



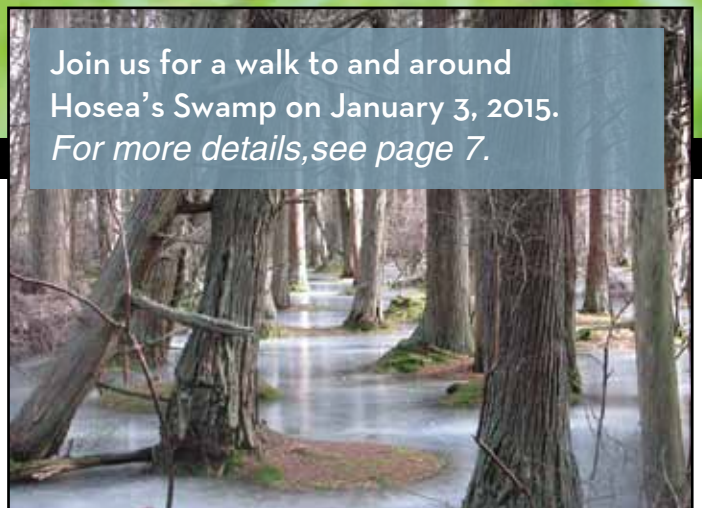
Orleans Conservation Trust

Fall • Winter 2014



Join us for a walk to and around
Hosea's Swamp on January 3, 2015.
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Much appreciation should go to outgoing president Jim Trainor and departing trustees Lynn Bruneau, Peter Deeks, Linde MacLeod, and Ad Vos for all they have done to advance the mission of the Orleans Conservation Trust. During Jim's tenure as President we protected 32 acres of land through purchase, gift and conservation restrictions, increased our membership, launched the Trust's revamped newsletter, introduced online and absentee voting for trustee elections, and undertook a revision of the Declaration of Trust, which will be presented to the members for a vote. Much has been accomplished but there is still much to do.

The work of the Trust is evolving. The availability of suitable land for outright purchase is decreasing, but the time and resources spent on stewardship and protection of the land we already own has been increasing. More of our future efforts will need to address removing invasive species and restoring habitat, which means looking at how we allocate resources to meet these needs.

One example of a successful habitat restoration and invasive species removal project is White's Lane. It started with a suggestion by Seth Wilkinson, then a board member, to try to restore this nine acre site in 2009. Many partners were involved and many hands were needed to turn a site overgrown with invasive species into the beautiful and scenic property it is today. If you have never seen it, you should definitely go there for a walk.

Since 2009, the plantings have matured and diversity has increased exponentially. Bluebirds are regularly seen and heard. House wrens, chickadees, tree swallows, and occasionally bluebirds nest in the bird boxes. Black racers and box turtles lay their eggs where once there was a dense jungle of non-native locust and bittersweet. Ospreys, egrets, and great blue herons are often seen feeding in the cove.

The main purpose of the project, however was to establish nesting "gardens" for the diamond-back terrapin, a state-listed threatened species, and it has been extremely successful. Every year more terrapins nest on the property, from one nest and 14 hatchlings in 2011 to nine nests and 46 hatchlings in 2013. This year we have found 14 nests and the terrapins are still hatching.

Protecting land in perpetuity is our mission and thanks to our generous members we have been very successful at accomplishing that. Acquiring land, however, is only just the beginning, and we will continue to need your help to preserve and maintain it. We couldn't do our work without your support.

I look forward to another successful year.

Bob Prescott, President, OCT



New Trustees



Diana Landau moved to South Orleans from San Francisco in 2008 with her husband, Greg DeLory, an Orleans native. Diana's love of the natural world dates to her childhood on Long Island in and around woods and beaches; her knowledge of natural history and the environment was honed over many years of working as an editor for Sierra Club Books in San Francisco. She graduated from Skidmore College and started her publishing career in New York.

