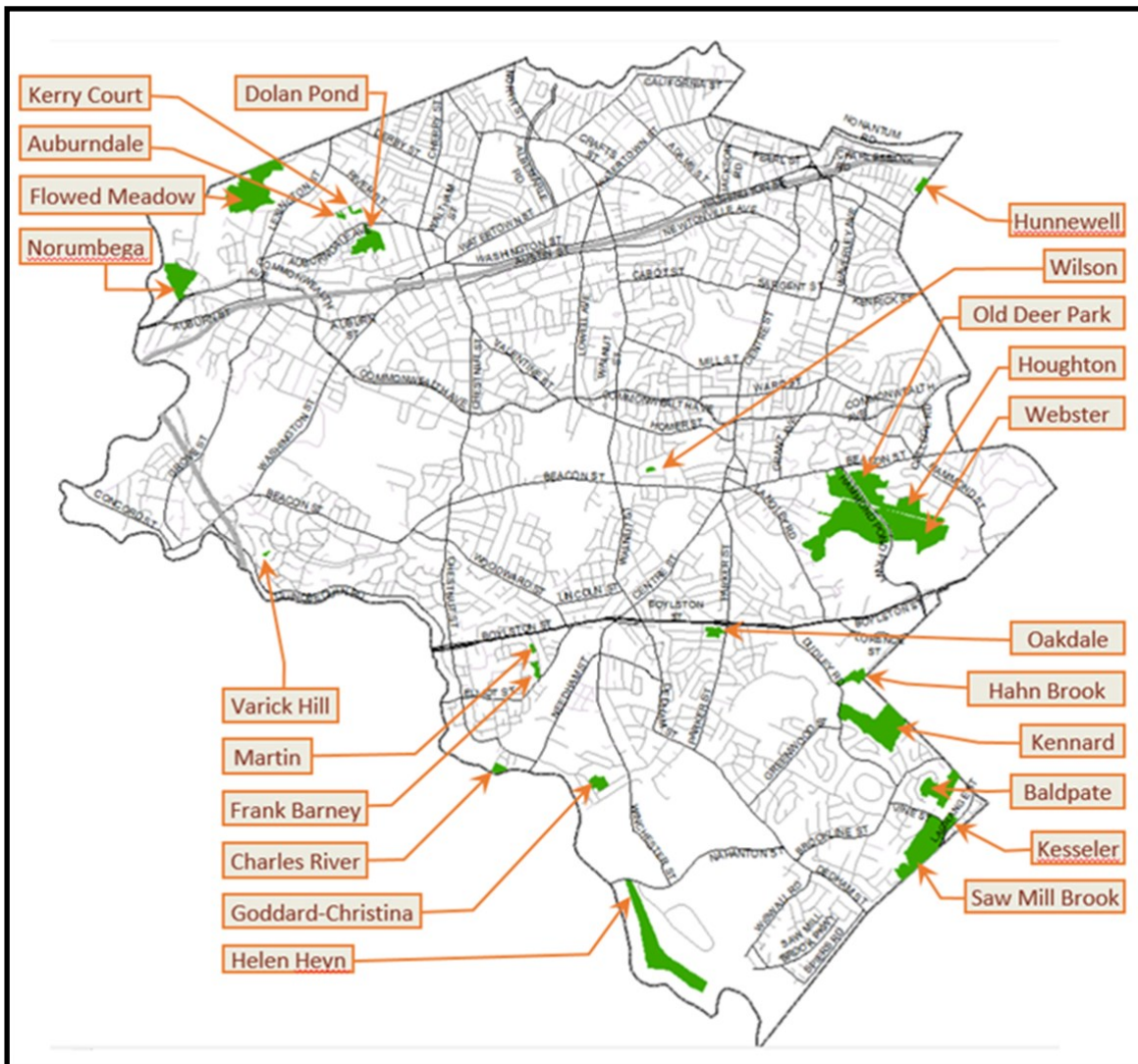


NEWTON'S CONSERVATION AREAS



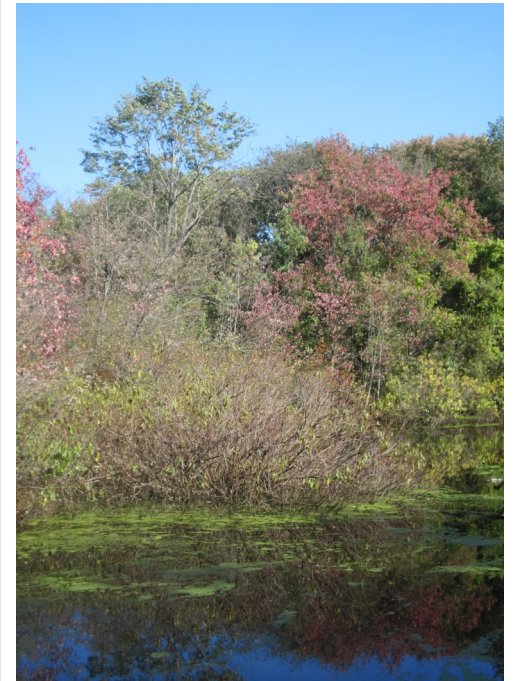
DID YOU KNOW?

- Newton Conservation Commission owns 22 parcels of woods, ponds, and marshes, totaling over 290 acres.
- Leashed dogs are welcome on conservation parcels.
- Conservation land supports two apiaries.

DID YOU KNOW?

- 14 of our parcels have trails used for walking and other passive recreation activities.
- We are always working to improve and expand Newton's trail network.
- Volunteer stewards help care for our parcels. Call our office for more details.

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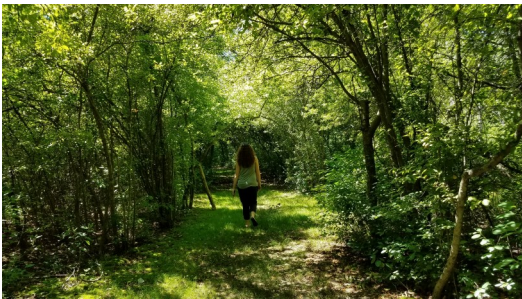
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WHAT IS “CONSERVATION LAND”?

The City of Newton, through its Conservation Commission, owns 22 parcels of land (over 290 acres) for its passive recreation and ecological value. This is what is referred to as “Conservation Land”

Other major “open space” owners in Newton include the Parks and Recreation Commission (510 acres), the Mass. Dept. of Conservation and Recreation (330 acres), and public and private golf courses (660 acres).



WHAT IS THE VALUE OF CONSERVATION LAND?

Newton’s Conservation lands provide many values, including:

- Water resources — Natural areas act to filter stormwater and to recharge wetlands, streams, and rivers.
- Wildlife habitat — Native animals rely on large, healthy ecosystems to breed, nest, feed, shelter, or hibernate.
- Passive recreation — Discover babbling streams, bird-filled marshes, and dense forests. Walk miles of trails for exercise or find tranquility in the midst of our city.
- Quality of life — Surround yourself with the beauty of nature.

WHAT BIG PROJECTS ARE PLANNED?

Priorities for 2019 and 2020 include:

