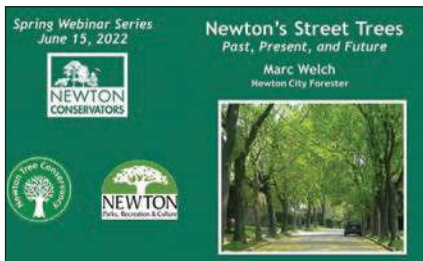


(the walk will also cover the adjoining “new” section acquired in 2004 and blazed in recent years). In addition to discussing the history of the conservation area, Katherine will also look for the dozen ferns Don Lubin identified in previous fern walks. The woodland trail is mostly flat but uneven and rocky underfoot, and there are parts over wetlands that are traversed on wood planks called “bog bridges.” *Rain Date: Saturday, June 21, 10-noon.*

Trip Leader: Katherine Howard (617-721-2571)

Did you miss the webinar on Newton's Street Trees? You can watch it online at any time.



Every spring and fall since September 2020, Newton Conservators has presented a free webinar series on conservation topics that are important for our community. Many of our speakers have allowed us to record their presentations, and those recordings are available to watch on our YouTube page (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjTfS6jjmO6DB5gUS2Miv6w/videos?view=0&sort=dd>), or look at our home page in upper right corner and click the YouTube icon.

We plan to highlight one of these past webinar gems in future newsletters. This time, we focus on Marc Welch's presentation on Newton's Street Trees from June of 2022: <https://bit.ly/3CaLwte> (This webinar was co-sponsored by the Newton Tree Conservancy.)

In Marc's detailed and informative webinar, he discusses how our street trees and their care have evolved over the years. He explains that trees growing along the roadways have been a part of the fabric of the community for over 100 years. He tells us how those trees got here, why they are important, and what we can expect in the future. He lists the incredible benefits that street trees will continue to provide to the public — if we provide thoughtful care for them. At the end of his talk, Marc answers common questions ranging from what characteristics make for a good street tree, what factors affect your choice of tree, and what that grassy strip between the sidewalk and the street is called.

Marc Welch is the City Forester and Deputy Commissioner of the Newton Parks, Recreation & Culture Department. He's also a Massachusetts Qualified Tree Warden and Massachusetts Certified Arborist. He has managed Newton's trees for more than twenty years.

Information about upcoming webinars can be found under the “Events” tab on Newton Conservators' website, where you can register for them: <https://newtonconservators.org/events/>. Our webinars are free and available to all. ♦

— Beth Wilkinson and Barbara Bates

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