Since the late 1980s, Diana has been self-employed as a writer, editor, and consultant in publishing and marketing communications. She has written or ghostwritten numerous books, other print materials, and websites; and she worked for many years on publications for the national group Trust for Public Land. She is stepmother to Greg's grown children, and they have a three-year-old grandson, Raymond. She serves on the vestry of Christ Church Episcopal, Harwich Port; sings in the choir there and with the Chatham Chorale.



Mefford Runyon is the Chairman of the Orleans Open Space Committee, having served on the Committee for many years. He spent summers in Orleans beginning in 1952 and has lived in town full time since 1974. He received his BA from Colgate University in 1974 and began working at the Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank in 1975.

He retired in 2011. Over the years, Meff has served on various town committees, including the town's Comprehensive Planning Committee. Meff lives in South Orleans.



Update - Declaration of Trust

As part of the effort to update the Declaration of Trust and the accompanying Board Policies and Procedures, OCT hosted member meetings on May 29, July 17, and August 5 of this year. At these meetings, the current Trust document was reviewed, article by article, and members were able to provide input and ideas for the new documents. The Board is now compiling all of the comments and suggestions and will move to prepare new draft documents for member review and comment. After further revision and comment a final version of the updated Declaration of Trust will be presented to members for a vote.

People and **Places**



Youth Volunteer **Eli Simon** **Helps Maintain** **Boland Pond Park**

“I started maintaining Boland Pond Park nearly four years ago, when I was in seventh grade. At that time the work seemed like a chore and not something I looked forward to. However, today I am proud of what I have achieved and continue to accomplish, and it feels good to help out the Trust.”

Since 2010 Eli Simon, who is now a Junior at Nauset Regional High School, has mowed back the grass, picked up fallen branches, and cleaned up road-side litter at OCT’s Boland Pond Park, which is located at 143 Route 6A on the road leading toward downtown Orleans.

“Not once in four years have I had to maintain the park. Eli has taken care of it on his own initiative,” said Kris Ramsay, OCT Director. “I’d drive by the property, even in the heat of the summer, and see Eli mowing back the grass.” Since Eli has put in more than 100 hours of volunteer work just with the Trust, the Nauset Regional High School will recognize Eli’s hard work with a special colored tassel come graduation day and a brick with his name placed within the school’s hallway.

At school, Eli has a pretty normal academic schedule but he particularly enjoys and excels at working with fine metals, including silver. In fact, Eli’s work has been recognized at Town Hall and Snow Library, and the *Boston Globe* has entered his work into a national scholastic contest. After graduation Eli plans to go to a college in New England that offers a metalsmithing program.

Along with volunteering for the Trust and going to school, Eli works for his dad’s company, Oceanside Pools of Harwich, plays lacrosse for the high school team and rides his longboard.

The Boland Pond Park, which is 3.1 acres and directly abuts Boland Pond, was purchased in 1998 as the last buildable lot on Route 6A in Orleans. Lida Miner, a certified public accountant who renovated the abutting classic half-Cape as her office, planned to sell the land to pay for the renovations.

However, Lida had second thoughts after settling in to enjoy the pond view and the linden trees that have shaded the Old King’s Highway since the days when horses, buggies, and carts created traffic. Lida agreed to sell the land to the Trust for \$48,000, less than half the appraised value. After preserving the property Lida continued to support the Trust, even joining the Board as a Trustee in 2010.

The Orleans Conservation Trust thanks Eli for all his hard work and recognizes that if he didn’t volunteer his time, the park would not be the same. If you are interested in getting involved or know someone who would like to volunteer with the Trust, please contact Kris Ramsay at 508-255-0183 or e-mail kramsay@orleansconservationtrust.org.



Coywolves on Cape Cod

Dr. Jonathan Way, a native and resident of Cape Cod, has spent the better part of his professional life researching coyotes in suburban and urban settings of eastern Mass. Dr. Way obtained his M.S. degree at UConn Storrs and Ph.D. degree at Boston College, where he made the study of coyotes the subject of his Ph.D. Dr. Way even had the opportunity to hand raise a pack, which was a valuable asset to both the science and educational components of his work. After years of research, Dr. Way and other colleagues have determined that the eastern coyote is actually a coyote x red/eastern wolf hybrid that may more accurately be called a “coywolf.”