- Stabilization of the eroded north west slope at Norumbega Conservation Area
- Connection improvements at Charles River Path and Upper Falls Greenway
- Trail and boardwalk creation at Kessler Woods Conservation Area



WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE ALLOWED AND PROHIBITED?

Passive activities such as walking, jogging, picnicking, and photography are encouraged. Explore the beauty and wonder of these areas. We particularly encourage children to get out and explore their natural surroundings, learn about nature’s systems, and understand how we all need to be stewards of these precious resources.

Walking with leashed dogs is allowed as long as pet waste is carried out.

Please adhere to our policy of CARRY IN– CARRY OUT.

Walking dogs off-leash, lighting fires, cutting vegetation, digging, and other land disturbing activities are not allowed. Violators may be fined.

WHO CARES FOR THESE LANDS

The Conservation Commission is fortunate to have several sources of assistance in its land management efforts.

- An annual maintenance contractor performs routine maintenance and special project contractors undertake large or challenging projects.
- Volunteer Stewards watch over and help care for individual parcels.
- Eagle Scouts undertake improvement projects.
- Newton Conservators contribute to community improvement projects such as invasive species pulls.
- Other “friends of” groups contribute energy, inspiration, and assistance in a variety of projects.



HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

- Walk our parcels — the more the trails are used, the more “self-sustaining” they are.
- Report any problems (or opportunities!) to the Conservation Office (617-796-1134 or jsteel@newtonma.gov).
- Join in community improvement projects such as NewtonServes day or the Newton Conservators invasive plant pulls.