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## SUDBURY VALLEY TRUSTEES WELCOMES LISA VERNEGAARD AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*By Colin Anderson, Board President*

After an extensive search, the SVT Board of Directors was delighted to announce that Lisa Vernegaard would be taking over the leadership of SVT, and by the time this newsletter reaches our supporters, she will have completed her first weeks as SVT's seventh Executive Director.

We were gratified at the number and caliber of candidates who expressed interest in this position. Candidates applied from across the eastern half of the United States, offering a variety of backgrounds and some amazing qualifications. In the end, we determined that the best candidate for the job had been working extensively in our watershed for many years and was already known to a number of the staff and board at SVT. She also happens to live right next door in Maynard.

Although born and raised in Utah, Lisa has lived and worked in New England for most of her adult life. Since earning her master's degree in Forest Science at Yale, she has spent the last 20 years of her career at The Trustees of Reservations. Lisa's knowledge of our watershed and



*SVT's 7th Executive Director,  
Lisa Vernegaard*

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## PARTNERING WITH HOPKINTON

### *Fruit Street Property and Elmwood Farm Preserved by Conservation Restriction*



*One of the many public trails crisscrossing the Fruit Street CR*

*By Christa Collins, Director of Land Protection, and Susan Crane, Land Protection Specialist*

June was a great month for Hopkinton with the permanent protection of over 225 acres of open space by conservation restrictions (CRs) now held or co-held by Sudbury Valley Trustees. The projects were completed just before the end of the tenure of former SVT Executive Director, Ron McAdow, who commented, "We are proud to announce these land protection achievements. Hopkinton sits at the headwaters of three important Massachusetts rivers, and careful stewardship of the town's natural resources has a regional impact."

#### **FRUIT STREET CR**

In 2002, the town of Hopkinton purchased approximately 250 acres of land off Fruit Street, funded in part by the local Community Preservation Fund. The town then developed a 25-year master plan for the site, portions of which had been used previously for sand and gravel extraction. The master plan included an active recreation facility, future municipal well sites, a wastewater disposal facility, and

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its ecological needs is rooted in her many and varied roles with The Trustees of Reservations, yet it goes well beyond that:

- She led SVT's Stewardship Committee for four years within the last decade.
- She helped her hometown of Maynard gain approval for CPA passage.
- She served as a naturalist for Mass Audubon and as an assistant program director at Thompson Island Education Center.
- She has volunteered for many other local and regional environmental organizations.

It seemed to us that she had been preparing her resume solely for the job of Executive Director of SVT, and we are so excited to have her join our team.

SVT has never been in a better position than it is right now, whether in terms of land protection projects and stewardship activities completed, financial stability, volunteer support, or the outstanding capability represented by our accomplished staff. Despite being on a current "high," we are very excited about the potential to achieve even greater successes in the coming years. We are entering the first year of our new five-year strategic plan, and with this plan as a trail map and Lisa as a trail guide, we fully expect to eclipse our past achievements in the exciting and challenging years ahead. We invite you all to get to know Lisa in the coming months and years of our shared adventure.

Lisa is excited to be a part of the SVT community, further exploring SVT properties, meeting the membership, and taking over Ron McAdow's space in this newsletter, where she can give voice to some of her thoughts. You'll be hearing from her directly in future editions of *The Wren*.

SAVE THE DATE:

## **SVT's Annual Benefit** **Saturday, March 8, 2014 • 6PM to 11PM**

Please join SVT for its 2014 Annual Benefit. Always a fun, theme-inspired event, this year's benefit will be entitled **Butterfly Fling**. Butterflies provide an opportunity for colorful decorations, inspired attire, and perhaps even a few creative food choices! However, these beautiful creatures also provide a lot of insight into the health and sustainability of various habitats. You'll be hearing lots more about this upcoming event, but for now, please put this enjoyable night out on your 2014 calendar.

New this year, we will be offering a first-time attendee rate of \$75.

