

# Greater Worcester Land Trust

## Membership Form

I will help support the goals of the GWLT.

- Individual \$25       Family \$100
- Protector \$250       Sustainer \$500
- Steward \$1,000       Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- I have a skill I can offer: \_\_\_\_\_

- My employer has a matching gift policy. Form is enclosed.
- Please send me information on the Conservation Ranger Program
- Please send me information on Trail Stewards

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your tax deductible check payable to **GWLT** and return it with this form to:

GWLT  
4 Ash Street  
Worcester, MA 01608

Or donate securely online at: [gwlt.org](http://gwlt.org)

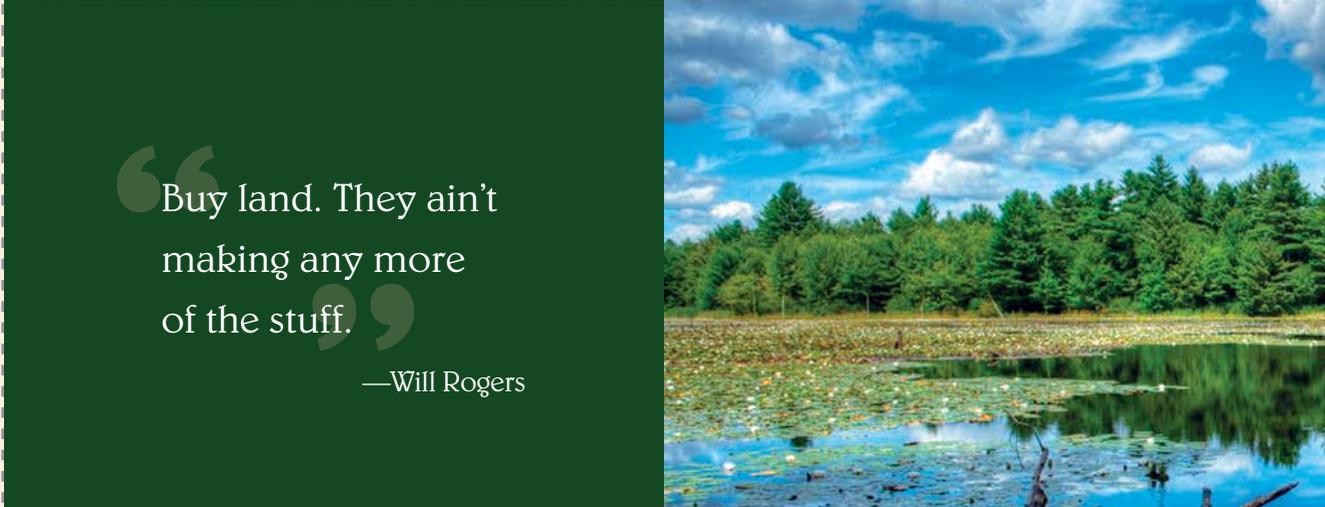
Please visit [gwlt.org](http://gwlt.org) for more information about volunteering your time. We can use your help.

You can also email us at [mail@gwlt.org](mailto:mail@gwlt.org) or call us at 508-795-3838

**THANK YOU!**



Parson's Cider Mill, Worcester

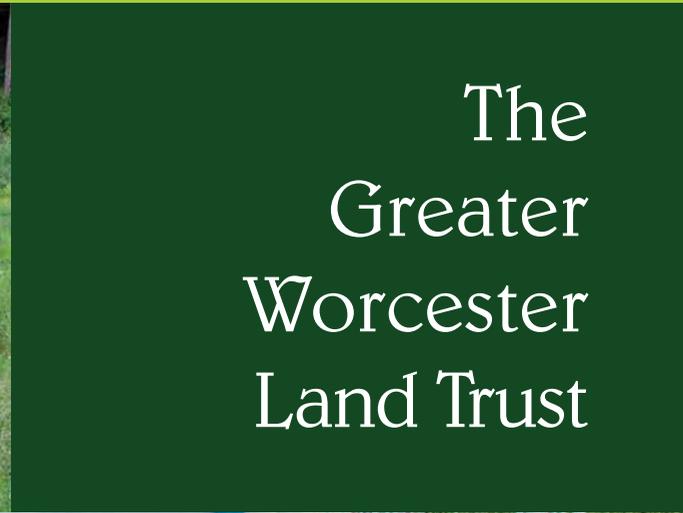


“Buy land. They ain't making any more of the stuff.”

