



Westerly Land Trust Properties





**The Westerly Land Trust
conserves open space, revitalizes
culturally significant properties,
and provides environmental
programs for the enduring
benefit of our community.**



1,687 acres are in the care of the Westerly Land Trust, all in the town of Westerly. 1.6 acres make up our culturally significant properties in downtown, and 1685.4 are forests, grasslands, agricultural fields and wetlands, the majority available for public recreation. Over 20 miles of hiking trails are maintained and you are invited to enjoy their scenic vistas, natural beauty and historic sites. Come explore and discover these special places. A map of the Westerly Land Trust properties is located in the center of this booklet. For more information about upcoming events, how to get involved, how to become a new member or how to make a donation visit our website www.westerlylandtrust.org.

Protected Conservation Properties

Anderson Preserve The 6.3-acre parcel is forested, with a vernal pool, and a small sandy beach area on the riverfront. The property became a WLT preserve in 2008. Location: 116-119 Potter Hill Road, between the road and the Pawcatuck River. Trails: There is a trail along the south west border



of this property that brings you to the river. No formal parking. Location: 116-119 Potter Hill Road, between the road and the Pawcatuck River (Map ID #23)

Avondale Farm Preserve This 46.5-acre property became our first WLT preserve in 1998. The preserve's open fields with acres of wildflowers create a picturesque setting. A paved roadway (owned by the Westerly Municipal Land Trust) allows for passive recreation where visitors may bike, walk and rollerblade as they enjoy the surroundings. Popular for bird watching, this property is being managed by removing exotic vegetation to restore native grassland to benefit this wildlife. In addition, there are fresh water ponds, wetlands, woods and salt marsh with two tidal inlets on the Pawcatuck River estuary. Location: Grassland Way, off Avondale Road and Quail Run Trails: A paved 0.6 mile loop road and walking trails along stone walls. (Map ID #1)



Eleanor F. and Edward W. Barlow

Nature Preserve This 80-acre parcel was donated in 2018. In addition to a hay field, the land has significant scenic, habitat, and recreation values with upland areas suitable for walking trails and overlooks. The property is part of



Aguntaug Swamp, the second largest freshwater wetland in RI and is adjacent to Newton Marsh. WLT intends to continue with agricultural activities on approximately 5 acres of the property and keep the remaining land preserved as open space. Location: located at the corner of Westerly Bradford Road and Dunns Corner-Bradford Road. Trails: Trails are being planned. (Map ID #31)



Beriah Lewis Farm Preserve The 2.3-acre parcel is pasture along the River used for grazing. The property became a WLT preserve in 2008 and since then has been improved with a livestock watering station and fencing on the riverbank to keep the animals out of the river, protecting the water quality.

Location: Boombridge Road, just downstream from Boombridge. Trails: There are no public trails. (Map ID #24)

Colonel Willie Cove Preserve The 1.8-acre parcel consists of tidal wetlands and a brook flowing into the Pawcatuck River estuary. It is home to osprey who raise young each year on the nesting platform in the marsh. The property become a WLT preserve in 2007 through a donation. Location: 175 Watch Hill Road, just north of Pasadena Avenue. Trails: There are no public trails on this preserve, due to the extent of wetlands. (Map ID #22)

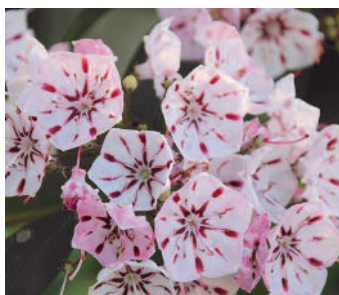
Earl, John, and Henry Crandall Family Preserve These 423.7-acres are within Aguntaug Swamp (Crandall Swamp) identified as an environmentally important ecosystem. The site is forested with Atlantic white cedar, red maple, oak and native shrubs. There are also areas of upland forest containing lovely stands of mountain laurel and American holly. The floating bogs and ponds are habitat for a variety of migrating waterfowl and some rare or endangered plant and animal species such as the bog-haunter dragonfly. The property includes several parcels



that were acquired between 1999 and 2010. Trails: Due to the sensitive nature of its environment, much of the Crandall Family Preserve is not accessible to the public. The Westerly Land Trust leads special guided tours through these parts of the

preserve. In 2016, a public, handicapped, accessible trail was created that ends at a platform overlooking a beaver lodge, the old Crandall homestead and the cedar swamp. Location: at the end of Pound Road off of RI Route 91. (Map ID #3)

