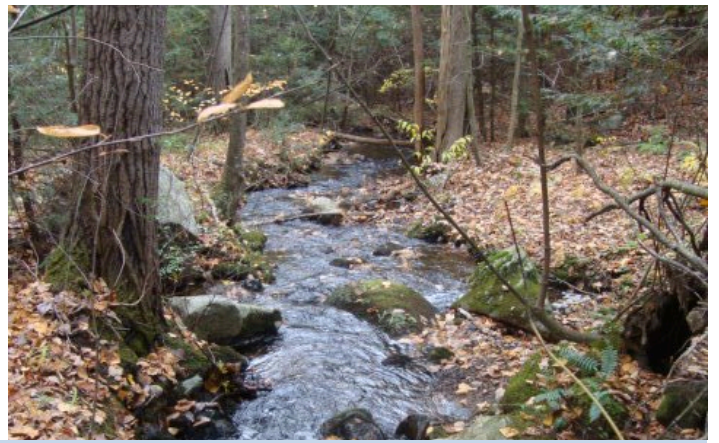


If you love exploring the Mineral Hills of Northampton and Westhampton, we hope you will join us to conserve another 121-acres of forestland!



Expand the Mineral Hills Conservation Area



Build the momentum to expand the Mineral Hills Conservation Area!

In 2011, the City of Northampton, the Town of Westhampton, Kestrel Land Trust, and Nonotuck Land Fund worked together to raise funds to purchase and conserve 87 acres.

Now we have another opportunity to conserve 121 more acres. This includes two “bookend” parcels, one along Chesterfield Road and one at the end of Turkey Hill Road.



Nearly all of the \$800,000 in funding needed to purchase and steward these properties has been raised already. We only have \$40,000 to go before we can move forward to complete the project.

The Chesterfield Road parcel (115 acres) improves wildlife connections to the Marble Brook area, already protected in a project led by Nonotuck Land Fund, and to the Roberts Meadow reservoir, protected as city drinking water area. It is critical to a conservation area that eventually extends along much of the western boundary of Northampton and into Westhampton.

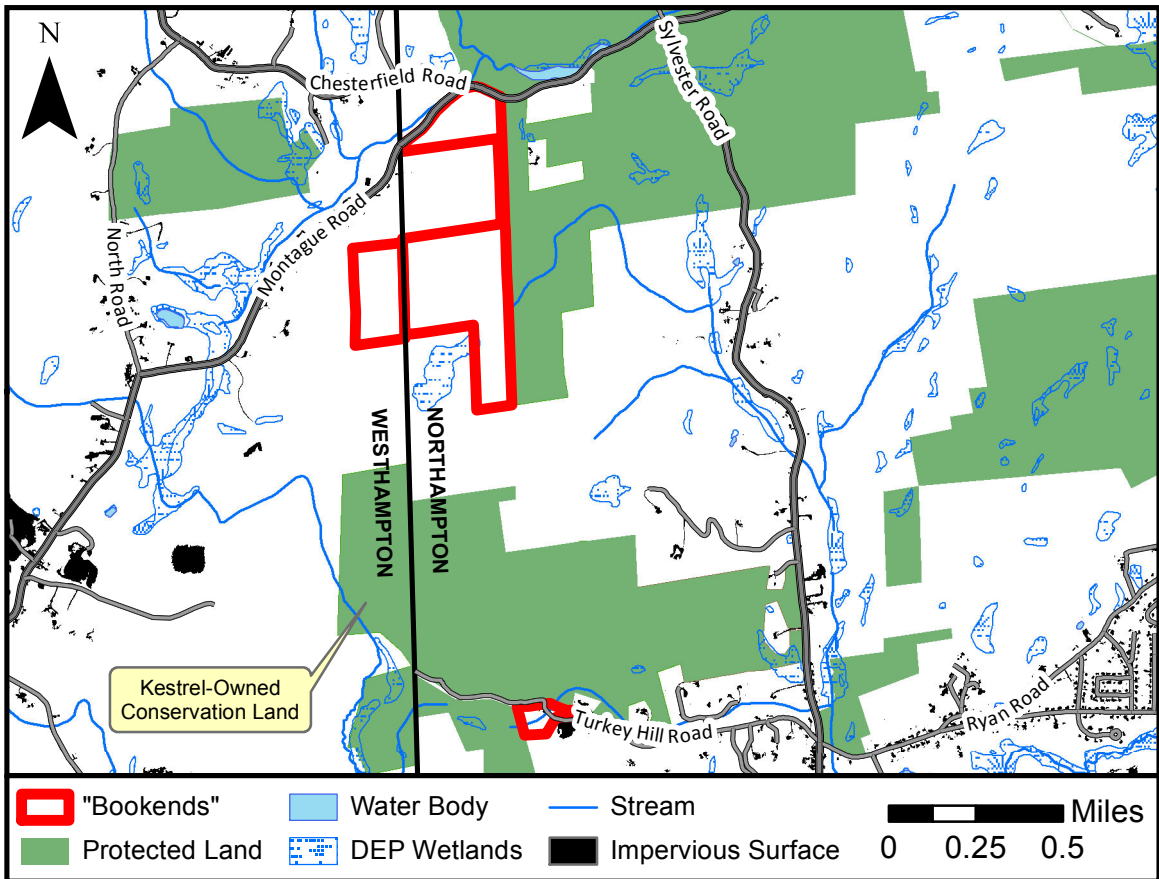
The Turkey Hill Road parcel allows the City of Northampton to discontinue another 1/3 of a mile of Turkey Hill Road and permanently block the road. It will also provide much better public access to the conservation area and prevent 10 to 15 vehicle trips per day (which would have occurred if that parcel had been developed).



