



Southborough Open Land Foundation

Annual Meeting 2025

Recent Projects and Beautiful Scenes

Preserving open space since 1988

SOLF is a private non-profit 501(C)(3).

15 Properties, Almost 200 acres



Templeman Woods



Although close to the Mass Pike one needn't walk far on this trail before they find themselves in a quiet, tranquil place.

Maintenance all summer keeps trails clear.



A vernal pool at Templeman Woods provides important habitat for reptiles and amphibians



Bigelow Wildlife Refuge

Robby Stewart cleared a trail to the wetland and built an observation platform at the end for his Eagle Scout Project. He had guidance from SOLF Trustee Lawrence Spezzano.

Later, Trustee Larry Samberg built and installed a bench.

Later still, Larry and friend Vincent Valvo sanded and sealed the platform.



Trustee Lawrence Spezzano worked with the Southborough Open Space Preservation Commission and pollinator garden volunteers to start a native plant garden at the entrance.

Robby Stewart returned to volunteer with his dad.



The Highly invasive Japanese knotweed had completely taken over so Lawrence researched and then purchased a wire mesh that he put down to keep it from growing.

Before



After





The Elaine and Philip Beals Preserve

Almost 60 acres of open space, providing habitats for many forms of life

Donated through the generosity of the Beals family



Trustees Eileen and Larry Samberg reclaimed
the former riding ring with a circular trail



SOLF Trustee Matt Morris works with scouts to remove invasive glossy buckthorn on the Lone Wolf Trail



Trustees Larry Samberg, Lawrence Spezzano and Matt Morris remove a large fallen tree from the Hickory Trail



Trail maintenance often requires making the water go where you need it to go.



More water issues

Seepage from the upper pasture caused chronic mud along the Old Farm Lane through the spring and early summer. Trustees Larry and Eileen Samberg consulted with Conservation Works LLC who proposed a system of mesh, rock, gravel, and sand for a stable raised path.



Trustee Debbie Costine has been working with some St Mark students and advisor to reveal an old stone bridge.

No bridge in sight...



until soil, leaves, and invasives are removed



Colby Chase and Vincent Valvo worked with Trustees Larry and Eileen Samberg to construct a new bridge on the Hickory Trail to replace the rotting one.



The Bancroft family donated money to SOLF, so we bought a picnic table. Trustees Sally Watters and Destin Heilman assembled it, and Debbie stained it.



Cassie Melo made two benches for her Eagle Scout project and had a little help from Whit Beals getting them in place.



Some Beautiful Scenes on S.O.L.F. Properties































Whitney Beals Nov. 16, 1946 ~ Sept. 14 2023



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Since 1988

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