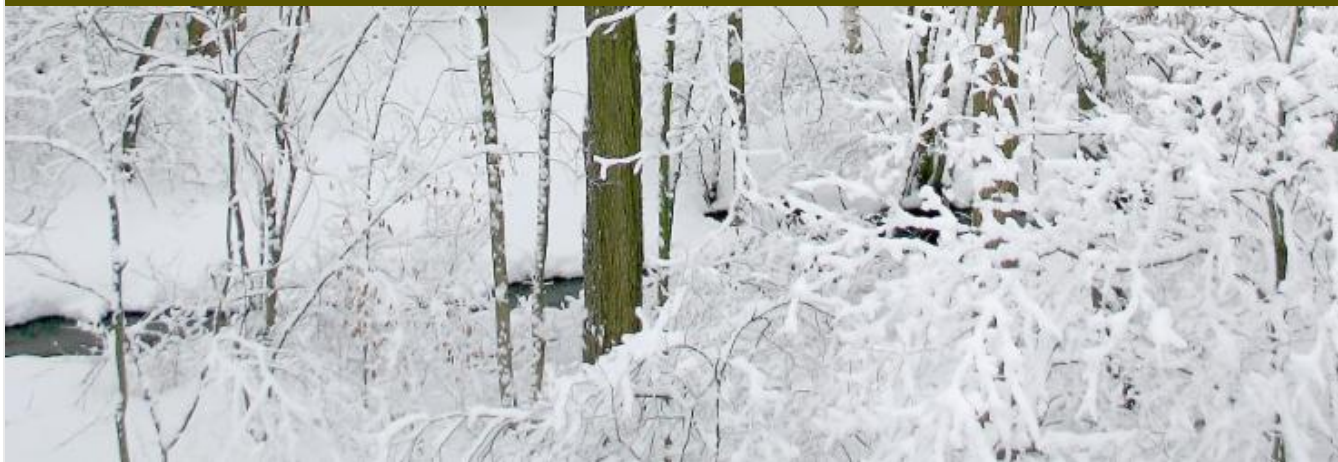


## Groton Conservation Trust



Like us on Facebook 

### December 2 is Giving Tuesday

Thanks to a group of generous donors, your year-end gift in honor of our 50th anniversary will be matched. Please consider an extra special gift this year! You can easily and securely make a special contribution to the GCT online and join our efforts.

Thank you for your support!

**DONATE NOW**

Secure donations through  
Network for Good

### Why Give?



Dear Susan,

## Celebrate This Special Year with a Special Donation

**Each year-end gift is matched!**

The Groton Conservation Trust officially turned 50 November 12, yet we celebrated all year long with a series of special events.

- A fascinating talk by Ted Elliman about invasive species.
- A walking tour with Tom Wessels interpreting the history of the Gamlin Crystal Spring landscape.
- A 50th Birthday Bash at Williams Barn on November 8 with the creature teachers, live music by the Contra Banditos, bird house



Everyone has their favorite place to roam. Having access to these beautiful properties is a true gift and certainly a good reason to give! Here are some other great ways to think about your special year-end donation:

**Educating youth** GCT has hired college interns for the past two years to assist us with this important invasive species field work. In

building, and guided hikes for kids and adults.

- A visit with Ben Kilham, the Bear Man, including a presentation on black bears and how we can learn from their behavior to be better humans.

This anniversary is remarkable not just in terms of time; it tells a story of land preservation that is unparalleled in our area. In the past 50 years, the Trust has grown from accepting fee simple donations to protecting land through limited development projects to accepting conservation easements. Now we are the stewards of more than 40 properties totaling over 1,400 acres, yet we remain an all-volunteer, single-town organization.

To acquire this much prime acreage would not have been possible without many generous gifts of land and funds over the years. But acquisition is only the first step. We must manage all these properties responsibly - promoting healthy ecologies, viable habitat and recreational opportunities for everyone to enjoy. Your special year-end donation - to celebrate 50 years of conservation - will enable the Trust to manage existing inventory and be prepared for future acquisitions.