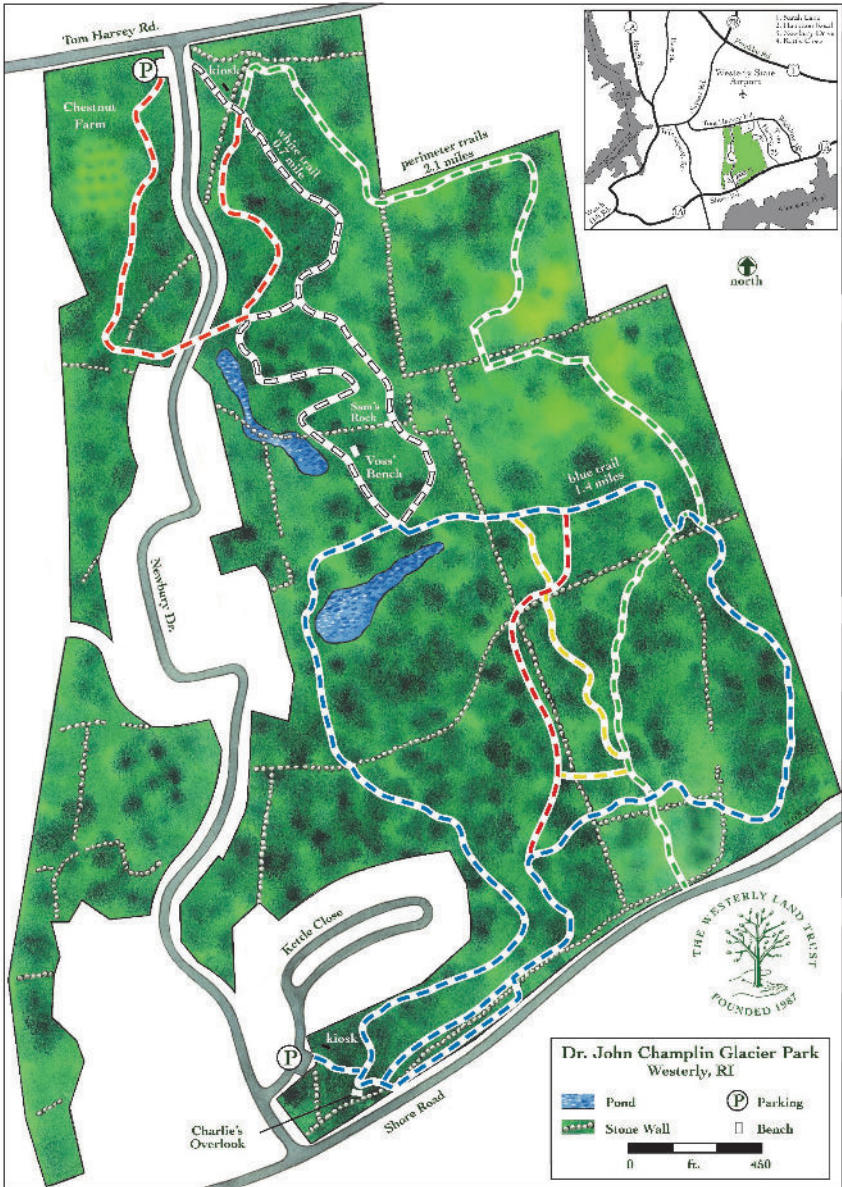
Dr. Lewis Pond Preserve On this 9.9 acres of glacially carved terrain, you will find a high moraine left behind by the glaciers that is forested with wild blueberry and mountain laurel and drops sharply to an Atlantic White Cedar swamp. This property became a WLT preserve in 1999 and includes a third of Dr. Lewis Pond, a large, deep glacier kettle pond. Trails: A short trail is located at the southeast corner of Links Passage. The trail loops back to the road after passing by the pond's edge. Please park on the road, near the trail head. Location: Links Passage and along Littlebrook Road. (Map ID #2)



