

# PARKLANDS FOR THE PUBLIC

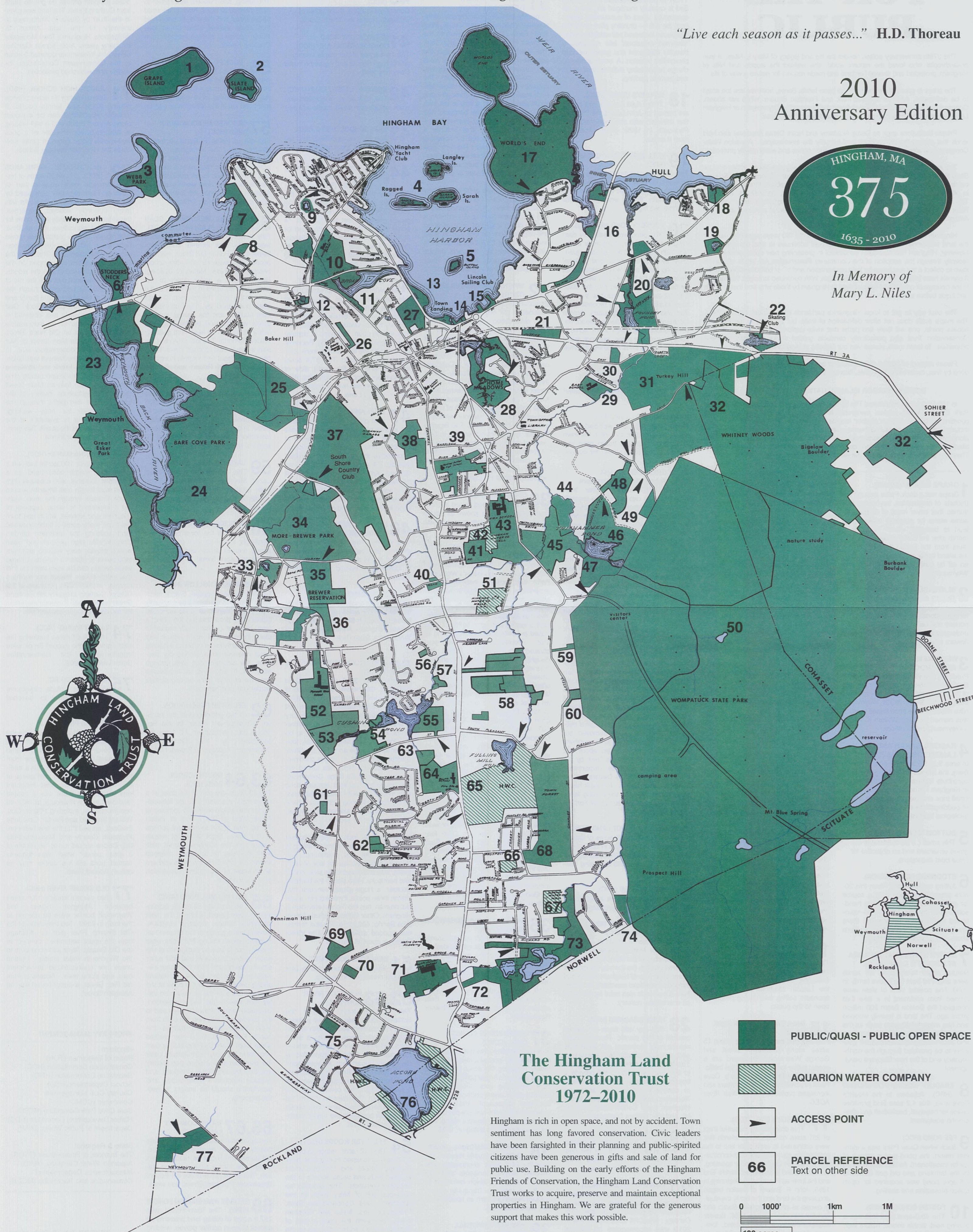
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"Live each season as it passes..." H.D. Thoreau

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Anniversary Edition



In Memory of  
Mary L. Niles





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This 375th anniversary edition honors the life and legacy of Mary L. Niles. A true philanthropist who loved the natural world, she walked the woods and hills of Hingham, protected and shared her land and made respect for nature a way of life.