# Notes from the Field

## AN INVITATION TO OUR NEWEST RESERVATION

By Dan Stimson, Assistant Director of Stewardship

On May 30th, the Elliott Concord River Preserve in Carlisle became SVT's newest reservation! The result of four years of hard land protection work and a wonderful partnership with the Carlisle Conservation Foundation (CCF), this acquisition protects nearly 1,000 feet of riverfront on the Concord River, as well as priority habitat for two state-listed species. SVT granted a conservation restriction over the nine-acre reservation to the town of Carlisle as an added layer of protection.

The Elliott Preserve is adjacent to Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, along the Wild and Scenic portion of the Concord River, and is just around the corner from the trails at the town's Foss Farm. SVT has been excited about the possibilities for access to this land since the project was brought to our attention. Starting in June, preparations were made to welcome the public. With the help of CCF, numerous work days were held to improve a temporary trail that was laid out early in the project's timeline. Volunteers from ARFF (Agility is Really Fun for Fido) Agility Club and IBM joined the undertaking for three great service days where we made progress improving trail accessibility, moving old sections of split-rail fences, and cutting new trail sections. In July, a new parking lot was built near Skelton Road, and volunteers helped add fencing along its edge and along the beginning of the trail.

Visitors to the reservation will enjoy a mix of open and wooded trails, crossing through and along old and remaining pastures of River Road Farm. A footbridge provides a crossing of a clear and bubbly brook just upstream of where it empties into the Concord River. As the trail approaches the river, it passes alongside a shrub-swamp floodplain. In fact, heavy rains this summer brought the

shore of the river right up to the edge of the trail! Continuing on along the riverside, you'll find a short spur out towards the more permanent banks of the river, a remnant of a time when horses would make their way out to the water for a drink. This location already serves as a seasonal landing for a canoe or kayak, and for paddlers making their way along this beautiful stretch of river – a launch is located just downstream at the Carlisle-Bedford Bridge (Route 225). We hope to make this landing a bit more formal in the near future. From this spot, you can make your way straight up the hill to the high point of the property, or continue your walk along the river's edge a little longer, passing through sassafras seedlings to the far reach of the trail before returning along the loop. Whichever way you choose, be sure to stop at the field's edge at the top of the hill to take in the view of the river below, especially when the trees are leafless. Continuing along the field's edge, you'll enjoy the pastoral views, perhaps hearing the clucking of turkeys, or seeing a red-tailed hawk circling overhead, before turning and following the trail back down to the edge of the floodplain.

The completion of this project would not have been possible without the incredible efforts of CCF, the overwhelming support of the town of Carlisle, and contributions from over 300 individuals and families. Also to be thanked are the Fields Pond Foundation and the Bafflin Foundation for generous grants to the project, and to the Wild & Scenic River Stewardship Council, which also made a significant contribution. Thanks go as well to the Elliott family for enabling this conservation effort as a tribute to the late Pagey and Mark Elliott, who were well-loved in Carlisle and beyond. We hope you'll find your way to the new trailhead and enjoy a walk at this special spot.



SVT Summer Intern Eli Egan-Anderson and volunteers from ARFF and IBM trim branches along the new trail.



ARFF Volunteer Sunny ready to help out along the trail.

Photos by Marjorie Pepe.

# Fruit Street Property and Elmwood Farm

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approximately 98 acres of open space for passive recreation. Other uses, such as a school, affordable housing, and a Department of Public Works facility were included in the master plan but have not, as yet, been developed.

In 2003, SVT's Board of Directors voted to accept a CR offered by the town on the 98 acres of open space. This area was later increased to 145 acres when public wellhead areas were added to the CR. SVT was approached by the Hopkinton Area Land Trust (HALT), an active local group, about co-holding the CR. SVT agreed, welcoming a local presence to help with informal monitoring of such a large site in between SVT's annual monitoring visits.

Many entities had a stake in the project, including the town's Department of Public Works, Parks and Recreation, and the Open Space Preservation Commission. Balancing the many town needs and interests contributed to the lengthy time period to complete the CR, and at times, it seemed the project might never be completed. Then last year, the state announced a new requirement for its LAND grant reimbursements to towns for conservation land acquisition costs: any municipality that had previously purchased conservation lands with CPA funds was required to have CRs in place on all of those properties before becoming eligible to receive LAND grant monies on future projects. With a LAND grant application pending for Hopkinton's Elmwood Farm acquisition, it became critical that the Fruit Street CR be finalized before the end of June to meet the LAND grant deadline.

