



THE HINGHAM LAND CONSERVATION TRUST

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Dear HLCT Friends and Supporters,

The Hingham Land Conservation Trust (HLCT) is pleased to announce two upcoming events. First, our **Spring Walk** will be held on **Saturday, April 15, 2023 at 10:00 am** at More-Brewer Park. We will also host our **2023 Annual Meeting** on **May 3, 2023 at 7:00 pm** at the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt Street, in the Whiton Room. The meeting will be recorded by Harbor Media, but will not be live-streamed. Please mark your calendars for both events, and read on for details.

HLCT Spring Walk: The Trees of More-Brewer Park



ABOVE: Brewer Pond, a lily pond surrounded by a cart path embankment, is one of the many features of More Brewer Park, whose 186.5 acres also include a variety of trees recently marked and identified by Girl Scout Cadet Troop #75399. PHOTO: Arthur Collins

Please join us on a walk celebrating the trees of More-Brewer Park, beginning at the entrance to the property at 165 Hobart Street. Given the limited parking, it is recommended that visitors carpool if possible.

Wayne Ciullo, The Trustees of Reservations Stewardship Manager for the South Shore, will lead us through the fields and woods, over the streams, and past Brewer Pond on our walk through

More-Brewer Park. Along the way, we'll pass over 30 trees and shrubs marked with the names of their species. In this past year, the trees were marked with new ID signs thanks to the efforts of Girl Scout Cadette Troop #75399, under the guidance of Scout Leaders Jeannie Ingram and Wendy Finnerty. The Scouts undertook the task of updating a tree inventory completed years ago by the Hingham Garden Club and the Conservation Commission. Over time, the original tree IDs had become illegible or gone missing.

The focus on trees in More-Brewer Park originated with Francis Willard Brewer, who grew up on World's End. In 1880, he established the Hingham Tree Association, a tree nursery at the corner of Hobart and New Bridge Streets. He also became Hingham's unofficial tree warden providing trees for planting around town. In the 1880s, he purchased land for a sheep farm, which now forms much of today's More-Brewer Park. He had a goal of planting every tree species that would grow in Hingham's climate on the property, resulting in the variety of trees that we will explore on our walk.

HLCT Annual Meeting: Hingham's Town Forest at 100, and What Lies Ahead



ABOVE: Fallen trees in Hingham's George Washington Town Forest. PHOTO: HLCT

After a brief business meeting, including the election of our board slate for 2023, our Annual Meeting program will look at Hingham's Town Forest at 100, and What Lies Ahead. The Hingham Town Forest, also known as the George Washington Forest, celebrates 100 years of town ownership this year. It features open conifer groves, winding eskers and fern-carpeted swales not found elsewhere in Hingham. Unfortunately, a Red Pine Beetle infestation and aging trees pose challenges to the forest's ongoing vitality.

Joining us to open the program is Gordon Carr, a third-generation Hingham resident who chaired the Hingham Master Plan Committee from 2019-21, during which time the Comprehensive Master Plan was updated and eventually adopted by the

Hingham Planning Board. The Comprehensive Master Plan identifies Hingham's needs and priorities for the next decade. Forestry experts Phil Benjamin and Tom Farrell, who authored the Hingham Town Forest Stewardship Plan, will also address the management of Hingham's forests and the future challenges they face, including climate change and infestations.

Thank you for your support of HLCT, and we hope to see you this Spring!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arthur Collins'.

Arthur Collins
Chair, Board of Trustees
Hingham Land Conservation Trust