

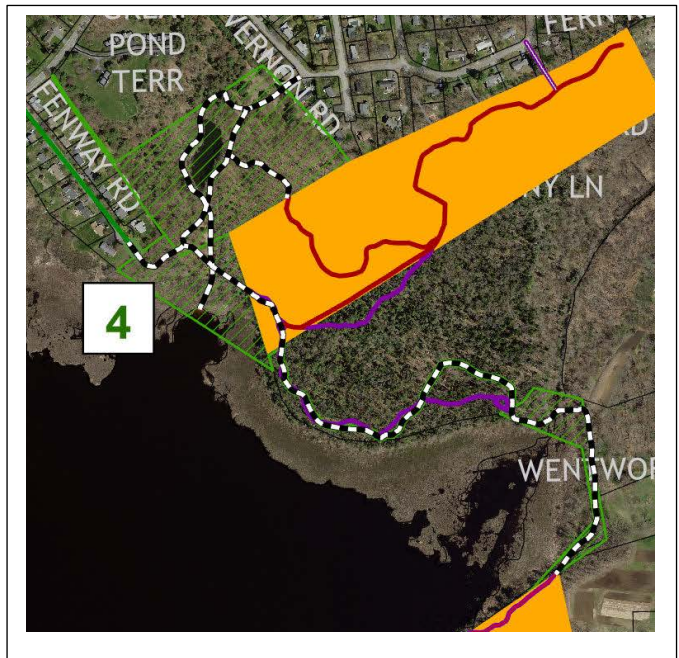


Greenbelt Gazette

April, 2026

What's Happening?

• **Adopt A Trail Program begins May 1st.** The Conservation Committee is launching an Adopt a Trail program for the 19 miles of Town maintained Greenbelt Trails. Are you a greenbelt trail devotee who might like to do a bit more? The Conservation Committee is welcoming volunteers to complete an application to become a Trail Adopter. What does a Trail adopter do? Visit the town website, Conservation Committee/[Adopt-a-Trail](#), to read the [Handbook](#) and [submit an application form](#). Conservation Committee member Matt Grymek will lead the program and provide a training session. Adopters will walk an assigned trail segment, 1-2 miles in length, 2-3 times a year, perform light maintenance, and submit a report form in the Spring and Fall. The program is modeled after a successful Trail Adoption program managed by the Friends of the Middlesex Fells Reservation located in Stoneham, Massachusetts. Be part of the Original Trail Adopter Group!



This Great Pond Trail is ready for adoption.

• **Invasive Honeysuckle Removal at Winnick Woods.** And in other news at Winnick Woods, invasive honeysuckle was cleared at Winnick Woods on April 11th to make way for native plants like Carolina rose to thrive. A second work party will gather on Saturday, May 9th, from 9:00 am - 11:00 near the Eastman Road entrance. Interested volunteers should bring gloves and hand tools such as loppers and pruners. Contact janchapman1966@gmail.com for more information.

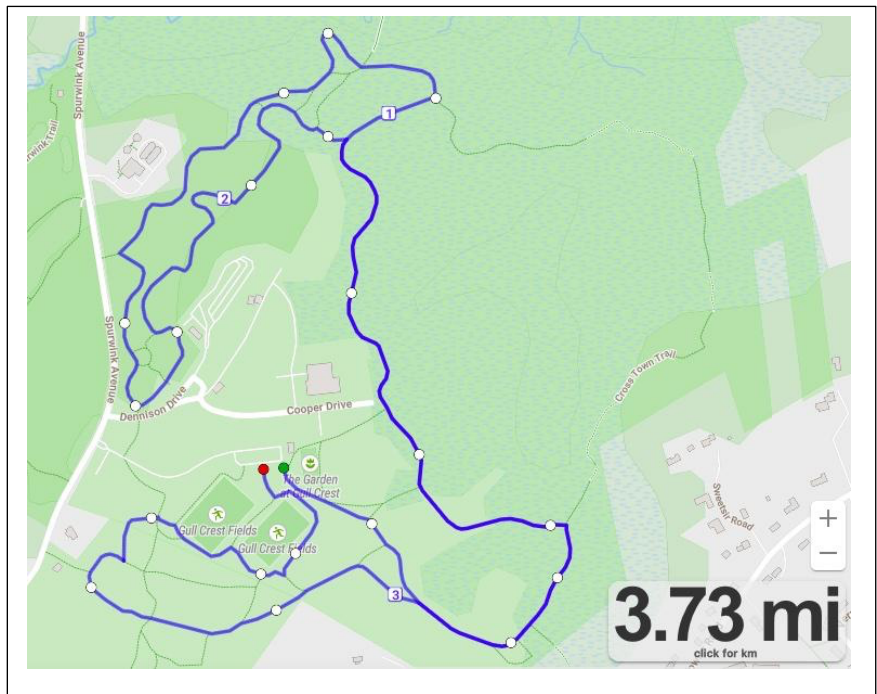


Multi-user Mantras

• **New England Cottontail at Winnick Woods.** This month, the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife released New England Cottontails at Winnick Woods. Approximately 15 acres of Winnick Woods has been managed as a shrubland, where species such as the New England Cottontail will have the thick, shrubby habitat they require. An adjacent 10-acre parcel owned by the US Fish and Wildlife Service is jointly managed as well. New England Cottontails have been found on multiple properties in town, but this is the first time Winnick Woods has been selected as a release site. (No invasive plant removal activities occur on the shrubland habitat management area at Winnick Woods.)



• **Trail Run at Gull Crest July 9th, 6:15 pm -7:15 pm.** The Conservation Committee has approved a trail run at Gull Crest the evening of July 9th. The After Work Dirt Series, organized by the Grind Run Co., includes 4 runs this season. The other trail runs are located in Windham, Portland and Falmouth. Up to 75 runners will participate and all activities are expected to wrap up before 8:30 p.m.



• **Great Pond Lottery completed for season.** All boat rack slots have now been issued. Happy Boating!