Dr. John Champlin Glacier Park Marvel at this 135.1-acre preserve acquired in 2004 with kettle ponds, vernal pools, and a rare sand barren. Spectacular views of Winnapaug Pond, Block Island and Long Island can be seen at Charlie's Overlook. This preserve has educational signs throughout the trail system and a chestnut tree orchard.

Location: Between Shore Road and Tom Harvey Road, on either side of the Winnapaug Cottages development.

Trails: A large trail system through hilly terrain is accessible from two parking areas; one off Tom Harvey Road another on Kettle Close that is just off Shore Road at Winnapaug Cottages' entrance. (Map ID #14) A small trail map is included below.



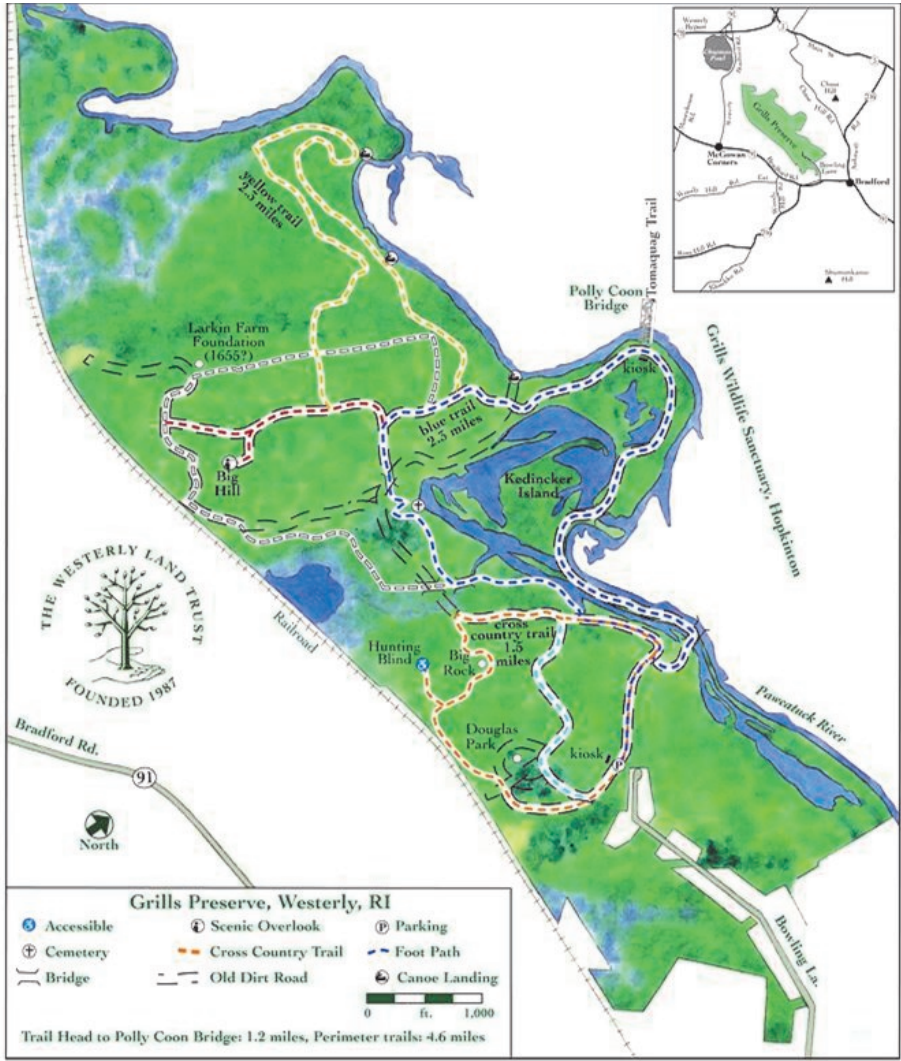


Grills Preserve Visitors to this 543.5-acre preserve will discover more than 2.5 miles of frontage on the Pawcatuck River with sweeping waterfront views and over 7 miles of trails that cover the preserve. Along the trails you will find fresh water wetlands, an extensive lagoon, upland forest, a native cranberry bog and “Big Hill”, a short summit that has exposed bedrock and scenic views. A cairn notes the high water mark of the flood in 2010 near the rebuilt Polly Coon Bridge which connects to the trails in Hopkinton’s Grills Sanctuary. The property was purchased in several parcels between 2003 and 2006. There are



extensive trails accessed from the end of Bowling Lane. Hunting is permitted at this preserve. *Hikers, bicyclists, horseback riders or any other visitors to this preserve are required to wear 200 square inches of solid daylight fluorescent orange from the second Saturday in September to the last day of February and from the third Saturday in April to the last day in May, annually.* Location: between Pawcatuck River and Amtrak railroad tracks, and between Route 91 / 216 and McGowan Brook. Trails: About 6 miles of trails and a bridge over the