The areas in green show the principal open lands. Some, however, are too small to be delineated, such as Jackass Park and Fountain Square. While not shown, Conservation easements held by the Hingham Conservation Commission or Hingham Land Conservation Trust also protect views and natural resources.

Private institutions such as Derby Academy and Notre Dame Academy also hold lands that protect the environment and beautify the streetscapes. Aquarion Water Company land also contributes to Hingham's open space and water quality protection.

The map also includes some accessible areas in contiguous towns. In Wompatuck State Park and Whitney and Thayer Woods, land in Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate combine to create large areas for hiking and wildlife habitat. Great Esker Park in Weymouth protects the ecology of the Back River, as well as the view. The Weir River Estuary Park in Hull, Cohasset and Hingham protects the Weir River Area of Environmental Concern through conservation of parcels such as the Amonte Meadows.

Hingham now has more extensive forests than it did 150 years ago when much of the land was under cultivation. New development continues to alter the landscape. However, Hingham has also been successful in preserving new open spaces, most recently through the adoption of the Community Preservation Act which allows the town to collect a tax surcharge for land conservation and other purposes. Since 2001, 8 parcels have been purchased with CPA funds. With continued foresight, we can add to the heritage of open space bequeathed to Hingham by those who trod these woods and fields before us.

The best way to get to know Hingham's parklands is to wander through them. The map's scale does not allow delineation of trails, but by going to the indicated access points, one will likely find paths that invite exploration. The Hingham Land Conservation Trust also periodically conducts guided walks on many of these properties. To learn more, please visit our website at [Hinghamlandtrust.org](http://Hinghamlandtrust.org).

Please respect all posted regulations and be mindful of the damage that could be done by fires, motorbikes, trail bikes, littering, trapping and hunting.

## BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK AREA

In 1994 Congress established The Boston Harbor Islands as a unit of the National Park System. While original ownership is retained, park management is now coordinated by the Boston Harbor Islands Partnership. This National Park Area includes the islands of Massachusetts Bay, Boston Harbor, and Hingham Harbor along with selected coastal conservation lands. Facilities and access vary with each island. For up-to-date information, call the Boston Harbor Islands (617-223-8666). They also publish a brochure with details about major properties.

### 1 GRAPE ISLAND (MDCR).

Grape has a dock. Paths through the thickets of raspberries, bayberries and sumac that cover most of Grape's 50 acres make for pleasant walking and lead to beautiful views. In 1775, a month after the battle of Lexington, soldiers from the British fleet landed on the island to harvest hay and were driven off by patriots from Hingham and Weymouth.

### 2 SLATE ISLAND (MDCR).

This 12-acre island has rugged cliffs of slate which was once quarried for gravestones, the foundations of houses and ballast for ships. Tangled undergrowth and a profusion of wildflowers make it a sanctuary for birds.

### 3 WEBB MEMORIAL STATE PARK (MDCR).

Providing fine views of waters south of Boston, this 36-acre tract is at the end of Weymouth Neck and can be reached from Route 3A in North Weymouth. Nike missiles were once based there. It was named for Capt. William K. Webb, a Weymouth police officer.

### 4 RAGGED, SARAH AND LANGLEY ISLANDS (TOH).

In area 3.5, 3.9 and 4.7 acres respectively, the islands are not large but they contribute immeasurably to the beauty of Hingham Harbor and are popular for small trips and picnics. Massive ledges of puddingstone and sandstone are of geological interest and fun for climbing.

### 5 BUTTON ISLAND (TOH).

This small (.6 acre) island is a green ornament and an objective for small boat excursions.

### 6 STODDERS NECK (MDCR).

Jutting out into Back River, this 20-acre promontory, once only a source for gravel, was converted into a handsome park by the MDC. Well-maintained paths invite jogging and there are picnic tables near the northern shore and a landing for boats.