The CR was finally recorded on June 25, 2013, concluding what has perhaps been SVT's longest land protection project, finalized ten years after the project's inception! The CR, which is now co-held by SVT and HALT, is extremely irregular in shape. It includes significant stream frontage on Whitehall Brook, portions of which have been designated an Outstanding Resource Water.

The brook flows northward into Westborough's Cedar Swamp Area of Critical Environmental Concern, the headwaters of the Sudbury River. Most of the remainder of the property within the CR is wooded upland, with some wooded wetlands and early successional meadow. Old stone walls run through the interior, and a network of public trails crisscross the property. Ample parking is available by the playing field complex at the rear of the property, from which the trails are most easily accessed.

## ELMWOOD FARM CR

SVT was first introduced to Elmwood Farm only last year, when asked by the town to hold a CR on 81 acres of forests and wetlands. The CR on Elmwood Farm off Ash Street, also known as Abbott Farm, comprises the backland of the nearly 100-acre, 18th century farm. It is adjacent to 170 acres of town-owned open space, which links to additional large areas of conservation lands.

The Abbotts began donating produce grown on their farm to families in need in the early 1970s. In 2012, the Abbotts' Community Harvest Project donated 260,000 pounds of produce to the Worcester County Food Bank. In anticipation of the farm's sale and to assure the continuation of the Community Harvest Project, the Abbotts set up a trust to benefit from the farm's sale proceeds.

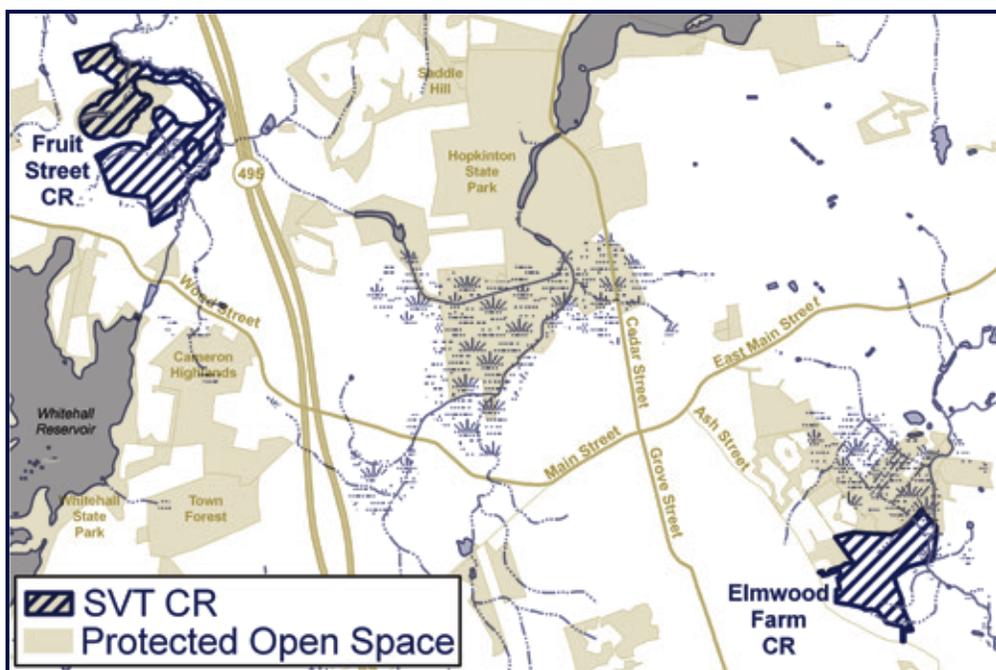
With invaluable assistance from The Trust for Public Land, in late 2012, the town acquired the 81-acre parcel for \$1.3 million with CPA funds, \$400,000 of which have since been reimbursed by a state LAND grant. The big picture vision was not only for the protection of the 81-acre CR, but also for conservation of an additional ten acres of the farm on which stands the historical Rev. Elijah Fitch House, once a stop along the Underground Railway, and a beautiful antique barn, both surrounded by agricultural

fields. After the farm was subdivided into two parcels, with the town purchasing the larger parcel, the town also purchased a CR on the adjacent ten acres of agricultural fields. Then a private buyer purchased the latter parcel, and we are pleased to report that the historical house is now undergoing restoration.