Pawcatuck River connect to miles of trails across the river. Public parking area is at the end of Bowling Lane. (Map ID #10) A small trail map is included below.



Haggerty Family Preserve This is a 9.4 acre property that is forest and farm land that is currently hayed and protected for agricultural use. It became a WLT preserve in 2014. Location: 96-100 Dunns Corner-Bradford Road. (Map ID #27)

Haversham Preserve A stream flows through this 1.5 acre woodland adjacent to other conservation land. This property became a WLT preserve in 1999. Location: between the corner of Shore Road, Haversham Road and Weekapaug Foundation for Conservation land.



Trails: There are no public trails in this preserve. (Map ID #5)

Hawke Wood A pocket of woodland wildlife habitat and wetland in the densely populated downtown area of Westerly. This property became a WLT preserve in 2015. Location: 26 Cross Street. (Map ID #29)

Hence Conservation Easement A 30-acre agricultural conservation easement on the property known as the Hillandale Farm. The conservation easement was acquired in 2012. Location: Haversham Road. (Map ID #28)



Mastuxet Brook Greenway North This 31.2- acre preserve surrounds a condominium development. It is wooded terrain, primarily red maple swamp, and contains headwaters of the Mastuxet Brook. It became a



WLT preserve when donated in 2006. Location: Behind homes at the corner of Wells St. and East Ave and on Lovat Lane. (Map ID #21)

Mastuxet Brook Greenway South This property consists of approximately 6.3 acres

along and including a portion of the Mastuxet Brook. It became a WLT preserve in 2006. Location: Behind Rotary Park and businesses on Airport Road. Trails: There is a short, bumpy trail along Mastuxet Brook that is accessible from Rotary Park. (Map ID #19)