Together, these parcels will be a significant expansion of the Mineral Hills Conservation Area, increasing the amount of protected land from 400 acres to more than 500 acres, ensuring that an impressive network of trails remain open to the public and safeguarding a variety of habitat that support hundreds of plant and animal species.

Photos provided by Friends of the Mineral Hills Conservation Area, which is a volunteer group assisting with stewardship and trail building on the conserved land.

Contribute Today to Raise \$40,000 by March 30, 2012



Data obtained from MassGIS and the City of Northampton. Data are approximate and provided without warranty or liability.

95 acres of land will be purchased in Northampton, and 25 acres in Westhampton will be purchased by Kestrel Land Trust. The conserved land will be open to the public to enjoy the land in its natural state. **A Wildlife Tracking Hike will be held on February 12 at 2pm beginning at the Starlight Llama Bed and Breakfast, 940 Chesterfield Road. Email info@kestreltrust.org or call 549-1097 to preregister.**

How You Can Help!

The total cost of this project for acquisition and long-term stewardship by the City of Northampton and Kestrel Land Trust is \$800,000. The City will receive state funding (\$406,000), CPA funding (\$309,500) and contributions (\$30,000). **That only leaves about a \$40,000 gap**, which Kestrel Land Trust has pledged to raise from foundation grants and individuals.

To leverage individual donations the remaining \$5,000 in the Nonotuck Land Fund provides a 1 to 3 matching grant to raise at least \$15,000 from the people who care most about the future of the Mineral Hills. Please consider making a tax deductible, charitable donation of \$100 or more today!

Mineral Hills “Bookends” Expansion— Contribution Form

Yes, I would like to make a donation to the \$40,000 needed to expand the Mineral Hills Conservation Area in Westhampton and Northampton by adding 121 acres of woodlands. My donation will leverage \$760,000 from state and CPA funds, and other private funds to complete this project.
All contributions are tax-deductible.

___\$50 ___\$100 ___\$250 ___\$500 ___\$1,000 other \$___

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Please send your check payable to Kestrel Land Trust, PO Box 1016, Amherst, MA 01004
 OR Donate with your credit card ONLINE at www.kestreltrust.org

Kestrel Land Trust is dedicated to the conservation of land that sustains the quality of life and ecological integrity of the Connecticut River Valley in the 19-town region surrounding Amherst and Northampton.

