



GLT Celebrates the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day

Please Join Us in Making Every Day Earth Day



NEWS & EVENTS

GLT Properties Offer Joy and Solace

Now More than Ever, People are Enjoying Our Trails



During the quarantine, so many people have found happiness on Granby Land Trust properties. We are so pleased to be able to serve our community in this manner – giving people safe alternatives for exercise, meditation, connections to nature ([listen to frogs at Seth and Lucy Holcombe Preserve vernal pool](#)) and outdoor recreation during this difficult time.

Of course, the credit really goes to our donors and members – those among us who support the Granby Land Trust. We could not possibly manage the number of acres and the miles of

trail in our possession without the support of our members.

We thank you for your support. And if you have not yet renewed your 2020 membership and you're in a position to support us, [please do so now](#). Thank you and please stay safe!

Reminder: Please observe social distancing guidelines and keep dogs on leash while enjoying the trails.

GLT TRAIL MAPS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR [HOME PAGE](#).

GLT Honors the Godard Family

Land Trust Heroes

The Granby Land Trust has posted a new trailhead sign on the Godard Preserve entrance on Donahue Road in North Granby. The sign tells the story of the Godard Family, who owned this land since Colonial times, and Paul Beach Godard, in whose name the property was donated to the Land Trust. Last fall, the GLT posted a similar sign on the Seth & Lucy Holcombe Preserve. Next up? The Mary Edwards Mountain Property. We plan to post that sign by the end of May.

The Godard Preserve



The Godard Family

The Godard Preserve was given to the Granby Land Trust in memory of Paul Beach Godard, a 21st generation descendant of one of Granby's oldest and most illustrious families.

Daniel Godard (the spelling changed over the years) emigrated from England to Hartford in 1640. His son, Nicholas, was granted land in the Salmon Brook section of Sandbury in 1685, and eventually the family settled in North Granby at Cog Mill.

Born in 1901, Paul followed in his father's footsteps to Wilbrahan and Whaley, then had a career in real estate. He led local, state, and national real estate boards and was president of the Governmental Research Institute. He also was governor of the Order of Founders and Patriots and a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and of the Society of Colonial Wars. In his retirement, his principal interest was the care of the Godard property.

After he passed away, Paul's wife, Alice Hill Godard, and daughters, Barbara Godard and Suk Range, donated to the Granby Land Trust the property that makes up the 120-acre Godard Preserve. The GLT is grateful to these women for their generosity and for preserving a piece of the Godard family history. Please enjoy this property as the Godards have since Colonial Days.

- Please Stay on the Trails
 - Leave No Trace
 - Keep Dogs Leashed
 - No Hunting
 - No Motorized Vehicles
- Download the free *Arava* app for an interactive map of these trails.



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Become a Granby Land Trust Member!

It's Not Too Late to Renew Your Membership

The Granby Land Trust preserves land with scenic, historical, agricultural, or ecological value. If you appreciate Granby's rural character, please support us by renewing your membership today.

If you've already renewed your membership, please help us spread the word!

Family memberships start at just \$30.



Renew Your Membership

Preserving Granby's Natural Heritage



GLT Volunteers Plant Daffodils at Granby Oak

Last fall, a team of Granby Land Trust volunteers, led by GLT Board Member and Master Gardener Eric Lukingbeal, planted 700 daffodil bulbs on the property around the GLT's Dewey-Granby Oak. Little did we know then how desperately we'd need to see the flowers' sunny little faces this spring.

We thank Eric, Dave Emery, Steve Perry, Shirley Murtha, and Dennis McGlynn for participating in the planting; and we look forward to enjoying the fruits of their labor for years to come.

(We expect to see even more of these happy flowers come up next spring!)



The Wilcox Farm *An Exciting Partnership Between the Granby Land Trust and the Salmon Brook Historical Society*

The Granby Land Trust and its colleague institution, the Salmon Brook Historical Society, understand that our complementary missions focus on "place." The land trust seeks to "preserve Granby's natural heritage. The historical society works to preserve Granby's historical and cultural treasures. They share many members and occasionally they work in partnership with one another, as they did most recently in the nationally registered historic district of West Granby.

[Read the Whole Story, Written by GLT Board Member Put Brown](#)

Tune in to the Sounds of Nature

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