



# GWLT FACTS

## Membership and Volunteer Opportunities

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The Greater Worcester Land Trust relies on the dedication and support of its members and volunteers to manage and protect its more than 1700 acres of land in and around Worcester.

### Membership

Support the GWLT by becoming a member. 100% of your membership dues are used to support the goals of the Trust. Annual membership for individuals starts at \$25/year and is tax deductible. See the GWLT brochure or the membership section of [www.gwlt.org](http://www.gwlt.org) for other membership levels.

### Trails & Signage

Throughout the year, we schedule trail clearing, blazing, and maintenance activities to keep our conservation areas available and easily accessible to the public. We supply the tools but need volunteers who can spend a couple of hours helping us trim vegetation, clear fallen trees and limbs, paint trail blazes, and whatever is required to keep the trails passable. We also have ongoing property signage projects that include layout, timber hewing, routing, and installation. Provide your email or other contact information and we will notify you of upcoming trail and signage events.

### Trail Stewards

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. They also notify GWLT of downed trees or limbs or other factors that impact access or enjoyment of the trail so that a volunteer crew can resolve the issue.

### Earth Day

Each April, we participate in Earth Day cleanups on our conservation lands. Celebrate Earth Day by joining us at one of these locations. Contact us at [gwlt@gwlt.org](mailto:gwlt@gwlt.org) or call (508) 795-3838 to learn where cleanup efforts are being held this Earth Day.

### National Trails Day

This annual event occurs on the first Saturday in June and encourages people to discover, learn about, and enjoy America's Trails. Trails provide access to our natural world, and to outdoor recreation and education. We celebrate with local events and need volunteers to lead hikes, welcome participants to our activities, serve food and prepare the trails. Contact GWLT to learn how you can be a part of this yearly salute to our local trail systems.

### Conservation Rangers

GWLT needs dedicated and committed land advocates to serve as Conservation Rangers. Rangers monitor, protect and manage our open spaces by conducting monthly evaluations of current conditions such as wildlife and habitats, uses and abuses, and document observations in field journals, 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. For more information about this program, contact us at (508) 795-3838 or at [gwlt@gwlt.org](mailto:gwlt@gwlt.org)

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## Internships

Intern opportunities may be available to interested students who want to learn more about land conservation and environmental advocacy on a local and city level. Responsibilities can often be tailored to the intern's interests and might include research and mapping projects, field data collection, event planning and outreach, or more. Contact us to discuss your interests.

## Publicity

We are always looking for ways to get the word out about our organization and what we do. Help us with mailings, marketing and community outreach activities. Are you a talented photographer who can capture the best aspects of our conservation lands for display on our website? Are you skilled at designing brochures or writing promotional materials? Do you have access to people or resources that can share what GWLT is doing in our community? Contact us and let us know how your talents can help us share GWLT's message!

## Administrative Help

As our organization grows, we need help with various office and administrative activities such as filing, database maintenance, event planning, photograph organization, historic archiving and storage and much more. If you have an interest in supporting GWLT using your administrative talents, let us know how you can help.

## Field Camp

GWLT periodically establishes a zero-impact seasonal encampment on one of our conservation lands to maintain ongoing direct contact with the property. This opportunity may be available to select individuals able to make a longer term volunteer commitment to further the protection, study, and stewardship of Worcester area open spaces.

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## About GWLT

The Greater Worcester Land Trust is a small non-profit organization created in 1987 to purchase, hold, advocate for, preserve or transfer, critical open space parcels in the Greater Worcester area. The Land Trust is run by a volunteer board of trustees, volunteers, and a small office staff.

We endeavor to acquire and maintain land for preservation of wildlife and public access so that current and future generations can enjoy the mental and physical well-being wilderness and our natural environment provides. We accomplish this through land purchases, accepting gifts of land, securing grants and other conservation practices.

## For More Information

To learn more about how you can support GWLT through membership and volunteer opportunities, please call us at (508) 795-3838 or email us at [gwt@gwt.org](mailto:gwt@gwt.org). You may also visit the volunteer section of the GWLT website at [www.gwt.org](http://www.gwt.org)