Dr. Way has conducted several research projects tracking coyotes (or coywolves) which he successfully trapped and fitted with radio collars on Cape Cod. The results of his research provide a fascinating insight into the behavior and social structure of family groups of these animals.

The biggest challenges to Dr. Way's efforts to learn more about the Coywolf continue to be human-caused. While an unlimited number of permits may be granted to hunt and kill coyotes each year, Dr. Way has been unable to obtain the necessary government-issued permits to continue his work tagging and tracking the



animal for scientific purposes.

Dr. Way's talk will cover the history and findings of his research on the coywolf here on Cape Cod and Eastern MA, his plans to continue those studies, and the difficulties he has encountered in obtaining State permits for further research. He will also describe the work he has done on the study of wolves in Yellowstone National Park and relate the similarities he found in the behavior of those Yellowstone wolves to that of coywolves here in MA.

To learn more, be sure to attend Dr. Jonathan Way's presentation on Monday, March 2nd, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Orleans Yacht Club. After his talk Dr. Way will run a 30 minute movie while conducting a book signing and answering individual questions. Dr. Way will be signing and selling copies of his two books.

More Info: Dr. Way runs an organization, Eastern Coyote Research (www.EasternCoyoteResearch.com), works seasonally for Cape Cod National Seashore, is a part time post-doctoral researcher with the Yellowstone Ecological Research Center, frequently travels to the Yellowstone area, and has two completed book projects: *Suburban Howls* and *My Yellowstone Experience* and is planning to publish a third book titled *Coywolf*.



Presentation by
Dr. Jonathan Way

**Monday, March 2,
7:00 p.m.
at the Orleans Yacht Club.**



Coywolf Facts

- The Coywolf is a coyote-wolf hybrid found throughout eastern North America, from Canada south to Virginia.
- Many scientists now recognize the Coywolf as one of five wild canine species/types in North America, the others being Gray Wolves, Eastern Wolves, Great Lakes Wolves (Gray x Eastern Wolf hybrids) and Western Coyotes.
- The Coywolf has a larger overall body than Western Coyotes, and also have larger, stronger jaws and bigger skulls.
- Similar to Western Coyotes — but unlike wolves — Coywolves can adapt to all habitats, thriving in the countryside, in suburbs, and in cities.



2015 Winter & Spring Lecture Series



Snowy Owl Project

Monday, January 5, 2015

Speaker— Norman Smith

Director of Mass Audubon's Blue Hills Trailside Museum

Norman will discuss how, since 1978, he has attached bands and transmitters to snowy owls at Logan Airport and then tracked their travels.



History of the Preserved Land along Town Cove - The Windmill, Meadow on the Cove, and Sea Call Farm

Monday, February 2, 2015

Speakers— Bonnie Snow

Long-time Orleans resident and amateur historian

Bonnie will discuss the history of the lands now conserved on Town Cove, including Sea Call Farm, Meadow on the Cove, and the Windmill.



Coywolves on Cape Cod

Monday, March 2, 2015

Speaker— Dr. Jonathan Way

Author of Suburban Howls

Jonathan will give an update on his Eastern Coyote research and show video clips to illustrate key aspects of Eastern Coyote behavior.



Measuring the Flow of River Sands

Monday, April 6, 2015

Speaker— Dr. Graham Giese

Coastal Geologist and Co-Founder of the Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies

Graham will discuss his recent and ongoing development of methods for determining the volume rate of sediment transport (the river of sand) along the shores of Cape Cod.



Bees

Monday, May 4, 2015

Speaker— John Beach

President, Barnstable County Beekeepers Association

John will discuss the important ecological role honeybees play in our society as well as hive management, honeybee pests and diseases, swarm control, plants and pollination, and how to extract honey from a hive.

