs on the paved areas of the property and properly leashed.

Where can dogs roam? Visit our [website](#) for a list of all our properties. Dogs are welcome except where noted. From TGF, you can easily visit Groton Place and Sabine Woods: Follow Farmers Row back to Route 225. The entrance will be on your left.

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On the Indian Rock Trail.

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Hi Susan,

Could you please send me this Lotz Land photo? I would like to place the logo over the sky using a transparent background so we don't see the dreaded white rectangle around the logo. I will send you a new image.

Thanks,  
Scott

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No worries, that is a result of the format constraints of the email system, something we won't have to worry about after this mailing.

Thanks,  
Susan

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