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GCT January News

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**Dear Susan,**

Over the winter, we have been enhancing the [property pages](#) on our website to make it easier for you to visit the properties. If you wanted to visit [Throne Hill](#), the guided hike on February 14, you would simply click on the name and find the location -- including where to park, the history of the property, a description of what you will find and a map with trails included. Many thanks to trustee David Pitkin who worked on these pages. With over 42 properties available, perhaps your favorite

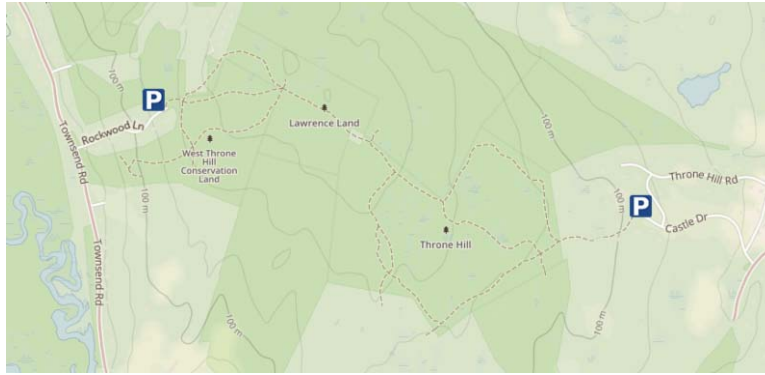
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**Guided Hikes with
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property is waiting to be discovered!



Dr. Peter Groffman to speak on the Ecological Homogenization of Urban America

A free program, Thursday Feb. 4th, 7PM

Dr. Peter Groffman, Professor with the City University of New York, the Advanced Science Research Center, and Brooklyn College Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences Studies, will discuss how our penchant for developing cookie-cutter cities is homogenizing the landscape. Cities and suburbs in very different parts of America share familiar patterns of roads, neighborhoods, commercial areas, landscaping, and water features.

Groffman will explain how these similarities can help us understand land use change from local to continental scales.

Learn how lawns and other development choices influence biogeochemical cycles, how eco-minded planning can improve the way urban areas process potential pollutants like nitrogen and carbon, and why Groffman suggests that, in today's changing world, we need to tune into 'bio-geo-socio-chemistry.'

All are welcome to this free lecture, made available through the J. Williams Mees Visiting Scholar program at Lawrence Academy. The program will be in the Richardson-Mees Performing Arts Center on the Lawrence Academy campus.

Groton Conservation Summit 2016

The 2nd Annual Groton Conservation Summit is Wed., February 3, 7 pm at the Lawrence Academy Media Conference Center, just past the Schoolhouse on Powderhouse Road. (Snow date February 10)

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properties, trustee Michelle Ruby, an environmental science teacher at Lawrence Academy, will help you do just that by leading monthly hikes on GCT properties. Hikes will take place at 10am on the first Sunday of the month, barring inclement weather or unavoidable conflict.

The February hike will take place on Sunday February 7 at 10am at [Blackman Field and Woods](#). We will meet at the end of Indian Hill Rd. and walk to the Forest Bells. From the bells, hikers may return to their cars or take an extended loop through [Genthner Woods](#). Total time: 45 minutes - 1.5 hours. Leashed dogs are welcome, but be aware that all pets are prohibited on the adjacent Rocky Hill Wildlife Sanctuary. Parking is on the side of Indian Hill Rd. and is limited, so carpool!

BONUS: Guided Winter Hike #2

Sunday, February 14
1:00pm sharp

Conservation groups in Groton will share updates on their projects and have a chance to network on common interests. This year's summit is hosted by the Groton Conservation Commission.

A short documentary film "The Marion Lake Story," which recounts the efforts of a Long Island community to combat the invasive Phragmites plant, will also be shown.

The event is free and open to the public.

Your Membership Matters!

A big thank you to everyone who renewed their membership for 2016 and donated at the year end. Your support truly makes our work possible.

If you wonder if your membership is current, simply contact us. Dues are collected annually and can be paid easily and quickly online. There is also a recurring gift option that allows you to renew the membership automatically at the same time each year. And remember, FREE note cards come with every automatic renewal membership.

Membership with the GCT says you care about protecting open spaces and creating recreational opportunities for generations to come. And we love having you a part of our team!

See you outside.

Susan, Ted, Ed and David for the Membership Committee.



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[Throne Hill Trails](#)

Join members of the Groton Trails Committee and the Appalachian Mountain Club on a guided hike through the woods on the trails of GCT's Throne Hill in West Groton. The Throne is one of the largest contiguous undeveloped parcels in the area and provides habitat for deer, bears, porcupines, fishers, moose, and beavers. It features upland forest and interesting wetlands. Our walk on the Throne trails will take about two hours. Wear winter hiking boots, snowshoes, or crampons/spikes, as snow-cover conditions warrant. Leashed dogs are welcome. The hike will be held unless it is stormy. Meet at the end of Castle Drive, 42.6260N, 71.6171W. [Olin Lathrop](#), (978) 742-9014.

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.

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