JOIN US! Where: Orleans Yacht Club

January - February 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. • March - May 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Doors open 30 minutes before the start of each presentation (cash bar) — Admission is free

Fall & Winter Walk Schedule

Join us for these free educational walks appropriate for all ages



Kent's Point Conservation Area
 Beautiful walk along nearly a mile of shoreline with outstanding views
 Meet at the end of Frost Fish Lane, Orleans
Saturday, November 15
9:00–10:30 a.m.



Woods Cove Conservation Area
 Short .5 mile trail stretching through uplands, wetlands, and a salt marsh ecosystem
 Meet at 366 Tonset Road, Orleans
Thursday, March 5
9:00–10:00 a.m.



Twinings Pond Conservation Area
 1.5 mile trail through 30+ acres of pristine woodlands
 Meet at 135 Quanset Road, South Orleans
Tuesday, December 9
3:00–4:30 p.m.



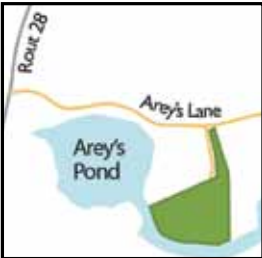
Paw Wah Point Conservation Area
 Short walk through 12-acres of pristine woodlands
 Meet at 163 Namequoit Road, South Orleans
Saturday, April 11
10:00–11:15 a.m.



Hosea's Swamp Conservation Area
 Up-close look at a globally rare Atlantic White Cedar swamp
 Meet at 70 Quanset Road, South Orleans
Saturday, January 3
10:00–11:15 a.m. See below



Baker's Pond Conservation Area
 1.5 mile walk stretching between Orleans and Brewster adjoining conservation lands on Baker's Pond
 Meet at 80 Baker's Pond Road, Orleans
Friday, May 8
3:00–4:30 p.m.



Peck Property Conservation Area
 Short walk traversing 12-acres overlooking Namequoit River
 Meet at 20 Peck's Way, Orleans
Thursday, February 5
9:00–10:10 a.m.



Meadow Bog Conservation Area
 1.25 mile walk along the edge of two freshwater ponds and a former cranberry bog
 Meet at 197 Quanset Road, South Orleans
Saturday, May 30
9:00–10:15 a.m.

See map above — **Hosea's Swamp Conservation Area**

Join Us for a walk around the edges of a globally rare Atlantic White Cedar swamp. This parcel was donated to OCT in 1993 by Rachia Heyelman and is surrounded by more than 60 acres of preserved Town of Orleans Water District land. It is thought that this swamp land might once have been owned by Micah Rafe, the Cape's last surviving full-blooded Indian, and named after his wife Hosea Ralph (Rafe), the great-great granddaughter of Sagamore Mattaquason.



A Family's Conservation Legacy

By Bobbie Thomsen



In the mid 1880s, Gilbert Russell Payson instigated the purchase of nearly 300 acres of land in East

Orleans including Pochet Island, Sampson Island, and Hog Island, all for the princely sum of about \$1,500. Since then, this land has been considered home for members of the Payson family, a legacy that remains in place today. The family entered into a Conservation Restriction over these islands in 1975, a gift which remains

the largest private conservation restriction on Cape Cod.

My late husband, Charlie Thomsen, was a member of the Payson family. Charlie and I met at Pleasant Bay Camp in the summer of 1950. We were both college students at the time, Charlie was at Harvard and I was a junior at Wheaton. Neither of us had been to summer camp as children, but in our college years we were seeking summer employment. Pleasant Bay Camp turned out to be a tremendous experience – and not only because I met Charlie there. Time spent teaching kids rowing, sailing, swimming, and tennis was a great way to spend the summer. Charlie and I were

usually split up, he working with the boys group and me with the girls, but we especially enjoyed the numerous counselor get-togethers.

