



Reuben's Pond Woodlands Expansion

A campaign of the Orleans Conservation Trust

Right beside this beloved trail, the Orleans Conservation Trust has a rare chance to permanently protect 1.14 acres of mature pine-oak woodland at 170 Brick Hill Road (**map on reverse**). This small but vital parcel would expand nearly 35 acres of protected land around Ice House and Reuben's Ponds. Preventing development here will preserve the serenity of these woodlands for people and wildlife.

Why This Land Matters

- **Clean Water:** The lot sits uphill from Reuben's Pond, with groundwater flowing toward Town Cove. Keeping it undeveloped helps limit additional nutrient pollution (this area is not scheduled for sewerage).
- **Wildlife Habitat:** Mature woodlands provide cover and food for migrating warblers. This is a favorite spot for birders. The state has also identified this area as important for vernal pool wildlife; amphibians like spotted salamanders that breed in nearby vernal pools need a significant buffer of protected surrounding upland in order to survive and thrive.
- **A Better Trail Experience:** Protecting the land prevents lot clearing and a future house from rising above the trail between Ice House and Reuben's Ponds. It also preserves another potential access point to the trail system from Brick Hill Road.

Fundraising Goal

Orleans Conservation Trust must raise **\$525,000 by June 15, 2027** to secure the Reuben's Pond Woodlands. The landowners, Marnie Campbell and Alexandra Campbell Eldar, have offered a significant discount from the appraised value to make conservation possible. OCT has submitted a state grant application and is soliciting contributions from neighbors, trail users, and OCT supporters.

Donate Today

Support the Reuben's Pond Woodlands Expansion by donating:

- Online at orleansconservationtrust.org/give-to-oct/
- With the QR code (scan with your phone's camera)
- Via check to Orleans Conservation Trust (memo: "Reuben's Woodlands") at 203 South Orleans Rd, Orleans, MA 02653



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