### 7 BOUVE CONSERVATION AREA AT HEWITT'S COVE (HCC).

Natural shore land, these 32 acres were acquired from the Bouve family in 1980. The coastal cliffs of slate were formed from sediment in a lake that occupied the Boston Basin 200 million years ago. The land is heavily wooded and has many wildflowers such as the wooded lily, wild geranium, anemone and Jack-in-the-pulpit. Access will continue to be provided through the north-easterly end of the new Shipyard development.

### 8 BRADLEY WOODS PLAYGROUND (HRC).

Adjacent to the Hewitt's Cove area, this 4.2-acre field provides space for baseball, basketball and playground equipment.

### 9 FEE POND (HCC).

Back when Crow Point was a summer resort, the pond was a source of ice for vacationers. As houses began to fill the farmland and old golf links, the 2.5-acre pond was acquired for open space protection and skating.

### 10 FOSTER SCHOOL (HSD).

The 40.0-acre tract includes a playing field, tennis courts, nature trail, a wooded hillside and broad expanse of reed-covered marshland for herons, ducks and red-winged blackbirds. A

mixed vegetated swamp across Downer Avenue further protects this resource area

### 11 BROAD COVE (HCC).

Once the scene of shipbuilding and salt-making now blocked by Route 3A, the 15 acre partially tidal cove is surrounded by marsh and woodlands providing a beautiful haven for egrets, ducks, swans, pheasants and quail.

### 12 BRADLEY POND (HCC).

Almost hidden behind the Rite Aid Drug Pharmacy sits a pond and wooded hillside, 2.4 acres surviving from the huge Bradley estate. The tiny park was given by the family of William J. McCluskey.

### 13 BATHING BEACH (Bathing Beach Trustees and HDC).

This 6.1-acre park has a fine beach, a bathroom, a bandstand for open-air concerts and a large parking lot which was re-graded and resurfaced to reduce harbor pollution from run-off.

### 14 HARBORFRONT PARKS (HDC, HCC, TOH)

Adjoining the bathing beach area, Monument Park (5.8-acres) has a launching ramp for boats and the town landing facing a dredged basin for pleasure craft. Permits for the moorings must be obtained from the Harbormaster. An adjacent commercial dock offers marine services and supplies. The "Iron Horse" (recently refurbished with CPA funds), which gives the park its name, was installed in 1929 to honor townsmen who had served in the Armed Forces. Nearby Whitney Wharf was long used for commercial shipping. The site of a car dealership before being acquired in a land swap in 1989, it has been recently structurally restored and landscaped. The POW-MIA Veteran's Park adjoins Whitney Wharf. In 2009, C.P.A. funded purchase of the former Mobil Station site has further enhanced harbor views and access.

### 15 BARNES AND STEAMBOAT LANE WHARFS (HDC).

These stone wharves, dating back to steamboat days, protect 2.8 acres of shoreline. Barnes Wharf is the site of the Lincoln Maritime Center, which sponsors sailing and rowing programs open to the public.

### 16 BOULEVARD BORDER PARK (HCC).

Four wooded parcels totaling about 15 acres along Rockland Street and George Washington Boulevard are a scenic buffer to heavy Nantasket traffic. The 2005 addition of Porter's Cove Point (4 acres) offers estuary views and increased protection to the Weir River ACEC.

### 17 WORLD'S END (TTOR).

This dramatically beautiful tract of 251 acres consists of two islands that were connected to each other and to the mainland by causeway and dam construction in the 17th Century. Strictly speaking, the outer island is known as World's End and the inner as Planter's Hill. Beginning in 1855, John R. Brewer of Boston began acquiring the land and the family eventually owned all of it, along with Sarah and Langley Islands. In about 1866, Brewer engaged Frederick Law Olmsted, foremost American landscape architect, to prepare a development plan. Winding roads were built along with extensive

planting of shrubs and trees, including the non-indigenous English oak. As it happened, the peninsula never was developed and the family gave Sarah and Langley Islands to the town in 1947. In 1967 a public campaign for funds enabled TTOR to purchase World's End. World's End is carefully managed and there are spectacular views of surrounding waters from the hills — drumlins piled up by the last glacier. Increased salt water flow to the "dammed meadows" has recreated a beautiful tidal pond and greatly reduced phragmites invasion. A small admission charge helps defray maintenance costs and permits parking.