---

## Invasive Species Management

GCT has taken a leadership role by developing and field-testing control techniques that can be used by land trusts across the state. The Community Foundation of



*Trustees and interns work on Bates Land.*

addition, interns were instrument helping with the property invento and documentation necessary for rigorous accreditation application Your contribution allows us to cor hiring the next generation of conservationists.

**Increasing access** We want to increase our working membership base by building the numbers of involved families. We are embark on a purposeful membership driv used this anniversary year to acti invite people to enjoy our properl We are also developing plans tha increase the recreational value of properties, such as a public park the summit of The General Field. donation allows us to increase ou membership and fund this target effort.

**Growing the endowment** Every non-profit understands the impor of creating a lasting endowment I will ensure the viability of an organization for years to come. A better time to fortify our endowm than this momentous anniversary With the support of generous dor we are able to match donations d this anniversary year. Your gene donation will go an extra-long wa secure the future of open spaces.

---

## Quick Links

[How you can help](#)

[Our Properties](#)

[Contact Information](#)

[Trustees and Founders](#)

[Groton Trails Website](#)

---

**Children meet some  
playful creatures**

North Central MA recognized this significant management effort by awarding GCT a sizable grant to underwrite our innovative work on the Shepley Hills and Bates properties. More information on the [invasive species management project](#) can be found on our website.

### ***Did you know?***

## **Deer Season Begins December 1**

As deer hunting season begins, a reminder that many conservation properties allow hunting. For the GCT properties, posted signs will indicate which property allows hunting, or you can visit our [website](#). And check out the [complete hunting regulations and dates allowed in MA](#). The good news: NO HUNTING on SUNDAYS in MA so that is a great time to get out and hike.



Part  
of the



Did you ever pet a skunk

Williams Barn party featured the Creature Teachers bringing their p some familiar from our own backy and some very exotic creatures! were all a big hit with the children all the great photos from the day [album of the Williams Barn event](#).

Remember the GCT on Givi  
Tuesday, and remember ev  
donation we receive for th  
year-end appeal will be matc

Thank you!

**DONATE NOW**

Secure donations through  
Network for Good

## **From the GCT President:**

It has been wonderful celebrating our 50th anniversary with so many of you. I have enjoyed talking with you about our property management plans, introducing the new ideas we have for public recreation, and spending time out on our properties with you on walks and talks. I especially enjoyed building a bird house or two on a beautiful November afternoon. As you read above, there have been many chances to celebrate this year, and many reasons to celebrate!

We are grateful for the annual contributions many of you make to our ongoing efforts, for the volunteer crew who come out to help clear trails and pull out invasives, and especially for the property owners who have entrusted their land to our care. The work continues so please consider a special donation to finish our 50th celebration. You can return the card you receive in the mail or donate through our secure Donate Now button in this email. Either way, we are grateful for your support and grateful to be the stewards of these beautiful properties in Groton.

From our family to yours, a very happy holiday season.

Sincerely,



Dan Wolfe  
President

PS: Soon you will be receiving our annual appeal in the mail. This year, because of the generosity of some very special friends, donations made will be matched. This makes your gift more valuable. So please consider an extra-generous donation this year. Thank you.



**Land Trust Accreditation Commission Accredited**



The Groton Conservation Trust is a private, non-profit land trust in Groton, Massachusetts. It was founded in 1964 to acquire, preserve, and provide public access to lands with significant conservation value. The Trust is governed by a board of Trustees made up of Groton residents with varied backgrounds, occupations and interests.

You are receiving this email as an interested member of the GCT.

[Forward this email](#)



This email was sent to constantcontact@gctrust.org by [susanh@gctrust.org](mailto:susanh@gctrust.org) | [Update Profile/Email Address](#) | Rapid removal with [SafeUnsubscribe™](#) | [Privacy Policy](#).



Groton Conservation Trust | PO Box 395 | Groton | MA | 01450