We were married in December of '52, and over the next several years we moved around a lot. While Charlie was studying for his Masters at John's Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, in Washington D.C., I was working with the Republican National Committee. One day a staff person from the White House came into the office and mentioned that there was an opening for a position as a Social Correspondent for Mrs. Eisenhower. The other woman in the office was not available because she was returning to Connecticut to be married. Never one to miss an opportunity, I asked to apply. After an interview with Mrs. Eisenhower's Personal Secretary, I was hired and worked there during the President's second term. Later on, when the Kennedys were in office, I joined my sister Martie, and we shared several

View of Pochet Island



Photo ©Hardie Truesdale

weeks working together at the White House.

By 1976, Charlie and I and our two children, Amy and Eric, found ourselves living full time in my hometown, Hingham, discussing the idea of an early retirement to the Cape. Knowing that a cousin of Charlie's had some land for sale on Payson Lane, we decided to purchase a 1.6 acre lot which supposedly looked out on Pochet Island. However, when we came to visit the property, the vegetation was so dense there was no water to be seen. Charlie and I crawled around on our hands and knees and behold, there was the water and the island!

Not long after the house was built and we were settled in, Charlie's cousin Bill Gardiner, and Orin Tovrov, OCT Founding President, invited us to our first meeting of the Orleans Conservation Trust. This was a very special group of neighborhood gentlemen carefully designing a framework to preserve the Orleans environment. Doris Rainey was the early secretary and Arthur "Boy" Nichols treasurer. Meetings were usually held at the Tovrovs, across from today's Mill Pond Valley Conservation Area off Champlain Road. They were a blend of business and pleasure — a truly enjoyable marriage!

In 1978 Charlie became a full-fledged Trustee, and I took on treasurer's tasks. Sorting through early property acquisition records was challenging, to say the least. One thing I distinctly remember is the fact that despite being relatively new to Town and new to the Trust, Charlie and I never felt like "new kids on the block." The Trustees came together as a group to focus on a common goal. Due to the increase in development in Orleans, the shore was

already lapping at the toes, so to speak, and we felt something needed to be done to lessen the burden of development upon the community.

By the early 80s the Trust was accumulating additional significant parcels of land, and it was becoming clear that the Trust needed professionals within the field of land management, finance, and legal guidance. Just a few of those called to serve on the Board were Paul Donham, Peter Dow Campbell, Russell Ford, Emily "Teddy" Williams, and the list goes on. All of these Trustees, dating back to the founding of the organization, were on a mission to preserve land. I particularly enjoyed working with Doris, who lived nearby — we met often.

Charlie became President of the Trust in the mid-80s and served actively in various roles until the early 2000s. During that same year, the Trust partnered with the Town and Cape Cod Five to help fund and complete the establishment of the Windmill on Town Cove Conservation Area. This was one of the first examples of the Trust collaborating with the Town and a local business to preserve an important parcel of land.

During the mid-80s into the early 90s, the concept of land preservation was still relatively new. To help persuade



landowners to preserve their land, the Trust painted a picture of what Orleans might be like if it were fully developed. We would show

people lands that were preserved, and this often gave landowners the inspiration to preserve their own. I think that is why the Trust was able to preserve more than 150 acres in South Orleans alone and 655 acres across Town today

Charlie stayed very active with the Trust right up to his passing at the end of 2005. In fact, as many may recall even to this day, he was delighted to be able to attend the Trust's Annual Meeting that August — a gorgeous late afternoon at the Orleans Yacht Club.

Today, the direction of the Trust and the way in which things have evolved, speaks well for the future. The educational programs and informative newsletters are particularly noteworthy. Looking ahead, I feel that the more we can promote land preservation here in Orleans, the better the quality of life will be for us all.



Fundraising

We are grateful for the exceptional financial support our members have given the Trust during the past year (July 1, 2013–June 30 2014), and we wish to recognize those who have strengthened our efforts to preserve and maintain land in Orleans. During that time 659 donors to the Trust gave \$203,473, with restricted gifts of \$100,615 and unrestricted gifts of \$102,858.