Chris LaPointe, Senior Project Manager with The Trust for Public Land, said, "Elmwood Farm is a treasure. The Abbotts' legacy of food production for the most vulnerable among us is a source of inspiration. We are thrilled that generations of people will be able to access this land and have an opportunity to connect with nature."

The Elmwood Farm CR was also recorded on June 25th. An extensive network of public hiking trails, connecting to other town-owned land, will be constructed through the Elmwood

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Hopkinton's network of open space expands by 225 acres with recent CRs on Fruit Street and Elmwood Farm.

# CREATING A LASTING LEGACY: CONSERVATION IN THREE SMALL TOWNS

By Ashley Davies, Project Coordinator, Tri-Town Landscape Protection Partnership

In the 1960s, the state of Massachusetts and local conservationists embarked on a project to conserve the land around Mount Pisgah in the towns of Berlin, Boylston, and Northborough. They envisioned not only conserving Mount Pisgah proper, but also expanding protected lands around this focal point as part of a much larger scale conservation effort. Although “landscape-scale conservation” was a fairly new and emerging concept, this was exactly what was envisioned. At the time, a partnership with the state was the perceived goal, with the belief that the creation of a state park was the only way a project of this scope could succeed. In the end, however, the most important landowners held back in resistance to government control. Although the full scope of this project was not realized, much of Mount Pisgah was conserved, and today it is a popular destination at the western edge of the MetroWest region. Now, with near-by suburbs becoming increasingly built out and Boston commuters moving farther and farther west, setting their sights on rural suburbs such as Berlin, Boylston, and Northborough, concerned residents are ready to reconsider making this landscape-scale effort a reality.

In my time as an AmeriCorps member serving at SVT, I have had the pleasure of working with some very able conservationists, many of them volunteers. One such individual is Walter Bickford, an avid hunter, a former member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, and a prior commissioner at the

Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game. Walter has been a lifelong resident of Berlin, watching the town grow and change. While he has worked throughout his career conserving land in Massachusetts and elsewhere, he has never ceased to focus on his hometown and the preservation of Berlin’s historic and pastoral heritage.

When driving through Berlin, there is the feeling of stepping back in time. Farm houses line the main streets, many still the homes of working farms. The town center boasts a 19<sup>th</sup> century town hall, a library, and a corner store. Everyone seems to know each other and a sense of community prevails. Much of the conservation that has kept the town in its current condition can be traced back to Walter, including the long-ago effort to create a state park around Mt. Pisgah. Although previously deterred, today Walter has a renewed and revised vision.

With the inception of the Landscape Partnership Program, a statewide program funding projects to conserve 500 or more acres of contiguous land, Walter had a new opportunity for protecting the landscape around Mount Pisgah. With this program, the state could play a role in ensuring that large scale projects could succeed with little state involvement and no state control over resulting protected lands. This gave rise to the rekindled idea of conserving additional land around Mount Pisgah and eventually to the Tri-Town Landscape Protection Partnership. The Tri-Town Landscape Protection Partnership resulted

from a few brainstorming sessions attended by SVT and conservation representatives from the towns of Berlin, Boylston, and Northborough. From the very beginning, there was much energy, excitement and optimism resulting from the shared recognition that this time there could be a real chance for success.

The renewal of this tri-town effort from its early beginnings is a testament to the area’s important habitat and ecological value. The area of interest consists of 1,800 acres of state identified BioMap2 land, 712 acres of which have been identified as core habitat. The entire area has been identified as a *Resilient Site for Terrestrial Conservation Focal Area* by *The Nature Conservancy*. This region abuts the state land surrounding the Wachusett Reservoir as well as the 1,400 acres previously conserved around Mount Pisgah.