### 18 LYFORD'S LYKING (HCC).

These 6.63 acres of salt marsh are named for John Lyford, the Pilgrims' first minister, who was banished from Plymouth in 1625. Derby Academy gave 3 acres.

### 19 HULL STREET PLAYGROUND (HRC).

This 5.8-acre neighborhood playground includes a baseball field and playground equipment. In winter, the field occasionally floods and freezes for informal skating.

### 20 FOUNDRY POND AREA (HCC).

The pond was created by damming the Weir River, most likely in the late 18th Century. It was used sequentially by two ironworks and a wool scouring plant, all of which burned. The Sportsman's Club eventually acquired it for fishing and later sold it to the town. The 32-acre parcel includes the salt marsh below the recently reconstructed dam and an abandoned quarry. Across Rockland Street, Amonte Meadows, (CPA funded acquisition of 3.3. acres in 2009) has grassy areas, wetlands and a stand of tupelo trees adjoining the Weir River.

### 21 CHIEF JUSTICE CUSHING HIGHWAY BORDER (HCC).

A 3.5-acre strip provides a green buffer on Route 3A.

### 22 SKATING CLUB (HRC).

The pond and wooded shore comprise 8.8 acres. In winter, the town clears snow from the frozen pond and maintains a warm-up shelter for skaters.

### 23 GREAT ESKER PARK

Weymouth Park Department.

Looking across Back River from Hingham, one can admire the magnificent wooded shore of this 238-acre park. The views from the opposite direction are also beautiful when one walks the tops of the eskers, sinuous ridges of gravel laid down by streams under the melting glacier. Main access is at the end of Elva Road in Weymouth. At the north end, there is informal access next to the Riverway Mall.

### 24 BARE COVE PARK (BCPC).

Acquired by the town in 1971, 468 acres were the site of the United States Naval Ammunition Depot from 1906 to 1968. The Great Esker Park land, across the Back River estuary, had also been held by the Federal government as a buffer zone. Together, these 705 acres form one of the foremost scenic, urban-centered open spaces in New England and protect precious tidewaters and salt marshes. Bare Cove Park has approximately three miles of paved bicycle paths, numerous picnic sites and woodland trails. A great many of the original military buildings have been removed, but some remain. On the park's northern shore are 32 more acres, about half recently transferred to the Town by the Massachusetts Highway Department and half held by the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife. The park has a new entrance next to the playing fields on Beal Street in addition to the Fort Hill Street entrance.

### 25 SCHOOL DEPOT LAND (TOH).

An additional 55 acres of federal land reverted to the Town in 2003. Four new playing fields, a skateboard park and 2 basketball courts are being constructed.

### 26 HERSEY FIELD (HRC).

This 4.7-acre park includes two baseball fields and a playground.

### 27 GOVERNOR LONG BIRD SANCTUARY (HCC).

Site of the home of John D. Long, Governor of Massachusetts (1880-83) and Secretary of the Navy, this 11.1-acre site was given to the town by his family. It offers a fine view of Hingham Harbor and includes marshland sanctuary for waterfowl. A portion is also used by the DPW as a small tree nursery.

### 28 HOME MEADOWS (HCC).

Salt hay was once the valued product of this marsh. Recent culvert repairs have increased salt water flow and reduced phragmites infestation. The 70 acres of open land, mostly given to the town by abutters, still provide a beautiful landscape and wildlife refuge in central Hingham. Two acres on Rockwood Road were also given to the Hingham Land Conservation Trust by Mr. and Mrs. William Canterbury.

### 29 EAST SCHOOL (HSD).

This 11.8-acre tract bordering the Weir River is the site of the new East School and has playing fields rimmed with woods and swamp.

### 30 CUSHING MEADOW (HCC).

This historic meadow, bordered by its ancient stone wall, has been a Hingham landmark since the 17th Century. The CPA funded purchase in 2010 was accompanied by Michael Cushing's generous donation of additional land along the Weir River and a historic easement on much of the adjoining

Cushing Homestead which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. A remnant of Hingham's rural past, the meadow will be mown for hay and open to visitors. Access from Rt. 3A.