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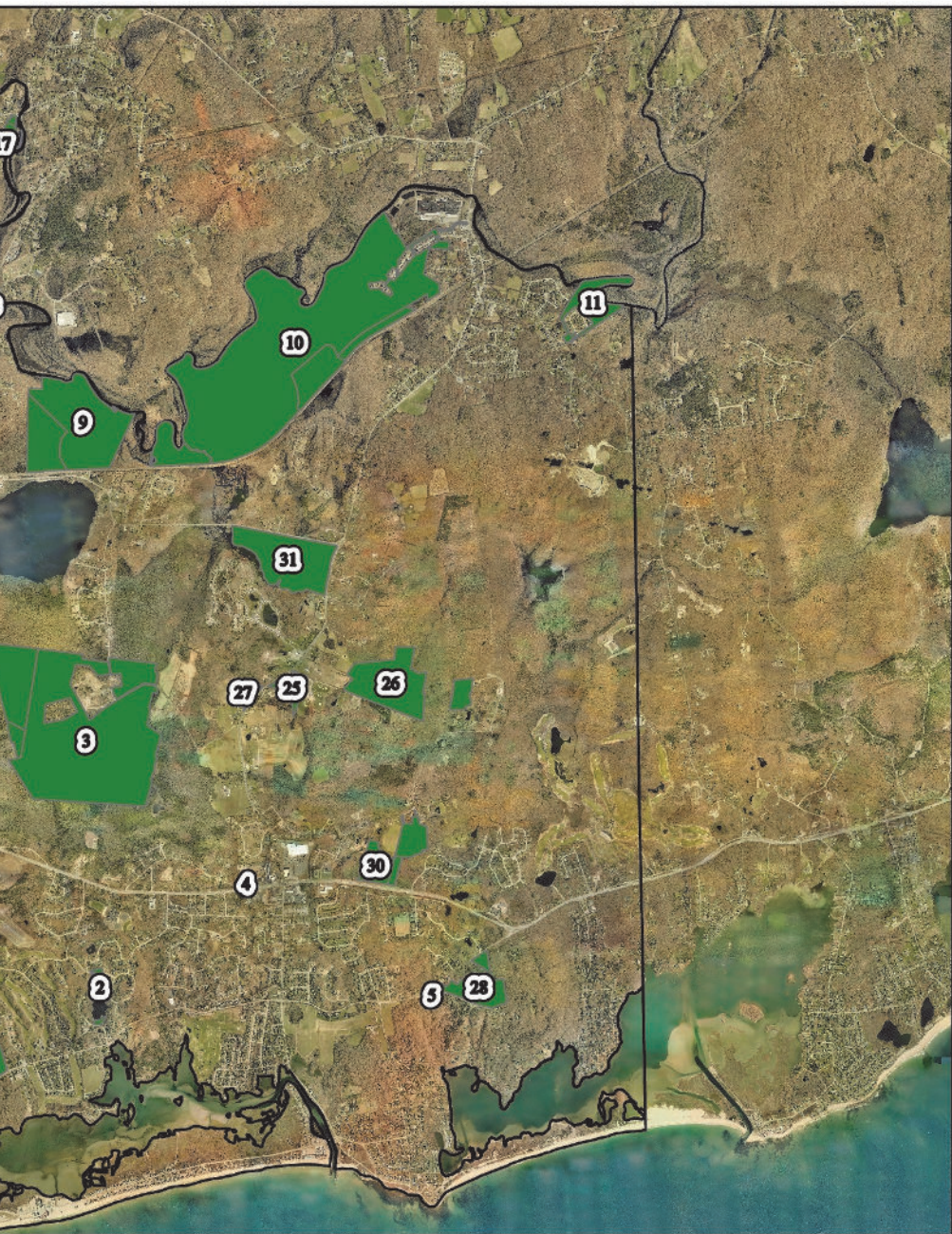
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Property	Trails	Acres
1 Avondale Farm Preserve	Yes	46.5
2 Dr. Lewis Pond Preserve	Yes	9.9
3 Crandall Family Preserve	No	423.7
4 Quaker Burial Ground	No	0.8
5 Haversham Preserve	No	1.5
6 Wildwood	Yes	4.7
7 Winnapaug Farm Preserve	No	35.8
8 Thomas Hill Tract	No	0.3
9 Riverwood	Yes	148.5
10 Grills Preserve	Yes	543.5
11 Pine Hollow Preserve	No	30.3
12 Community Garden	No	0.3
13 Industrial Trust Bank Building	No	0.1
14 Dr. John Champlin Glacier Park	Yes	135.1
15 145 Main Street	No	0.5
16 Skate Shack Building	No	0.3
17 Flora Whiteley Preserve	Yes	14.1
18 United Theatre	No	0.5
19 Mastuxet Brook Greenway South	Yes	6.3
20 Ice Rink	No	0.2
21 Mastuxet Brook Greenway North	No	31.2
22 Colonel Willie Cove Preserve	No	1.8
23 Anderson Preserve	No	6.3
24 Beriah Lewis Farm Preserve	No	2.3
25 Moorehouse Farm Preserve	No	10.4
26 Wahaneeta Preserve	Yes	73.7
27 Haggerty Family Preserve	No	9.4
28 Hence Conservation Easement	No	30.0
29 Hawke Wood	No	3.6
30 Sunnycres Preserve	No	35.5
31 Barlow Nature Preserve	No	80.0
Total Acres		1687





