



GROTON CONSERVATION TRUST

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E. O. Wilson and LTA Board Chair Laura Johnson

Dear Susan,

On March 25, six of our Trustees attended the annual Massachusetts Land Conservation Conference, a coalition of all the land trusts in the state. We participated in a series of day long workshops covering conservation issues important to all land trusts. We had a chance to hear about lots of innovative ideas working for other conservation groups and determine how we can incorporate some

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of those ideas to improve our properties and benefit our members and supporters in Groton.

The highlight of the day, though was hearing E.O. Wilson, the world-renowned biologist, naturalist and author speak. I can't describe our inspiring it was for all the people in attendance to hear this passionate 88-year-old working as hard as ever on important biodiversity and conservation issues. One message that resonated with me was his call to engage our youth in these quests. He encouraged us all to engage young "citizen scientists" and to spark in them a desire to learn and discover. In our small way, some of our upcoming events outlined below, attempt to do that. I encourage you to get your children, grandchildren, nephews/nieces out to participate. I remember clearly the excitement and sense of adventure we all had participating in last year's Vernal pool walk on the Throne. Please try to make that walk or one of our other events this spring. You won't regret it and maybe you will spark a lifelong interest for a budding "citizen scientist".

Ted Lapres, President

Spring Events: April, May, and June

We have three great events coming up, and there will be something for everyone.

April Vernal Pool Hike: Saturday April 15, 10 AM

Back by popular demand! We will once again visit [Throne Hill](#) with the MA Dept. of Fisheries and Wildlife to discover just what makes a vernal pool so valuable. We will meet in the circle of Castle Drive, just off of Shirley Road. Come prepared to tromp in the bog and water! This is a great kid event, bring nets and buckets if you have them!



May Annual Meeting: Wed. May 17, 6:30

She-Hikes in 2017

April 1 at 10:00 AM takes us to Lost Lake and the [Skitapet](#) property. We will meet at 10 AM in the parking lot of the Lost Lake fire station on Lost Lake Drive. A full list of the properties we will visit is available on our [website](#). Interested women please [reply!](#)

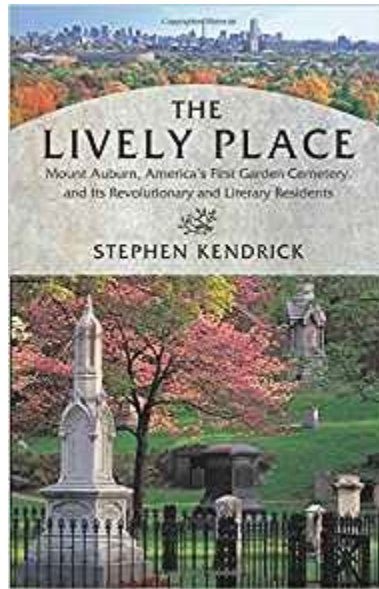


Groton Conservation History

Join the Groton History Center as they present a program on William P. Wharton, generally known as one of the earliest conservationists in Groton. The program is Tuesday April 4 at 7 PM at the Groton Public Library and is part of the Groton READS 2017 program.

Learn more by

Join us for our annual meeting, socializing at 6:30 and then a special presentation by Stephen Kendrick, author of "The Lively Place: Mount Auburn, America's first Garden Cemetery". He will speak about some of the famous residents of the cemetery and the movement to create protected spaces in urban places. And have some books for signing.



visiting the library or contacting the [Groton History Center](#).

Check out our events!

You can keep track of all our [events](#) by visiting our website. Check back as the summer approaches for more things to do and places to visit.



EO Wilson in conversation at the MA Land Conservation Conference.

Sunflowers and Sunsets: Thurs. June 8 7 PM We will "officially" debut The General Field with an evening of cocktails, music, food and hikes. And of course the sunset, viewed from the wildflower meadow. Bring your folding chair and join us. Rain date is June 11.



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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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