### 31 WEIR RIVER FARM & TURKEY HILL (TTOR).

Originally part of a picturesque early-twentieth-century country estate, Weir River Farm (TTOR) was given to the Trustees in 1999 by Polly Thayer Starr. The Weir River passes through the northwest edge of the 10 acres of fields and pastures surrounded by oak and red cedar woodlands. From the entrance at the top of Turkey Hill, a footpath meanders downhill through open fields and woods. At a fork in the trail, one path leads to the barnyard; the other crosses a grassy avenue before entering "The Grove" that includes a "Garden Path" bordered by flowering shrubs and perennials. The farm now produces beef, pork and eggs and vegetables which can be purchased at the Hingham Farmer's Market or on site.

The 187-foot summit of 62-acre Turkey Hill (TTOR, TOH, Cohasset) affords spectacular views of Cohasset Harbor and the Boston skyline. A cinderblock NIKE building is all that remains of an anti-missile radar control station sited here during the Cold War. Acquired in 1996 with help of state and private funds, the property links Weir River Farm to Whitney and Thayer Woods.

### 32 WHITNEY AND THAYER WOODS (TTOR).

Established by the Whitney Woods Association gift of 643 acres in 1933, this reservation has since been enlarged by other gifts, including 23 acres from the late Mrs. Ezra Thayer. Of the 824 acres in this forested area, 114.5 acres are in Hingham. The park can be entered from Rt. 3A in Cohasset near Sohler Street, at Turkey Hill or through James Hill Lane from Leavitt Street near the gate of the former Army Annex. The area borders Wompatuck State Park, providing a stretch of unbroken woodland more than four miles long with twelve miles of trails. The Bigelow Boulder, a large glacial erratic, is best reached on Boulder Lane from the Rt. 3A entrance. Maud Milliken Memorial Path, planted with rhododendrons and azaleas near Brass Kettle Brook, is closest to James Hill Lane.

### 33 CRANBERRY POND (HCC).

This pretty pond, once a cranberry bog and also known as Bouve Pond, is in a 13.8-acre preserve that attracts skaters and water birds.

### 34,35 MORE-BREWER PARK (HCC).

Francis Brewer, son of John R. Brewer, spent happy boyhood days on his father's World End Farm; and, possibly inspired by that experience, began in 1884 to purchase sheep grazing land at Great Hill. He originally planned to create a park and give it to the town. Instead, he married, built a house and farm buildings, and raised a family there. In the spring of 1921, Brookes More, a poet, purchased the Great Hill estate. His daughter, Katherine More, eventually married Francis Brewer's son, Wilmon Brewer, also a poet. Nearly a century after Francis Brewer began buying the land, his original intent was fulfilled by an act of uncommon generosity when, in 1980, Dr. and Mrs. Wilmon Brewer gave the Conservation Commission 107 acres of the Great Hill estate. Combined with previously acquired 31.4-acres to the north and the 48.1-acre Brewer Reservation earlier given by the Brewer family, the park totals 186.5 acres of varied land, much of it interlaced with winding carriage paths. An outstanding feature is a spacious meadow, surrounded by pine, larch and dogwood. Brewer Pond, gorgeous when water lilies are in bloom, and the more secluded Ice House Pond provide habitat for many creatures. Other features include a trail through Bear Swamp and the foundation of the tiny cottage of Bootleg Charlie, immortalized in Brookes More's poetry. In 2006, protection of Bear Swamp was enhanced by a 5 acre gift of the Estate of Gertrude Higgins. Parking is on Hobart Street.

### 36 CASSIDY FIELD & RIDGEWOOD RESERVATION.

Adjoining Brewer Reservation, Cassidy Field (HRC), 8.4 acres surrounded by white pines, includes a baseball field. Ridgewood Reservation (HCC), land donated in conjunction with the development of Ridgewood Crossing in 2010, has a trail along a forested ridge and a small pond (Snake Pond). Best access with access is through Brewer Reservation.