Thus far, the partnership is working with sixteen landowners to protect twenty-four properties, totaling just over 500 acres. It is the hope of those committed to this endeavor that additional landowners will recognize the unique opportunity presented by the Landscape Protection Program to create a lasting legacy within this area. Although still in its initial stages, there is much optimism that this time the project has the potential for success and that the region eventually will become a local oasis serving as a pocket of historical and natural diversity amidst the bustle of our increasingly populated state.

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## *Fruit Street Property* (continued from previous page)

Farm CR. A trailhead and public parking were recently completed on Ash Street.

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As noted by Elaine Lazarus, Hopkinton’s Director of Land Use Planning and Permitting, “The decision by Hopkinton residents to acquire and protect this land will be appreciated by future generations. The Fruit Street land contains important natural resources, including a drinking water supply, which are critical to the town’s sustainability. Elmwood Farm has important historical resources,

wildlife habitat, and a trail network that will be accessible to the public. The town is pleased to join in the partnership with Sudbury Valley Trustees in protecting and managing the land in perpetuity.”

SVT too is grateful to its partners in this effort: the town of Hopkinton for its acquisition of these parcels for conservation and its grant of the two CRs to SVT; HALT for co-holding the Fruit Street CR with SVT; The Trust for Public Land for its management of the Elmwood Farm project; and the state for its generous LAND grant funding for both projects.

# TRANSITIONS

## RON McADOW



Ron McAdow left his position as day-to-day leader of Sudbury Valley Trustees at the end of July. Prior to his ten-year tenure as SVT Executive Director, Ron had had a longtime involvement with SVT: member, volunteer, originator of the SVT Camera in the Woods project, SVT representative on the Wild & Scenic River Study Committee and later the River Stewardship Council, and, at the prompting of SVT founder Allen Morgan, author of two river guidebooks.

Among the achievements that Ron most highly valued during his SVT years are the many strategic partnerships that resulted in key land protection outcomes, including such flagship properties as Sudbury's Pantry Brook Farm, Nobscot Scout Reservation, and Southborough's Chestnut Hill Farm.

The SVT community is most indebted to Ron for the strong position in which he left SVT. Although he has moved on to pursue other creative interests, Ron has promised to continue his involvement back where it first began—as an SVT volunteer. The SVT community joins together in thanking Ron for his past leadership and will continue to be grateful for his ongoing service.

## ASHLEY DAVIES

We are happy to report that although Ashley Davies has completed her two-year term as an AmeriCorps MassLIFT Regional Conservationist, she has now joined the SVT staff on a part-time basis. Ashley has an article in this edition of *The Wren* that will bring you up to date on her new role as Project Coordinator for the Tri-Town Landscape Protection Partnership. Welcome...back!

## THREE CHEERS! *To the following individuals and businesses:*

**Erikson's of Maynard** for providing ice cream for SVT's Ice Cream Social

**Roger Wiegand** for bringing the 8,500-pound Diamond Jubilee Gavioli Carousel Organ from 1897 to SVT's Ice Cream Social

**Acton Woods Plaza businesses Acton Coffee House, Boston Bijoux, CambridgeWear, Enterprise Bank, First Rugs, The Happy Chocolatier, JoKaren Lingerie, Kitchen Outfitters, Quilter's Way, and Woolpack** for supporting SVT at its Third Thursday Fundraiser. Special thanks to **Liz Christo** at CambridgeWear for coordinating the fundraiser

**Elizabeth Mendes** and the **Whole Foods Framingham** customer service team for assistance with invasive plant removal at Sawink Farm in Westborough

**Pirjo Silen** and the **Whole Foods Framingham** leadership team for assisting with glossy buckthorn removal at Memorial Forest in Sudbury

**Karin Paquin, Craig Smith, Anne Marie Brostrup-Jenson** for continued assistance with land stewardship

**Eli Egan-Anderson** for assistance with stewardship projects

**Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School 2013 graduating seniors** for helping to remove invasives at Wolbach Farm

**Cecilia Sharma** for putting together SVT's Riverfest Art Show and for leading a Riverfest Plein Air Watercolor Workshop