Restricted gifts of money to fund land acquisitions and gifts of land have been a very prominent and visible part of our 40+ year

history and we are extremely grateful to all of those who have made these land acquisitions possible. Thanks to the generosity of our members the Trust has now conserved 158 parcels of land totaling more than 655 Acres.

Unrestricted gifts in the form of membership dues or gifts to our Annual Appeal provide the funds which allow us to do much of the work which you see highlighted in this newsletter, including educational talks and walks, maintaining the Trust's 650 acres and, most importantly, supporting the day to day efforts of our Director, Kris Ramsay. This past year we offered 9 educational talks and 19 walks on more than 16 properties, and we are pleased to report that nearly 1,000 individuals joined us

for one or more of these programs. If you have had an opportunity to be a part of one of these activities, you know how informative and interesting they are.

With 750 members, OCT has grown tremendously in the past five years. Our membership spans the United States, with more than 50% of our members living outside of the Cape. Although the Trust has not undertaken any major fundraising for property acquisition this past year, we thank those whose restricted gifts have supported the maintenance of many of our beautiful properties.

To all of you who have donated to the work of the Trust over the past year — restricted or unrestricted — we say a big "thank you!"

Restricted Gifts —

Specifically supporting Land Acquisitions, Land Management or Educational Programs - from 7-1-2013 to 6-30-2014

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Making a contribution to the Orleans Conservation Trust is a meaningful way to honor or to remember someone special.

Gifts in Honor are dedicated to family, friends or loved ones, perhaps for a special occasion or to mark a significant milestone.

Gifts in Memory recognize someone who has passed away, in celebration of his or her life.

By making a tribute gift, you are not only memorializing or honoring those who deserve recognition, you are playing a vital role in helping OCT fulfill its mission— to preserve and enhance natural areas in the Town of Orleans for the use and benefit of the community.

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Christian Property

By Diana Landau, *Trustee*

Walking the Town's Christian Property

For the five years I lived on Namequoit Road, I was barely aware of the OCT- and Town-owned lands just to the south. Yet a glance at the OCT trail map shows the importance of these interlinked parcels—the 6.85-acre Christian Property, OCT's Seikel Property fronting on Namequoit, and the not-quite 9-acre Atlantic white cedar swamp embraced by the two. This small complex spans the distance between Namequoit and Portanimitcut Roads, where residential development has been steadily filling in over recent years.

After a short bike ride, I came to a dusty stop in, as it turned out, a friend's driveway. Local artist Eve Aspinwall and her husband, Dave Holbrook, live in an old farmhouse on the lot adjoining the Christian Property. Hard by the entry road is Eve's studio, where she showed me a little painting she had just made of the road: a leafy tunnel opening at the far end to brilliant sunshine and yellow flowers. Which previewed exactly my experience of entering the property: surrounding the parking lot is a meadow blanketed in goldenrod, just past its peak of bloom on this bright September afternoon.

I start down the loop trail heading north and am quickly immersed in the smell of dry grass and pines on a fitful breeze and the late-summer chorus of insects and catbird squawk. Descending toward the cedar swamp, I spot some ornamental trees left behind by earlier residents: silver birches and yews, along with native shrubs and young sycamore maples. As I move into the big oaks and pitch pines, the texture underfoot changes from dry and crunchy to mossy, and I soon reach the viewing platform built by the Town to look into the swamp. Not quite content with the view from there, I head westward through the cedars on a deer trail that skirts the edge of the swamp—most likely inaccessible (or inadvisable) at wetter times of year.

Down here is the atmosphere I recall from visiting nearby Hosea's Swamp. I walk on a tracery of exposed roots and mosses among waist-high water - willow and other understory shrubs, winding through the ranks of big cedars: upright or aslant at many angles. When the breeze penetrates, dancing foliage shadows make it a bit dizzying to look down. The westward trail soon peters out, so I retrace my steps and continue past the platform eastward. The sense of magic deepens: What is it about shaggy old cedars that makes you feel you're in a fairytale forest inhabited by half-plant/half-human beings, like Tolkien's Ents in *The Lord of the Rings*?