### 37 SOUTH SHORE COUNTRY CLUB. (CCMC).

Few communities have such a magnificent, centrally located public recreation facility, including 154 acres of beautiful rolling land, an 18 hole golf course, outdoor swimming pool, tennis courts, bowling alleys and a clubhouse with an excellent restaurant and function rooms. In winter the hills are popular for sledding and cross-country skiing. The town purchased the facility in 1988.

### 38 BURNS MEMORIAL PARK. (HCC).

Centrally located, the beautiful 24.1 acres encompass pine covered ledges, meadow and red maple swampland which belonged to the Burns family. In Tranquility Grove, outdoor meetings, such as abolition rallies, were once held.

### 39 HINGHAM TOWN HALL RECREATION AREA (HRC).

Formerly the site of Central Junior High School, 18.7 acres include Cronin Field, tennis courts, and Hingham

Community Playground built in 2000. In 2008, Scott and Jennifer Reed donated 3.5 acres between Burr and Playground Roads to extend this area.

### 40 TOWER BROOK WETLANDS (HCC).

Conserved in 2003, three acres of wetlands protect the Tower Brook.

### 41 MERRYMOUNT ROAD CONSERVATION LAND (HCC).

The 13.4 acres of red maple swamp adjoin High School and Aquarion Water Company land.

### 42 DOWNING STREET LAND (AWC)

The 13.8 acres of wooded wetlands include red maple, tupelo and ash.

### 43 HIGH SCHOOL (HSD & HRC).

The 71.1 acres of level land are used primarily for sport activities.

### 44,45 SCHULTZ'S FIELD (HCC) & GOLF DRIVING RANGE (TOH).

Originally part of a larger farm, the 17.5-acre field was acquired in 2003 using CPA funds. Once reputed to have grown grass 14 feet tall, the rare 14 acres of open fields, currently used for agriculture, are bordered by wetlands, the Weir River and Triphammer Brook. It is best accessed through the driving range on Union Street.

### 46 TRIPHAMMER POND (HCC).

With its rugged, forested shore, this pond is one of the gems of Hingham parklands. It was created by damming Accord Brook in the 17th Century for a sawmill. A mill cellar hole may still be seen. The pond is popular for hiking, skating and fishing. Recently, the dam and the fish ladders were completely reconstructed. The 97.8 acres includes land on the north side of Triphammer Pond and along the Weir River. Best access is from gravel driveway on Pope's Lane.

### 47 TRIPHAMMER WOODS (MDCR).

Completing the preservation of the shores of Triphammer Pond, these 23 acres were once the residence of Francis J. and Elizabeth H. Thompson. Acquired by the state in 1995, this land includes 14 acres of white pines, red maples, American beech and other hardwoods, 8 acres of oak/hickory forest, and a small wooded swamp. Current access is from the town parking lot at Triphammer Pond off Pope's Lane.

### 48 LEAVITT STREET CONSERVATION LAND (HCC).

This wooded strip of 16.3 acres was given to the town by the late Wallace Marden. A trail connecting Pope's Lane to Leavitt was named for Edgar T.P. Walker.

### 49 McCORMACK PROPERTY (HCC).

Acquired with CPA funds in 2003, 5.85 acres of rocky woods buffer the Leavitt Street entrance to the former Hingham Annex, now part of Wompatuck State Park.

### 50 WOMPATUCK STATE PARK (MDCR).

Encompassing 3002 acres (1540 in Hingham), this heavily wooded park is one of the town's greatest conservation assets. A water-powered shingle mill was operated there in the 18th Century and there were wood-lots and pasturelands, but the area only began to be developed in 1941 when the Navy took it over as a storage annex for the Naval Ammunition Depot. In stages culminating in 2003, the Navy has turned the property over to the State. Some massive munitions bunkers remain along with miles of paved roads for bicycles, hiking and ski touring. Off Road Vehicle use is prohibited; skimobiles are permitted in only one section.

