

Contribute to the Newton Conservators' Trails Revolving Fund

Newton Conservators uses its Trails Revolving Fund to support trails through open space in our city. The needs are great. Some trail needs are in new areas, such as the newly acquired areas in Webster Woods and Kessler Woods. Trails in many existing parks and conservation areas also need work after decades of little attention and greatly increased use.



PHOTO: DAN BRODY

Webster Woods

This fall we are reaching out to our membership to bring more money into the Trails Revolving Fund. We are off to an excellent start, thanks to early generous donations from AnnaMaria Abernathy, Rachel Coben and Roger Klein, Ted Kuklinski, Deborah Stone, Beth and Hugh Wilkinson, and a few more who wish to remain anonymous.



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Cold Spring Park trail before restoration, funded by its friends' group and city.



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The Trails Revolving Fund was established in 2019 with a gift of \$20,000. About half of it has been used for two projects: the Pony Truss Trail, a historic walking trail along the Charles River at Riverside, and the Marty Sender Trail, a heavily used trail in Auburndale Park. We found that our modest but timely financial support was essential to leverage much greater funds from the state of Massachusetts.

We now want to increase the balance in the fund to nimbly enable larger funding for upcoming opportunities. Newton's official Trails Subcommittee has established priorities for coming years, including Riverside Greenway connections, Christina Street bridge, Upper Falls Greenway, ACROSS trail loops (Access to Conservation Recreation Open Space and Schools),



PHOTO: TED KUKLINSKI

Ribbon cutting ceremony at the opening of the Pony Truss Trail



PHOTO: TED CHAPMAN

New trail construction on the Pony Truss Trail

Please support this initiative by donating online (the "Get Involved/Ways to Give" page linked here lists the Trails Revolving Fund as a donation option) or by sending a check to Newton Conservators, PO Box 590011, Newton Centre, MA 02459, with "Trails Revolving Fund" in the memo section. (Newton Conservators is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.) If you'd like to discuss any issues, please contact Peter Barrer (pbarrer@gmail.com) or any Newton

Conservators' board member. Thank you! ♦

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and the development of standards, including accessibility, for trail signs throughout the city, building on the long-standing work of Newton Conservators.