



# Alliance Update

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Newsletter of the Brookline GreenSpace Alliance

## DEVELOPMENT POLICIES AND OPEN SPACE BROOKLINE GREENSPACE URGES A CLOSER LOOK

Do Town development policies reflect the need to protect and preserve Brookline's precious open spaces?

One of the Goals of the Open Space Plan 2000 approved by Town Boards and Commissions was that the protection of open space should be an integral part of all Town development policies.

The Brookline GreenSpace Alliance believes that preserving open space in an urban Town of six square miles must be a top priority. The Town's leadership and relevant department heads should raise the issue of the value of open space for Brookline residents and businesses. Those who have committed to the Open Space Plan should provide the leadership—start the conversation, and work actively to keep it focused

One of the methods of achieving the Open Space Plan goal of protection of open space is incorporating "into the Zoning Bylaws appropriate protective standards governing the quantity, quality, and configuration of the open space that developers, property owners, and town agencies are required to conserve or create as a basic condition of Planning Board and Board of

Appeals approvals." In order for us to institutionalize the protection of open space, this value must be incorporated into the culture of the Town. Politicians must make open space preservation a top priority. Citizens must consistently remind Town leadership of the importance of Brookline's open space — trees, parks, sanctuaries, playing fields, AND building setbacks. The Comprehensive Plan and Zoning By-laws must emphasize the irreplaceable nature of open space and provide specific goals

### SOME OF THE QUESTIONS WE NEED TO ADDRESS

- Are waiver and variance requests being granted too often, too easily, in support of development?
- Does our leadership seem to be more focused on revenue generation than on integrated long term planning?
- Is consideration given to the role quality green space plays in the generation of revenue?
- How much green space is enough? How should we

decide? How many square feet of open space per person does Brookline have? Do different sections of Town have? What is our minimum requirement of open space per person for healthy, happy living and the quality of life we want to provide our citizens?

Is it possible that keeping Brookline green will have a greater impact on long term revenues than more buildings?

- Is it possible that keeping Brookline green will have a greater impact on overall, long term

revenues than more buildings?

- How dependent is Brookline's long-term economic health on the amount of green space that exists in our commercial areas and our residential neighborhoods?
- How do we balance the need for places to park our cars against the need for green space? Is developing regional transportation solutions also a way to enhance open space?
- How do we balance the need for more housing against quality of life for Brookline's current residents?

These and many other questions need to be addressed if we are to assure an enhanced

community for future generations. Our Open Space Plan is an official planning document of the Town. Our Zoning Bylaws, now under serious review, form the basis for our ability to protect private property and provide the standards we apply to property for the protection of all citizens. As we engage in the most extensive and most inclusive Comprehensive Planning process in our history, it is urgently important that we incorporate the ideals and the actions of our open space commitment into that vision and into our Zoning Bylaws. The integrity of our vision as a community, and our cultural history as a leader in public open space preservation, demand no less.

Brookline GreenSpace Alliance policy dictates evaluating the merits of individual projects within our Town by fairly balancing our need for revenues, housing and parking, and the rights of property owners, with the need to protect the quality of life of those who live here now and in the future.

Brookline GreenSpace intends to be the voice of those who care about Keeping Brookline Green.

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# ALLIANCE SPONSORS GARDEN TOUR



Arlene Mattison, President, and Corliss Engle, Board Member, at last month's Shade Garden Tour for the Brookline GreenSpace Alliance.

Members and friends of the Brookline GreenSpace Alliance were treated to a tour of a memorable shade garden and reception for the Alliance at the home of Corliss Engle on Edgehill Road. New plans and programs to increase outreach, education and advocacy for Brookline's parks and open spaces were presented to the group.

Refreshments were generously donated by Bread & Circus, Gimbel's Liquors and Trader Joe's.

## Yes!

I want to protect Brookline's GreenSpace heritage for generations to come.

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- Turfbuilder (\$50)
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As a member of the Alliance you'll receive our newsletter, periodic e-mail alerts to keep you informed of timely meetings and events affecting open space in Brookline, as well as invitations to educational forums and events on open space issues in our community.

Mail to BGSA  
 40 Webster Place  
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Contributions are tax deductible. Neighborhood Associations and Friends groups are invited to join the Alliance as Organizational members. Please call 277-4777 for information

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been said. Maybe it is too trite. After all, we read it on bumper stickers. But when I think about what I want my first message to be as President of the Brookline GreenSpace Alliance, it is clear—**Think Globally, Act Locally.**

There are environmental causes around the world, and many affect our lives. We should, of course, care and help as we can, whether by contributing to organizations that work to save tropical rain forests or African habitat or writing letters to the President about logging on public lands. But when we decide to be activists on a local level, in our

community, we also do important work that might otherwise go undone.