Water features include the Cohasset reservoir and several ponds. Fishing is permitted, but not swimming. The Nature Study Area has the look of virgin forest, with enormous white pine, beech and hemlocks. Here also is the Burbank Boulder, a huge glacial remnant that sits on three points. Prospect Hill, a glacial drumlin, has the highest elevation in Hingham. Other features include Mount Blue Spring, 400 campsites and numerous wooded walking trails. The Visitor Center is open all seasons.

### 51 BRADFORD ROAD (AWC).

Wells here are protected by 24.8 acres of meadow and swamp.

### 52,53 PLYMOUTH RIVER COMPLEX.

This 93-acre tract, formerly the Schirmer Farm, falls into four jurisdictions. The northern section, with an athletic field, six tennis courts, a small pond and some wooded upland around Plymouth River School is controlled by the School Department. Adjacent open land is held by the Board of Selectmen. The Recreation Commission oversees a playing field in the central area. The Conservation Commission holds the southern section including open woods and marsh bordering the upper reaches of Cushing Pond.

### 54 EEL RIVER WOODS (HLCT).

This 12 acre refuge provides 1,100 feet of forested frontage on busy Cushing Street and includes short wooded trails and some access to the Eel River Wetlands. The land was the generous gift of Mary Niles to the Hingham Land Conservation Trust. Previously, Mrs. Niles and Stephen Baker had given the town a total of approximately 4 additional acres on the edge of Cushing Pond.

**55 MILDRED CUSHING WOODS (HCC).** Much of the southeastern shore of Cushing Pond is protected by 19 acres given by Mildred Cushing, a resident of the area and long a member of the Conservation Commission. The rolling, open woods, well known to fishermen of all ages, have good-sized native trees and there is an open field that abuts several Main Street lots. Public access is along a footpath from Cushing Street.

### 56 BUCKET MILL LANE POND (HCC).

This little one-acre pond was created and given to the town by Dattman Brothers to enhance the natural attractiveness of a new development and aid in the retention of wildlife.

### 57 CROOKED MEADOW RIVER AREA (HCC).

The gift of Helen P. Burns, a former director of the Hingham Land Conservation Trust, six-tenths of an acre protects the river near a waterfall and restored mill. Huge boulders and ledges make the area worth exploring. Access is through the parking lot behind Second Parish Church.

### 58 JACOBS MEADOW & GLAD TIDINGS PLAIN (HCC & HLCT).

Fifty acres of open fields and varied woodlands now extend from Main Street to the Fulling Mill Brook, with trail access on weekends and after school behind the Wilder Memorial Building. Helen Burns, a major donor to the town, gave 30 acres to the HLCT and 8 acres to the HCC. The northern 10 acres were purchased by the Commission from abutters and the access to Main Street was donated by the Goodlatte family along with an easement given by Wilder Memorial. Two lots extending the park's southeast corner have been given by Richard and Virginia Kurtzman (3.6 acres) and Robert and Carolyn Garvie (6.75 acres).

Further protection of historic Glad Tidings Plain was provided by the 2006 CPA funded purchase of 2.4 acres of developable land behind 730 Main Street in association with conservation restrictions donated by owners of 10 acres of adjoining back land.

### 59 LAZELL STREET (HCC).

This 3.7-acre strip between Lazell Street and Wompatuck State Park protects the Fulling Mill Pond aquifer and provides potential future access to the park.

### 60 WADLEIGH'S RILL (HCC).

A gift to the town by Edward Wadleigh, 3/4 of an acre preserves a spring, a small stream and a rocky hill, connects Lazell Street to Wompatuck State Park.

### 61 SWANSON HOLLOW (HCC).

This level-floored, 5-acre hardwood pocket is contained by unusually high steep banks of unconsolidated glacial till — proof that it is the site of a great block of ice that finally melted in place thousands of years ago. It was acquired partly for its value as a natural water retention area. During dry seasons, the naturalist can walk through most of it and find a handsome expanse of large ferns among sizable hardwoods and hemlocks.

### 62 EEL RIVER RESERVATION.

Of two adjoining plots, the northern 6.3 acres are owned by the Boy Scouts and the southern 7.2 acres are controlled by the Conservation Commission. Access is at Brewster Drive.