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Moorehouse Farm Preserve This property consists of 10.4 acres of field and forest adjacent to the Little League complex. It became a WLT preserve in 2011 and is mainly being used for agriculture through hay production. Location: Between Dunns Corners – Bradford Road and the Little League complex. Access is from Moorehouse Road, off Dunns Corners – Bradford Road. (Map ID #25)

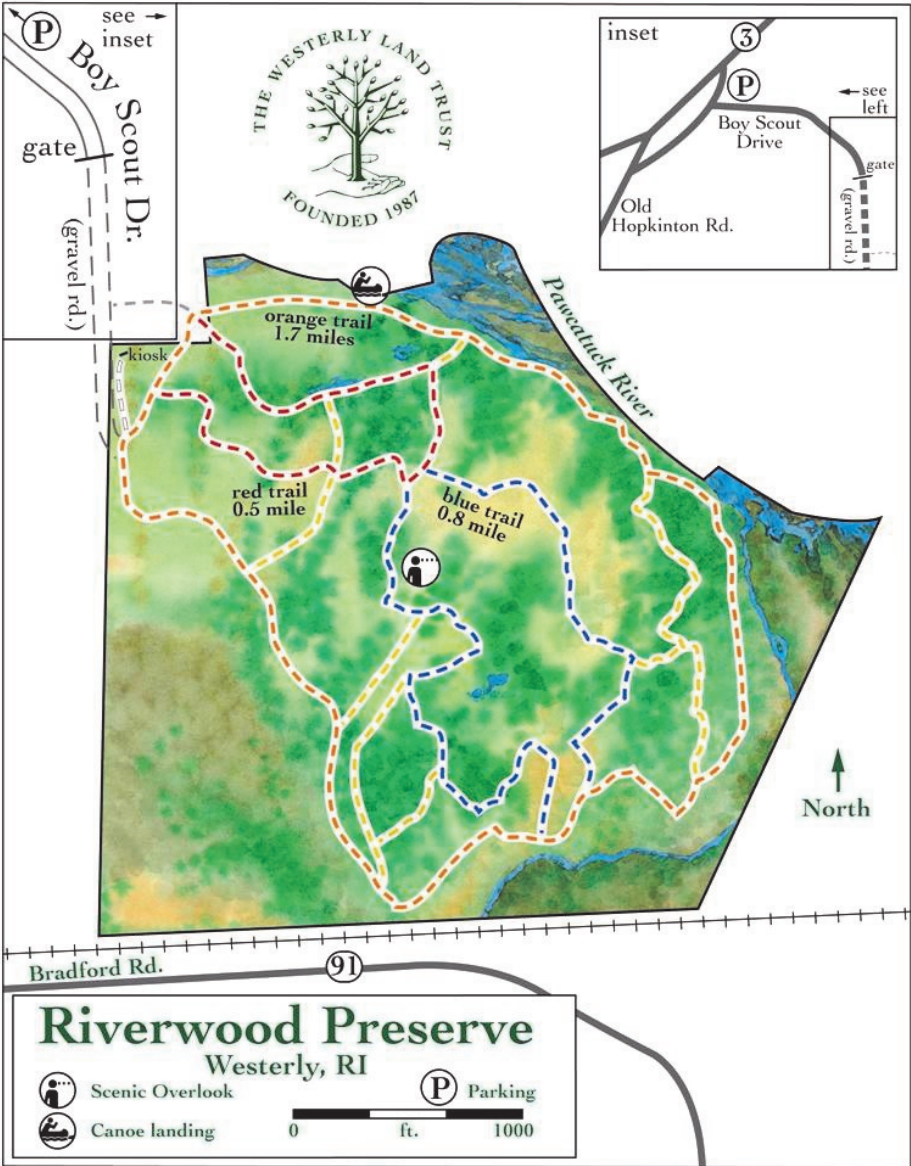
Pine Hollow Preserve Consisting of 30.3 acres of woodlands and wetlands adjacent to the Pawcatuck River in Bradford, this property was set aside from a cluster housing development. It provides habitat along the river and includes an historic Peckham family cemetery. The property became a WLT preserve in 2003. Location: Laudone Drive, Bradford Trails: There are no public trails in this preserve but one can visit the cemetery that rests up on small knoll off Laudone Drive. (Map ID #11)