After a bit I clamber back up to the main trail, bending south and then west toward the trailhead. This part of the woodland is dense with

bittersweet and catbrier, and locusts mingle with the oaks. The roots of one big, half-fallen locust frame a dark cavity: perfect fox den. A fallen pine, bare of bark, tempts me to hop on and balance—partly to get a photo from a higher angle but also to walk the log.

I become aware of the faint traffic hum from Route 28, but am still amazed by how far away this feels from a growing suburb of Orleans. Emerging into the golden meadow, I note this time the grand tupelo poplar that stands guard by the parking lot fence. I'm already thinking that it will be even better to visit in February, with ice clasping the cedar trunks and winter's hush settled over the woods.

Painting by Eve Aspinwall



Special Thanks!

Brooks Gift



On June 26, 2014 John Brooks, III, Christopher R. Brooks, W. Blair Brooks, Sarah Brooks, and Ayres Stiles-Hall kindly donated a 4 acre salt marsh in South Orleans more commonly referred to as the "Pleasant Bay Bog." This marsh, which was once connected to Sarah's Pond and

dammed off from Pleasant Bay, was used for the cultivation of cranberries in the early 1900s.

This land was important to protect because it:

- Lies within the Town's Groundwater Protection District, Pleasant Bay Marine Water Recharge Area, and Pleasant Bay Area of Critical Environmental Concern;
- Was identified by the Town as having Strategic Potential for Open Space;
- Protects land 100% within the State's Wildlife Action Plan, and
- Adds to the 100+ acres of land preserved between Twinings Pond and Little Pleasant Bay;



Braddock Gift

Isaac Braddock and Sarah Fisher will be generously donating a 2.1 acre parcel of land off Henson's Way that is best described as a Pine/Oak woodland. This land, which was once held under term Conservation Restrictions that ran out in 2012, directly abuts existing Orleans Conservation Trust land holdings and helps protect a number of State certified vernal pools.

This land was important to protect because it:

- Contains critical upland buffer to freshwater wetlands;
- Lies within the State's Critical Natural Landscape and Coastal Adaptation layer;
- Lies within a State-designated Noteworthy Scenic Landscape area, and
- Links together several isolated conservation properties owned by the Orleans Conservation Trust.



Preserve Your Land with a Conservation Restriction



In doing so, you may qualify for a Massachusetts state income tax credit worth up to \$75,000 to go along with potential IRS income tax deductions, estate tax reduction, and local property tax relief.

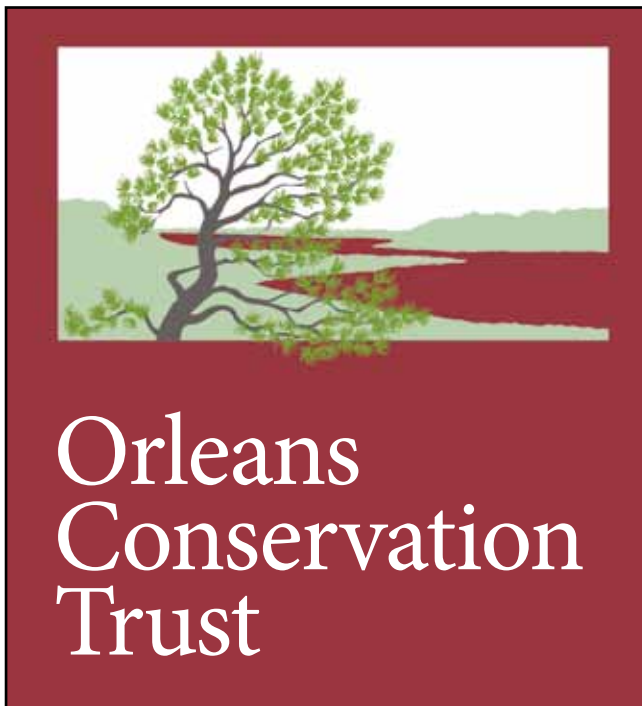
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