It isn't easy to bring about change locally. But it is our hometown, the place we have chosen to live—if we don't care about our trees and open spaces, who will? When we take the opportunity to make our neighborhood, our Town, our community, a better, healthier, cleaner, more attractive place; we help ourselves, our children, and our neighbors.

Brookline GreenSpace Alliance, celebrating its 15th year of open space advocacy, just completed a strategic

planning process. Our goals for the next three to five years are now clearly stated and will be helpful guidelines for future actions. As we face issues affecting open space in our community, our plan will keep us focused on priorities. We will emphasize efforts to increase citizen involvement in the protection and stewardship of our sanctuaries, parks, and playing fields. We will work to improve the management, maintenance and preservation of our open space infrastructure. We will take the initiative in reaching out to the Town and interested citizen groups to find creative

ways to protect Brookline's currently unprotected significant open spaces. We will engage citizens at all levels and all ages in opportunities to learn more about our local environment, and to enhance enjoyment and appreciation of the green world only minutes from our front doors.

As members of the Brookline GreenSpace Alliance, let's all be active participants in our local environmental movement. Let's be proud that we work on behalf of local green space. **Let's join together to keep Brookline Green!**

*Arlene Mattison*

## BROOKLINE GREENSPACE SUPPORTS COMMUNITY GARDEN

Tina Oddleifson, Executive Director for the Brookline GreenSpace Alliance, reports that a new community garden brightened up the view from



Brookline High School student, Stephen Chow harvesting beans from the new community garden at 40 Webster Place.

the Brookline GreenSpace office in Brookline Village this summer thanks to our Neighborhood Initiatives for Parks small grants program. In a reversal of roles, the Brookline GreenSpace Alliance granted the Brookline Community Fund a \$500 grant to establish a community garden on the grounds of 40 Webster Place, where BGSA and BCF both have offices.

The garden was the brainchild of Molly Paul, Director of Programs and Development for the Brookline Community Fund. "I have worked with community gardens in the past—they are community-builders. It seemed an appropriate use for the yard at 40 Webster," said Paul. The garden was successfully designed

and managed with the help of Brookline Village resident Tim Woodall, who has a background in sustainable agriculture. Together he and Molly Paul designed the garden which produced a variety of crops including green beans, summer squash, cucumbers, tomatoes, carrots, potatoes, lettuce, basil, spinach, broccoli, radishes and corn. Cut flowers such as zinnias, nasturtiums, sunflowers, cosmos and marigolds were also grown. All of the produce and some of the flowers are being donated to the food pantry at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, which was delighted to receive the fresh produce—a first for the food pantry.

Volunteers for the garden made it possible to produce

many more fresh vegetables than originally planned. Volunteers included Brookline High School students Max Arefyev, who recently came from Russia where he gardened every summer on the Volga River with his grandparents, and Steven Chow. Several 8th grade students from the Runkle School and their parents also pitched in to make the garden's first year a success.

If you would like more information about the Brookline GreenSpace Alliance Neighborhood Initiatives for Parks small grant program (NIP), please call our office at 617-277-4777 or email us at [bgsa@world.std.com](mailto:bgsa@world.std.com).

# HALL'S POND LEARNING PROJECT

## A COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY EFFORT

The Hall's Pond Learning Project started its third year this fall with a new slate of activities to help Brookline teachers, students and residents learn about the natural environment at the newly restored Hall's Pond Sanctuary. The Project was developed by Driscoll Elementary School teacher Eris Doorenewerd, along with Barbara Mackey, President of the Friends of Hall's Pond, and environmental educator and naturalist Gail Fenton. The Learning Project was designed to help Brookline residents understand their local natural environment in order to foster a greater sense of environmental stewardship in the community.

The Learning Project uses Hall's Pond in North Brookline as its primary educational site. This recently restored Town-owned sanctuary with walking trails and diverse varieties of trees, plants, birds, invertebrates, and aquatic life is an ideal classroom for the program. (Call Town Hall or Brookline GreenSpace for directions to the Hall's Pond Sanctuary.) The focus of the Project has been on training local elementary school teachers to use the sanctuary to teach topics and concepts required by the local school system, primarily in science, social studies and the arts. A series of workshops are taught by specialists in relevant fields, with follow-up classroom visits by a resident naturalist offered as encouragement for teachers to bring their classes to the pond. Teachers can gain

“professional development points” for their participation in the workshops.