Quaker Burial Historic Site The site of the first Quaker Meeting house in Westerly consists of a knoll less than an acre in size surrounded by a stone wall. A sign near the cemetery gate provides educational information to visitors about the history and influence of Quakers in Westerly. This land became a WLT preserve in 1999. Location: US Route 1, west of Dunn's Corners and across from Dunn's Corners Community Church. Trails: Visitors may park along the secondary roadway in front of the cemetery gate and walk inside the stone wall perimeter. (Map ID #4)

Riverwood In all, 148.5 acres of woodland, rocky ridges and fresh water wetlands adjacent to the Pawcatuck River and the Boy Scout Camp make up this property which became a WLT preserve in 2002. Due to challenging access and trailhead location, if you have not been to this preserve before then it is recommended that you contact us first or attend one of our guided hikes here before going on your own. Location: off Boy Scout Drive,



between the Pawcatuck River and the AMTRAK railroad tracks. Trails: Extensive trails covering a wide variety of terrain are accessible from Boy Scout Drive. Visitors please park along Old Hopkinton Road where it meets with Boy Scout Drive then walk up Boy Scout Drive to reach the trails just beyond the scout camp area. (Map ID #9) A small trail map is included below.



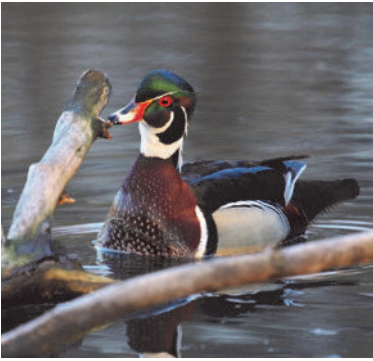
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Sunnyacres Preserve This 22.5-acre preserve consists of three separate parcels that were acquired in 2016 and 2017. 18.5 acres purchased from Ellen Madison were part of the historic Saunders Farm and homestead called Sunnyacres, owned and worked by Ellen's family since 1857. In 2017 4-acres was acquired from Carolyn Basham and 13-acres from the Perkins family to expand the preserve. These grasslands and wooded wetlands benefit native plants and wildlife. Approximately 8-acres is protected as agricultural land and will continue to be farmed. Location: South Woody Hill Road and Post Road. Trails: There are no public trails in this preserve. (Map ID #30)

Thomas Hill Tract Less than one acre, this wooded parcel is at the edge of the Pawcatuck River and frequently floods to provide natural flood storage along the waterway. The tract became a WLT preserve in 2001. Location: Route 3, on the upstream side of the bridge where it crosses the River into Hopkinton. Trails: There are no public trails in this preserve. (Map ID #8)

Wahaneeta Preserve The primary part of this 73.7-acre preserve is a 72.2-acre parcel that was the former Girl Scouts of Rhode Island Camp Wahaneeta which was acquired in 2012. It is primarily wooded wetlands, and includes a stream, pond, and meadow as well as a pavilion and a cabin. In 2018, the Verbos parcel was donated and added. The abundance of wildlife, interesting glacial geology and historic relics make this





visitors to this preserve are required to wear 200 square inches of solid daylight fluorescent orange from the second Saturday in September to the last day of February and from the third Saturday in April to the last day in May, annually.