**The ARFF Agility Club** for helping with a work day at the Elliott Concord River Preserve in Carlisle

**Simon Vos** for leading a full moon paddle during Riverfest at Lake Whitehall in Hopkinton

**Carole Ann Baer, Debby Wolfe, and Lauren Kaplan** for being volunteer co-chairs of SVT's Riverfest FarmFest event

Volunteer artists and vendors at Riverfest FarmFest: **April Daley** with **Mass Horticultural Society**, **Lisa Kamer** with **Knotts of Fun** dog toys, letterboxing with **Melissa Misiewicz, Barbara Blankenship** with the **Massachusetts Beekeepers Association**, **Eastern Mountain Sports** for its display of kayaks, music by **Bob Griffin**, artist **Gordon Morrison**, and **Susan Skelly** and **Anne Slugg** with the **Sudbury Family Network**

**Judy Mack, Jill Phelps Kern, Anne-Marie Brostrup Jensen, and Paul Rubin** for their work on SVT's Trail Guide

**Joyce Dwyer** and **Gordon Morrison** for the use of their artwork in SVT's Trail Guide

**Doug Brown** and the **Boston Mycological Club** for hosting a mushroom walk at the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts Memorial Forest in Sudbury

**Don Burn** for leading a National Trails Day hike at Sawink Farm in Westborough

**Cherrie Corey** for leading a Gowing's Swamp walk in Concord

**Simon Vos** and **Jim Lagerbom** for leading a paddle to Cedar Swamp Pond, starting in Hopkinton

**Charlie McColough** for leading a walk at O'Brien Farm in Westford

**Drumlin Farm** for leading a Spring Discovery Walk at Wolbach Farm in Sudbury

**Chris Stix** for leading an Appreciating Nature walk at Lyons-Cutler in Sudbury

**Donna Appel, Barbara Earley, Judy Eneguess, Susan Haber, Lauren Kaplan, Gretchen Sterling, Dominique Verly, Maggie Kelber and Joan Pinkul** for their regular office assistance

**Andrew Scholten** for writing educational descriptions for SVT's Nature Sightings emails

# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

## PAUL RUBIN

*By Michael Sanders, Director of Membership*

In the summer of 2012, SVT began working on a new trail guidebook. As the vision began to unfold, and we understood the scope of the task ahead, it became apparent that a dedicated group of volunteers would be needed to make this vision a reality. Longtime volunteers Judy Mack and Jill Phelps Kern, who are quite familiar with SVT properties, willingly agreed to help. But more volunteers would be needed, and as luck would have it, at just this time, Paul Rubin sought to volunteer with SVT.

With extra time on his hands, Paul was looking to volunteer for area environmental groups. He had always been interested in hiking and backpacking, especially having enjoyed such outings with his children as they were growing up. SVT had several opportunities that would have meshed well with Paul's talents—some of which he has since taken on— but after an initial meeting, it seemed that Paul would be a great fit for the incipient trail guide.

As Judy was busy writing property descriptions with the assistance of Anne-Marie Brostrup Jensen, and Jill was busily employing her mapping skills, Paul began to research logistical details, including directions, connectors to other conservation lands, and a tally of the miles of trails available in and surrounding SVT lands. Paul independently and patiently went to work on these assignments, going above and beyond what was envisioned.

Growing up, Paul had been fascinated by maps, and over the years, he has amassed quite a collection of them. Well before technology allowed us to get from place to place with incredible ease, being able to study and follow paper maps was a necessity. Paul always enjoyed how maps would help him connect the dots along his travels.

As he started this project, Paul found that the properties already featured on the maps page of the SVT website, with directions in place, made his task easier.



*Paul Rubin holds a copy of the new SVT trail guide, which benefited greatly from his assistance.*

Although it could have been a simple function of copy and paste, Paul decided that a much better product would result if he first reworked all directions for consistency in language and style. Small details, unapparent on individual maps, seemed unacceptable in a well thought-out book. Paul explained, "there is a certain poetry in this type of writing."