This year's workshops include, “Six Legs, Eight Legs, More Legs, and None,” an exploration of insects and other invertebrates that can be found in the local environment; “Plants—Patterns and Parts,” “Where does Water Go,” an exploration of how water moves throughout the Town and how it affects our local environment, and “Exploring Nature Through Music.” The Project is also working on developing programs for both senior citizens and pre-schoolers in Brookline.

In addition to the workshops, the Project has also

developed a series of “quests” as a new learning tool for children and their families. Quests are a kind of treasure hunt, where participants follow a series of clues, usually provided in written form, throughout a natural area. Originally known as “letterboxing” in England, quests have become widely popular in the United States, particularly in New England. The Learning Project has developed its own unique form of quests to use as an educational tool for learning about the environmental and historic features of natural areas in Brookline. So far, quests have been developed for Hall's Pond, the D. Blakely Hoar Sanctuary and Griggs Park. If you would like to write

a quest or would like to know more about the Hall's Pond Learning Project call 617-277-4777 or email HallsPondLearning@hotmail.com. To download a quest from the Brookline GreenSpace Alliance website, go to [www.brooklinegreenspace.org](http://www.brooklinegreenspace.org).

The Hall's Pond Learning Project is sponsored by the Friends of Hall's Pond, in coordination with the Brookline Public Schools and the Brookline Conservation Commission, with assistance from the Brookline GreenSpace Alliance. Financial support has been received from the Brookline Community Fund, Friends of Hall's Pond and the MFS Charitable Foundation.



Participants in the Hall's Pond Learning Project.

## EXPLORING SMALL PLACES

The following is edited from an interview of Edward O. Wilson, PhD, of the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard, by James Gorman and published in the NY Times September 24, 2002. Dr. Wilson is the winner of two Pulitzer prizes and numerous scientific honors. His most recent book is "The Future of Life."

While walking through the woods at Walden Pond with Mr. Gorman, Dr. Wilson observed, "Untramed nature exists in the dirt and rotting vegetation beneath our shoes. The wilderness of ordinary vision may have vanished — wolf, puma and wolverine no longer exist in the tamed forests of Massachusetts. But, another, more ancient wilderness lives on. This ground we see as two-dimensional because we're gigantic, like Godzilla. When you just go a few centimeters down, then you're in a three-dimensional world where the conditions change dramatically almost millimeter by millimeter. In one square foot of this litter you're looking at into the tens of thousands of small creatures that you can still spot with your naked eye." Even at Walden Pond "many of the species you find here are new to science. The basic biology of most of these things is poorly known or not known at all."

In their world, centipedes are predators as fearsome as saber-toothed tigers, and, in contrast to the vast preserves required by the world's most revered megafauna — grizzlies and elephants, jaguars and condors — maintaining biodiversity among the little creatures, shockingly rich in unexplored behavior and biochemistry, can be done on the cheap, in relatively tiny patches, as small as a few acres, around the world. While areas of nearly 25,000 acres are needed to have a good chance at preserving most large forms

of life, plants and insects can sometimes be preserved in plots of 25 or even 2.5 acres. Dr. Wilson acknowledges, however, that "people need life on the larger scale to which human intellect and emotion most naturally respond." In fact, he has suggested that 50 percent of the globe ought to be reserved for nonhuman nature.

{Hall's Pond, Lost Pond Sanctuary and the Hoar Sanctuary in Brookline offer excellent opportunities for exploration of the microbiology that is all around us.}



## OPEN SPACE WARRANTS AT FALL TOWN MEETING

As the following Town Meeting articles relate directly or indirectly to the preservation of open space, Brookline GreenSpace believes these articles deserve serious consideration. Please call your Town Meeting Members to discuss. Further information is presented on pages 6 and 7.

**Article 11:** Provides for and requires additional parking for bicycles. The article was favorably received by the Comprehensive Plan Committee, the Advisory Board and the Planning Board. Due to inconsistencies in language between the article and the Zoning Bylaw, and to problems with the included Table of Use, the article has been referred to the Planning Department for reworking and will be resubmitted at next year's fall Town Meeting.

**Article 15:** Creates St. Aidan's Local Historic District for the preservation of the exterior of St. Aidan's Church.

**Article 17:** Provides legal protections to the area known as Monmouth Park and currently used as a Town park.



**Join us** for hot cider and a walking tour of Brookline's historic and majestic trees on Sunday, November 3rd from 3:00 - 5:00PM. Brookline Tree Warden and Conservation Administrator, Tom Brady, will talk about the health, beauty and historical significance of some of Brookline's most notable trees as we walk from Longwood Mall to Olmsted Park. Meet at the Longwood Mall off of Kent Street at 3:00PM.



