



# 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, May 4 at 11:00 am** at Holly Hill Farm, Cohasset. We will also host our **2024 Annual Meeting on May 8, 2024 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: Holly Hill Farm – A History of Environmental Stewardship

Please join us on a walk highlighting the landscape of organic Holly Hill Farm and its extensive environmental stewardship campaigns. We will gather at the farm's parking lot at 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset at 11:00 AM. Given the very limited parking, it is requested that visitors carpool.

Janice McPhillips, a Holly Hill Farm educator and grant writer, will lead us through the barnyard to Long Field, site of a native meadow restoration project, and on to the Ice Pond and Peck's Meadow. Along the way, she will discuss Holly Hill's environmental stewardship work, from creating habitat for native bees, to composting, to the new soil health program they are undertaking this year, thanks in part to an award of a HLCT Goodrich Environmental Research Grant. The walk's length is about a mile and a half, and includes very muddy terrain. Boots are highly recommended.

In addition to her work at Holly Hill Farm, Janice McPhillips is also a member of the Town of Hingham's Recycling Committee, known as Cleaner Greener Hingham. Among many accolades, she was nominated for Outstanding Educator in the non-formal environmental educator category for the New England Environmental Education Alliance in 2012 and 2015. As the last working farm in Cohasset, Holly Hill Farm is a testament to the area's rich agrarian history. While its barns date to the late 18th century, it is believed the land was farmed before the arrival of European settlers. The property has been privately owned by the White family for six generations. In 1998, Frank and Jean White started an organic farm with a mission to use the land for education as well as for growing food for the community. Today, that farm is run by nonprofit Friends of Holly Hill Farm, and is a hub for a variety of educational and community activities.

## HLCT Annual Meeting on May 8: Salt Marshes – Where the Land Meets the Sea



ABOVE: Salt Marsh at Plum Island. PHOTO: David Kimbro

After a brief business meeting, including the election of our board slate for 2024, our Annual Meeting program will take an in-depth look at a prevalent feature of our coastal landscape: the salt marsh.

Board member Eileen McIntyre will open the program with “A Dash of Salt Marsh History.” We are pleased to welcome guest speakers David Kimbro, Associate Professor of Marine and Environmental Sciences at Northeastern University, who will speak on “Salt Marsh Ecology In the Face of Human Disturbance and Restoration,” and Alejandra Narvaez, Coastal Project Manager at the Trustees of Reservations, who will speak about “Salt Marsh Restoration at World’s End and Beyond.”

We hope you can join us at these events. Additionally, please look out for The Garden Club of Hingham’s 100th Anniversary Centennial Garden Tour on June 9th. Information can be found on their website ([gardenclubofhingham.org](http://gardenclubofhingham.org)) later this Spring.

Thank you for your support of HLCT’s work to acquire, preserve and maintain Hingham’s exceptional landscapes (and marshlands)!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arthur Collins'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Arthur Collins  
Chair, Board of Trustees  
Hingham Land Conservation Trust