—Will Rogers



Sibley Farm, Spencer



# The Greater Worcester Land Trust



Preserving open space in Greater Worcester County since 1987

[gwlt.org](http://gwlt.org)



## Who We Are

The Greater Worcester Land Trust (GWLT) is a nonprofit organization with the mission to preserve critical open space in the Greater Worcester area. We accomplish this through land purchases, accepting gifts of land, and other conservation practices. Our mission is made possible by securing grants and donations from our supporters, including generous individuals. GWLT is run by a board of trustees, a small office staff and industrious volunteers.

Open space and natural preserves enhance the quality of life in our cities, serving as antidotes to the stresses of urban life. They protect water resources and biodiversity, mitigate urban pollution, and bolster property values. They provide us with spiritual and physical benefits as well, by helping to connect each of us with our natural environment.

Since its inception, GWLT has preserved more than 2,300 acres of land in the Greater Worcester area for the purposes of resource protection, scenic beauty, and passive recreation. All of these lands are accessible to the public. You can find locations and descriptions of our properties, along with hiking maps, on our website – [gwlt.org](http://gwlt.org).



Cascading Waters Trail Sign Installation

## Membership and Volunteering

You can support GWLT in many different ways — with time or donations. We welcome your help!

### Become a Member

Your membership dues are used to support the goals of the GWLT. Annual membership dues for an individual start at \$25/year and are tax deductible. Check out our website at [gwlt.org](http://gwlt.org) to donate securely online or fill out and return the attached form.

### Volunteer

You can also volunteer your time and talents. Throughout the year, we schedule trail clearing, blazing and maintenance activities to keep our conservation areas easily accessible to the public. We also have ongoing property signage projects that include sign layout, timber hewing, routing and installation.

We can use donations of administrative skills as well. Visit our website to send us a message about how you can volunteer your talents. We need you!

### Trail Steward

If you frequently use the trails on the Trust's lands, consider becoming a Trail Steward. Trail Stewards adopt a trail or segment of a trail for light maintenance such as brush and tree trimming and keeping the trail free of litter. Trail maps are available at [gwlt.org](http://gwlt.org).

### Conservation Ranger

Conservation Rangers monitor, protect and manage our lands by conducting monthly evaluations of current conditions such as wildlife and habitats, uses and abuses, and documenting observations in field journals with maps, and photos. GWLT provides Conservation Rangers with training, materials and ongoing education. Ranger input contributes to the Trust's decisions about projects related to property improvements, wildlife management, burns, signage and more.

You can email us at [mail@gwlt.org](mailto:mail@gwlt.org) or call us at 508-795-3838 for more information on any of these opportunities.



Southwick Pond, Paxton/Leicester

There is work to be done: There is further open space to protect; and we must take care of the lands we have already preserved, keeping them accessible for public enjoyment. The Trust relies upon your support to help us continue to:

- Purchase land of conservation interest
- Secure and enforce conservation restrictions
- Purchase materials to maintain our properties, including woodworking and landscaping tools
- Hold workshops to teach conservation skills
- Support an internship program
- Pursue limited development ventures in the service of greater land preservation goals
- Advise landowners regarding the techniques and benefits of land preservation
- Encourage the establishment of neighborhood preserves
- Work actively with municipal and state officials on land protection
- Involve volunteers in the maintenance and monitoring of Trust properties



East Side Trail, Worcester



Muir Meadow, Paxton