### Looking for a great holiday gift idea?

Give a membership in the Brookline GreenSpace Alliance! We'll send a special letter, recent newsletter, membership decal and brochure to the gift recipient on your behalf. It's a great way to help the local environment and give a meaningful gift to your loved one.

### Another bright idea



Did you know... if every American family replaced just one incandescent bulb with a compact fluorescent bulb, it would reduce pollution as much as taking 7.5 million cars off the road?

We suggest giving bulbs as holiday gifts. They are available at local hardware and electric supply stores. More information about the bulbs and energy efficient lighting can be found on the web at [www.betterwaytosave.com](http://www.betterwaytosave.com)

## ARTICLE 17 – MONMOUTH PARK

This article proposes that Monmouth Park be classified as parkland. The park is situated at the corner of Monmouth and St. Mary's Streets, adjacent to the Brookline Arts Center. Because the Art Center building was originally a public school, the land is classified as school yard rather than park

and is not protected by Article 97, as are other town parks. This has long been a neighborhood park in a densely populated area and needs to be protected as open space.



## ST. AIDANS CHURCH

This complex case is very much in play as this newsletter is released to our readership. The Archdiocese is pressing forward through the Zoning Board of Appeals with its plan to develop the site. Currently the proposal contemplates 74 units of mixed income housing (58 affordable units). Nine luxury units (more than \$1million each) are planned for the church building proper. Proponents of the project, including the Town which has tentatively offered approximately \$2million in support from our Housing Trust Fund, are focusing on the affordable housing that will be provided.

Opponents have expressed

- concern for the scale and density of the development in built-up North Brookline,
- concern for the degradation of an historically significant site, the church of the Kennedy's during the 13 years they lived in Brookline (seven of the nine Kennedy children were baptized in the church, including JFK and RFK),
- concern for the degradation of an architectural gem, designed by Charles Maginnis, the designer of Boston College, and winner of the presti-

gious Gold Medal of the American Institute of Architects,

- concern for the loss of an inviting open space (the forecourt) in a congested neighborhood,

- concern for the loss of several heritage trees, including a 150 year old copper beech planted by David Sears, and

- concern for the loss of the mid-19th century Rectory.

The Preservation Commission has sponsored a warrant article (Article 15) making the church a Local Historic District (LHD) to assure the protection of the landmark quality building and to recognize its historic significance. Warrant article number 15, which is supported by Brookline GreenSpace, will be considered at fall Town Meeting which begins on November 12. It is our belief that LHD status will have the effect of preserving the church while honoring Brookline's and America's heritage, and will have a beneficial effect on efforts to preserve the landscape. In addition, the Preservation Commission and Conservation Commission are working on language to attach to the deed to protect the property in per-

petuity, though it is our understanding that it is unlikely that such preservation/conservation easements will have been agreed upon by the date TM convenes. The affordable housing aspects of the project are not directly affected by LHD status or the protective easements.

Separately, a group of citizens is working to find a way to acquire the church building (not the entire site) in order to preserve the church for a public purpose such as a history and performance center – cultural center. A charrette to explore the possibilities is scheduled for later in November. For more information on this process, contact Peg Senturia.

### PRESERVE THE COPPER BEECH TREE AND OTHER HERITAGE TREES!

*(Below is the text of a petition that can be obtained from the BGSA office, call 617-277-4777)*

To the Brookline Board of Selectmen and the Zoning Board of Appeals:

We the undersigned support efforts to preserve the heritage trees on the St. Aidan's site. We are particularly concerned about the majestic 150 year-old copper beech tree due to

its great age and historic significance as one of several beech trees planted in town by David Sears and its important contribution, as a part of the beautiful visual and natural landscape of the area, to the town's spiritual and physical health and wellbeing.

To that end we urge that a binding conservation easement/restriction be established early in the process to ensure:

- that the beech tree remain where it is and any future development be built around it, as was done when St. Aidan's church was built in 1911,
- that all efforts be employed to protect the beech tree from injury due to construction, and
- that other heritage trees and significant landscaping on the site also be preserved.



