

President's Message



Biologist Jon Regosin shows the wildlife that can be found in the vernal pond in Webster Woods.



Biologist Eric Olson removes glossy buckthorn from the red maple swamp in Cold Spring Park.



Walking along the path at 15 Bracebridge Road

Dear Conservators,

The Conservators' walks and invasive-plant pulls have ended for the season. Thanks to the leaders who helped us to enjoy, to learn about, and to help to preserve the city's open space.

The Newton Conservators' board has started to plan the events for next year. Do you have a suggestion of a walk that we should include? If so, do you know a person who knows that area well and might be interested in leading the walk?

Are you interested in going on walks in the winter? Some visitors to our tables at the farmers markets and the Harvest Fair expressed interest in cold-weather walks — maybe even cross country skiing. Does that appeal to you?

Webster Woods Update

As of the end of October, the Community Preservation Committee, the City Council's Zoning and Planning and Finance Committees, and the full City Council approved \$100,000 to hire legal counsel and other experts to assist the City in acquiring the wooded portion of Webster Woods with, potentially, an appropriate buffer as well. This is an important step that will equip the City with a top team of legal and other experts to achieve our goal of permanent protection. At a later time, we expect that we will return to the CPC to approve a purchase of the land, but that step is some time away.

The Path at 15 Bracebridge Road

There are new owners of the path at 15 Bracebridge Road, close to Mason-Rice School. Late this past summer, the Fiete family bought the property from the Wilson Family. They are delighted to own the property and welcome people to use the path from Bracebridge Road through to the path in Wilson Conservation Area, which ends on Greenfield Road. If you walk along the path, look for the beautiful native trees and perennials that former owner André Wilson planted last spring and summer.

If you have comments, suggestions, or questions, write to me at President@NewtonConservators.org.

Wishing you a great winter,

Beth Wilkinson