### 63,64 SOUTH SCHOOL (HSD, HRC).

The 29 acres are part of the crest of a recessional moraine and are interesting for the radical relief and contrasting floras. West of the school is Indian Spring, one of the few natural springs in the town. Eight acres of maple swamp on the Cushing Street side were the site of an open millpond shown on 19th Century maps and are an example of the natural succession of shallow ponds.

### 65 FULLING MILL POND (AWC).

This tract of 163 acres, adjoining the Town Forest, is one of the most interesting natural areas in Hingham. Several kettle ponds in the recessional moraine above Fulling Mill Pond were cleverly put to use by designers of the water system to receive and hold water piped underground from the higher elevations of Accord Brook. A natural spring can be found at the base of the southern bank of the steep-walled valley that bisects the western section. Unusually large hardwood trees add to the pleasure of following the path from Main Street eastward toward the ponds. Fulling Mill Pond was created when Capt. Abel Cushing built a dam and mill in the early 18th Century. Later the plant became a shoe peg factory and then burned. Water Company land protects Hingham's water supply and permission should be sought to walk the property.

### 66,67 WATER COMPANY LAND (AWC).

Two additional areas add to the natural beauty of their neighborhoods. One, 8.6 acres, which can be reached from Craig Lane, has a small pumping station. The other, 20.9 acres on Accord Brook near Prospect Street, has wells.

### 68 GEORGE WASHINGTON FOREST (DPW).

The Town Forest, with 197.6 acres of rolling land presents an aspect of open conifer groves, winding eskers and fern-carpeted swales not found elsewhere in Hingham. Vehicles are not allowed, but pine needle

covered maintenance roads and trails make for excellent walking.

### 69,70 WHORTLEBERRY HOLLOW (HLCT).

This 13-acre tract of varied terrain has a public footpath access via granite steps from Cushing Street. The land was given to the Trust by Suvia P. Whittemore in memory of the late Arthur E. Whittemore, Hingham's Town Moderator for many years. Also, across Gardner Street Mrs. Whittemore donated 3 acres to the Conservation Commission, for wildlife and watershed protection.

### 71 JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL (HSD).

Approximately 31 acres provide playing fields and tennis courts. It includes woods that can be explored along Accord Brook and a trail leading to Whiting Street. The site of a once well-known picnic grove of pines now abuts the Hingham Nursery School.

### 72 MARCHESIANI FARMLANDS (HCC).

These 25 acres of historic farmland were once a part of Pushcart Farm originally purchased by the Marchesiani family in 1934. As with many currently wooded properties, these lands were mostly held open for pasture and agriculture. At one time, over 10,000 tomato plants were grown here, along with cucumbers, strawberries and other vegetables. The site of the old asparagus bed is still open on the left of the path leading into the woods. Until 1965, the barn was also the site of the Old Accord Laundry Through the good will of the Marchesiani family and the developer of Black Rock Golf Course, this property was obtained in 2001 in exchange for an inaccessible conservation tract on Old Ward Street. This land connects Main Street to over 100 acres of conservation land in Hingham and to the Norwell well fields. It borders Accord Brook and McKenna Marsh and includes a spectacular pine grove. The mown field on Main Street recalls the agricultural history of the town and the cart paths through the property make for easy walking. Currently parking is available at the Junior High across the street. Two granite posts mark the entrance.

### 73 McKENNA MARSH (HCC).

Well over 100 acres include a freshwater marsh once used as a waterfowl preserve, with a beaver dam of unusual length and linearity. Accord Brook threads through the area, making it important to water supplies of Hingham and Norwell, which has town wells and many acres of publicly owned land abutting the southern border. Considerable high ground and open woods provide easy walking and vantage points to observe waterfowl. Large white cedars can be seen from the trail that skirts eskers toward the northern margin. In 2007, CPA purchase of the Gladys Cushing property off Scotland Street added over 2 conserved acres behind an affordable housing site.

### 74 VALLEY SWAMP (HCC).

These 9.67 acres bordering the east branch of the Accord Brook were transferred to the Conservation Commission in 2003.

### 75 KRESS FIELD(HRC).