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Dear HLCT Friends and Supporters,

It is pleasant to have been to a place the way a river went. — Henry David Thoreau

Please join the Hingham Land Conservation Trust for its Spring Walk on Saturday, April 9 at 10:00 AM. We will gather at the far parking lot of Hingham High School and proceed into the Conservation Land at Shultz's Farm and Triphammer Pond. The walk will follow the earthen dam path at Triphammer Pond and arrive at the spillway bridge before heading back. The walk is anticipated to conclude by noon and will take place rain or shine. Walkers should be prepared to travel over uneven and possibly muddy terrain.

This scenic area, part of the Weir River Watershed, is vitally important to Hingham residents and to area wildlife. A focus of our walk is the once-plentiful herring in the Weir River which helped to attract Native Americans and then European settlers to the place we now call home. We will be guided by four speakers who will share their expertise and experience in two presentation stops along the way.

Tom Bell, a hydrogeologist (now retired) has served as the president of the Straits Pond Watershed Association for over three years and is knowledgeable about the vitality of the Weir River watershed. Tom and **Dan Wells**, HLCT Board Member and lifetime fly fisherman, will discuss their prodigious efforts and plans to keep the local herring runs and fish ladders clear and healthy.

Brad Chase, a marine fisheries biologist, leads the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries Diadromous Fish Project. (Diadromous fish are those, like the herring, which migrate between saltwater and freshwater.) He will discuss DMF's mission, and how his department works with local towns.

Samantha Woods, the Executive Director of the North and South Rivers Watershed Association and Chair of the Weir River Watershed Association, has worked to protect water for over twenty years. She will discuss the health of the Weir River, and how to get involved with the annual herring count.



Ben Uiterwyk of Hingham looks for herring at one of Hingham's fish ladders.

Photo credit: Kristin Uiterwyk

SAVE THE DATE for our 50th Anniversary Annual Meeting

It is with great pride that we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the HLCT. Please save the date for our annual meeting on Wednesday, May 11th, when we will share news of an environmental research grant fund we are launching and more 50th anniversary initiatives. Much to celebrate as we gather once again in person. Invitations will be mailed soon for this special event.

Thank you for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eileen C. McIntyre".

Eileen C. McIntyre
Chair, Board of Trustees
Hingham Land Conservation Trust