## CARLTON STREET FOOTBRIDGE

In 2000, consultants to the Town of Brookline established that the Carlton Street Footbridge is structurally sound and can be restored. As an integral element of Frederick Law Olmsted's park design, the bridge is included within the Riverway Park's designation on the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

The Friends of Carlton Street Footbridge have asked the Town to develop a bridge restoration design to provide access to the park for the mobility-impaired, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If that cannot be done, the footbridge is eligible for a waiver from ADA compliance based on its historic significance. The Friends advocate funding the majority of the costs of restoration from sources outside the Town, especially fed-

eral and state grants for transportation and preservation projects for which the bridge is an ideal candidate. In addition, the Friends support motion-activated lighting to illuminate the bridge at night, and replacement fencing, landscaping, and street lighting from the Longwood T-stop to the end of Monmouth Court as further enhancements to the area.

The May, 2002 Town Meeting voted further study, including analysis of the likely costs of handicapped accessibility and requirements of mitigation if the town were to adopt an option other than restoration. In 2003, the Annual Spring Town Meeting will be asked to vote on the future of the bridge.

For further information contact Cathleen Cavell at (617) 566-0647.



## FISHER HILL RESERVOIR

Two parcels of land on Fisher Hill in Brookline are under consideration as potential locations for some combination of reuse as affordable or market rate housing, and active or passive recreational use. One parcel is a 10-acre site with an unused open reservoir, which is currently owned by the State; and the other is a 5-acre site with an unused covered cistern owned by the Town. These parcels sit opposite each other on Fisher Hill Avenue.

This summer the Town sub-

mitted a proposal to the Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management (DCAM) asking that the Town be allowed to purchase the 10-acre site from the State for the purpose of creating a park for public use and enjoyment. The price has not been set, but the Town estimates it at \$500 thousand. DCAM has agreed to begin drafting legislation required to transfer ownership to Brookline, pending some changes to the Town's proposal. The Fisher Hill Master Plan Committee, on which Brook-

## MUDDY RIVER PROJECT

The Muddy River Dredging Project continues to move forward. The Charlesgate section (between the Charles River and Boylston Street) dredging has been authorized and will begin this month. The dredging portion should be complete by December. (see [www.muddyriverproject.org](http://www.muddyriverproject.org) for more details.) The Emerald Necklace Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), charged by the Massachusetts Secretary of Environmental Affairs to aid in his evaluation of the proposed means and measures presented by the City of Boston and the Town of

Brookline (the "proponents") to minimize damage to the environment, is meeting bi-weekly to review the draft of the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), which must be submitted to the Secretary by January 31, 2003. There will be a period for public input in January.

Topics being discussed include the management structure under which the Emerald Necklace will be maintained, specifics of the maintenance plan and budget, and establishment of a management and maintenance oversight committee.

## RACE TO END GLOBAL WARMING



A few weeks ago Climate Change Action Brookline (CCAB) members Deirdre Buckley, Erin Chute, Rosalie Hermos and Briony Angus, participated in the Race to Stop Global Warming. Rosalie was the CCAB team's only

runner; the others did the 5k walk. More photos will be posted on the Town website ([www.town.brookline.ma.us](http://www.town.brookline.ma.us)).

line GreenSpace has a seat, is made up of community members, neighbors, as well as open space, recreation and historic preservation interests. The Committee has submitted a list of criteria and recommended uses to the Town for the development of a park that would include both active and passive recreational uses on the 10-acre site.

The Committee will soon take up the task of developing criteria and recommended uses for the Town-owned site. Under consideration are sce-

narios which include a combination of market rate and affordable housing on this 5-acre site

To see a PowerPoint presentation of the Fisher Hill Re-use Study, go to [www.town.brookline.ma.us/Planning/](http://www.town.brookline.ma.us/Planning/) and click on the "Fisher Hill Re-use Study PowerPoint Show." If you would like to contact Fred Perry, the Brookline GreenSpace Alliance delegate to the Fisher Hill Master Planning Committee, please email him at [fsp@world.std.com](mailto:fsp@world.std.com).

# BEYOND **OUR BORDERS** THE CHESTNUT HILL WATERWORKS



Fate of Chestnut Hill Waterworks buildings and surrounding open space is under debate by the MWRA and the adjoining neighborhood. For more information contact [EvaWebster@attbi.com](mailto:EvaWebster@attbi.com)

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**Visit** our new website at [www.brooklinegreenspace.org](http://www.brooklinegreenspace.org) and find updated information on hot topics, events and other information about open space issues in Brookline. You'll also find an open space map, directions to sanctuaries, and contact information for all the Park Friends Groups in Brookline.

**Join** our email list serve and you'll receive important updates and information on events, meetings, and other time-sensitive information pertinent to open space in Brookline. Just send us an email at [bgsa@world.std.com](mailto:bgsa@world.std.com) to let us know you want to join.

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