The next step was to compile directions for maps not previously offered by SVT, such as Black Cat Farm and Peppergrass Brook. Paul's proficient computer skills, using Google Earth, Google Maps, and other mapping software, became invaluable. With limited space for directions, he was able to find a good balance using major roads as a starting point, leading onto local streets and ending at reservation parking. Additionally, for each destination, SVT wanted to include a QR code alongside the written directions. Initially unfamiliar with QR technology, Paul picked up this skill in short order.

After completing the research, there was still one detail missing—actually driving the directions to make sure they were correct. With SVT on a relatively tight timeframe, Paul took to the road to assure himself that the directions were exact. Although tempted to walk each property while visiting, he kept his focus on the project at hand. However, he now plans to visit many of these properties with his new

*Sudbury Valley Trustees Trail Guide: 40 Walks West of Boston* in hand.

As a new volunteer, Paul had limited knowledge of SVT, but he feels this assignment provided him an enjoyable opportunity to learn about SVT and all the great conservation in this suburban region: woods and hills, and lakes and ponds that although not exactly hidden, are much more abundant than he previously appreciated.

SVT is grateful to have had such a great team of volunteers help in the creation of our new trail guide—each one of them offering a unique and valuable skill that resulted in this new offering that makes us proud.

SVT is most grateful to Paul for his commitment and attention to detail in helping to get this project completed on time. How lucky for SVT that the right person for the job appeared at just the right time!

## SPECIAL THANKS

*to the following funders and sponsors for their recent generous support of our work:*

**MARJORIE PEPE** and her team of fellow **IBM** employees for trail improvement and other work on the new Elliott Concord River Preserve in Carlisle. In addition to providing this wonderful volunteer effort, IBM also donated \$3000 to the project.

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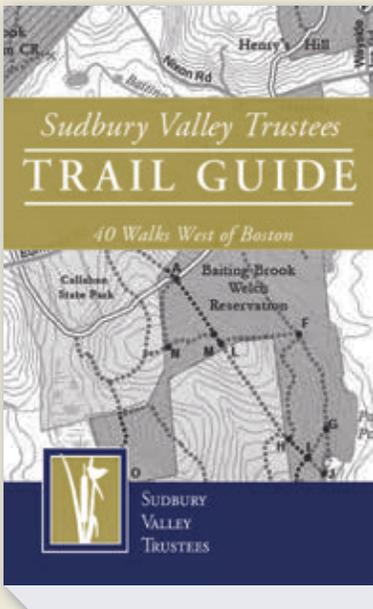


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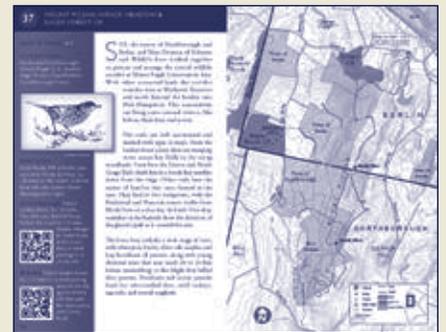
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## Proudly Announcing Sudbury Valley Trustees' Trail Guide: 40 Walks West of Boston

In honor of its 60th anniversary, Sudbury Valley Trustees has published a comprehensive trail guide, detailing trails on SVT fee-owned reservations and conservation-restricted properties, as well as adjoining lands managed by other conservation entities. Featuring detailed maps for hikes that reach into 26 of the 36 towns in our service area, this guide also offers directions to access points, historical facts about the land, and notes about the natural features and wildlife that may be encountered during a visit. To make getting there even easier, good old turn-by-turn directions are



paired with QR codes that can be scanned by a smart phone for GPS guidance straight to the trailheads. We hope this guide inspires you to get out and enjoy some of the wonderful places that SVT has been able to help protect over the years. From Round Hill, SVT's first reservation, to the Elliott Concord River Preserve, purchased this past summer, opportunities for exploration abound in these beautiful areas west of Boston.

Purchase a copy for yourself or as a gift to share with friends. Now available at SVT's online bookstore at [svtweb.org](http://svtweb.org) or at SVT's Wolbach Farm headquarters. Price \$15.95.