

Please join us for the first
FRIENDS OF COLD SPRING PARK public event!

The Natural Wonders of Cold Spring Park



MONDAY, JUNE 3

Zervas Elementary School, 30 Beethoven Ave. Waban

6:30pm – A guided walk in the park with Henry Finch.
Meet at Zervas' main entrance.

7:30pm – **KEYNOTE SPEAKER:** Local Naturalist Sam Jaffe,
founder of *The Caterpillar Lab*. In Zervas Auditorium.



Everyone welcome • Refreshments
Co-sponsored by the Zervas PTO



Learn about

- The park's many diverse habitats and inhabitants
- How Sam is working with Zervas to use the park as an outdoor classroom
 - Our plans and progress to rehabilitate the trail
- Threats to the park's ecosystem and how you can help preserve it
 - And share your own suggestions!

PLEASE JOIN THE **FRIENDS OF COLD SPRING PARK!**

Our Mission

We are a volunteer association of citizens working together to protect and improve one of Newton's largest public green spaces. We are walkers, exercisers, dog owners, runners, birders, cross-country skiers, athletes, students, parents, educators, artists, sledders, seniors, and more, who treasure the diverse passive and active recreational opportunities provided by this green area in the heart of Newton.

Our goal is to make Cold Spring Park healthier, safer, and more enjoyable for all, including those who cannot advocate for themselves. An example is the red maple wetland and forest, its diverse community of plants and wildlife, and future generations of park users.

Initial Projects

- 1) Work with the Parks & Recreation Department to improve heavily eroded and frequently muddy or icy sections of the trail, thereby reducing tripping hazards.
- 2) Improve passage through the park with unobtrusive but clear signs to the dog park and other park features.
- 3) Work with Newton Conservators to expand efforts to preserve native plants and wildlife by removing and controlling invasive species, and educating the public about its importance.

Longer term: work with professionals, Parks & Rec, and others to create and help implement a management plan for a healthy park.



**"Fix the trail"
petition
signers**

Why does the trail need rehabilitation?

- 1) The Cold Spring Park trail is heavily used by people from all over Newton, 365 days a year. After 35 years, it's heavily eroded, and has areas that are nearly always muddy. About 25% of trail users are joggers or runners, including both of Newton's high school track teams.
- 2) There have been many injuries on the trail, including at least two broken shoulders requiring surgery, a broken wrist, a broken ankle, a concussion, a lacerated jaw, and multiple sprains from people tripping over exposed roots and rocks. Some seniors will no longer walk the trail for fear of falling.
- 3) The trail is used by children and parents to walk to and from Zervas. Reducing muddy spots and tripping hazards will encourage more healthy walking through a natural area, and relieve some traffic congestion at the school.
- 4) Repairing the trail has been actively supported by the Newton Highlands and Waban Area Councils, the Newton Conservators, Zervas PTO, Safe Routes to School, high school track coaches, and all six Ward 5 & 6 City Councilors.

We have already helped raise \$29,000 toward our goal, including a \$20,000 location fee from the filming of *Defending Jacob*. The preliminary Parks & Rec cost estimate is about \$80,000.

You can help us!

BECOME A MEMBER!

Seniors and low-income individuals:	\$15
Individuals:	\$25
Families:	\$50

Please write out your membership donation, or a more generous donation check today, to "Newton Conservators", with "Friends of CSP" on memo line. Mail to the *Friends of Cold Spring Park, Box 610023, Newton MA 02461*. All donations are tax-deductible. Thank you!