Location: The property is adjacent to the Little League complex, and to the 800-acre Woody Hill Management Area of the Department of Environmental Management. Access is from

Moorehouse Road, off Dunns Corners – Bradford Road. (Map ID #26)

Trails: A small trail map is included on the previous page.

Flora Whiteley Preserve 14.1 acres is owned by WLT with .8 acres managed under a conservation easement. The property has substantial frontage on the Pawcatuck River with extensive marsh and wetlands, uplands with woods, exposed ledge, a seasonal stream that flows to the river, a meadow and knoll overlooking the Pawcatuck River. There is a portage egress point for boaters around the Potter Hill Dam. The property became a WLT preserve in 2005 with a small



addition in 2006. Location: Between Potter Hill Road and the Pawcatuck River just South of the Potter Hill village. It is across Potter Hill Road from the east arm of the Westerly Town Forest. Trails: A trail system is accessible with easy trails that travel along the river and to an upland meadow area. Limited parking is available. (Map ID #17)

Wildwood This property is a 4.7 acre woodland that is bordered by a stream and includes fresh water wetlands. The tract became a WLT preserve in 2000. Location: Between Forrestal Drive, Rangley Drive and Potter Hill Road. Trails: A short, straight trail along the stream is accessible from both Forrestal and Rangley. (Map ID #6)



Winnapaug Farm Preserve The Winnapaug Farm Preserve consists of 35.8 acres of agricultural land in corn and hay in the fields formerly used as the Winnapaug Day Camp. It also includes woods, fresh water wetlands and salt marsh in its scenic corner location. The WLT has been involved with this property since 2001 and the partitioning in 2014 defined this preserve's present boundaries. Location: between Shore Road and Winnapaug Pond, and between Winnapaug Road and the Lathrop Preserve of the Audubon Society of Rhode Island. Trails: There are currently no public trails or access in the preserve. (Map ID #7)



Urban Initiative Properties

Community Garden This garden has transformed an empty Main Street parking lot into a beautiful location where community members grow and learn together. Located at 177 Main Street in downtown, it is comprised of more than a dozen raised beds, a tool shed and space for workshops and community gatherings. (Map ID #12)



Industrial Trust Bank Building Westerly Land Trust offices and meeting room are located at 10 High Street. This ambitiously detailed historic former bank building was built in 1915. (Map ID #13)



Ice Rink and Farmers Market 85 Main Street is home to a community ice rink facility. WLT continues its partnership with the YMCA, Royce Family Fund and Washington Trust Bank to provide a 12,000 square foot public skating rink downtown. The parking lot behind this site is used as the location of our seasonal farmers market. Support local farmers and food producers by stopping by on Thursdays from June to October - 10am to 1pm. (Map ID #20)



Skate Shack Building Welcome center and concession for the skating rink are found at 61 Main Street. The rink is open 7 days a week and operates from late November through March offering public



skating party rentals, school rentals, skate rentals, skating lessons and hockey. (Map ID #16)

145 Main Street This property is currently undergoing re-evaluation for future uses. (Map ID #15)

United Theatre 5 & 7 Canal Street were combined and contain the theatre, art gallery and office spaces. This building is continuing to undergo renovation to complete its transformation into an arts complex which the 2014 RI Creative and Cultural Economy Bond is helping to fund. (Map ID #18)





Please take only pictures and leave only footprints.

“Carry in. Carry out.” If you bring any food or drink to our properties, please be sure to take out any trash, leftover food or litter with you when you leave.

Stay on marked trails. This helps to keep natural areas undisturbed preventing soil erosion and compaction, and keeps the forest floor vegetation intact.

Respect wildlife. Observe and enjoy wildlife from a distance; never try to approach them or follow them.



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