

2010 — Wildlands Trust collaborated with public and private partners to save 278 acres in 2010. We worked with landowners and municipalities to protect local open space and make natural areas available to the public for passive recreation. Our partners also include the North and South Rivers Watershed Association (NSWRA) and the Taunton River Coalition.

- Today 42 percent of all communities (an astounding 147 communities) in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts have adopted the Community Preservation Act (CPA). Middleboro and Dighton passed CPA in 2010. We assist towns to adopt CPA and implement CPA projects that protect important local natural habitats and landscapes.



Rivers — Enjoy scenic views of the North River from Marshfield's newly acquired 50-acre property. Access is through the Little Conservation Area on Union Street.

Wildlands Trust worked with the Town of Marshfield and the North and South Rivers Watershed Association on this great project. Purchase of this land was made possible with CPA funds.

Agriculture — The Anderson Farm, one of Plymouth County's last dairy farms, is now forever saved. Last year Wildlands Trust worked with the Anderson family, Town of West Bridgewater, and the state Department of Agriculture to protect the agricultural values of this 116-acre farm. This project protects agricultural fields, mixed woods and the rural character and historic values of the land along the Town River, a major tributary to the recently designated *Wild and Scenic* Taunton River.



Landscape Conservation— Now under Town of Plymouth ownership, this 65-acre parcel formerly owned by Plymouth County links the Trust's Six Ponds East and Emery West preserves forming 250 contiguous acres of open space. Wildlands Trust led this effort, partnering with Plymouth CPA Committee, the Mass. Division of Fish and Game and the Long Pond community.

- Wildlands Trust acquired two new CPA Conservation Restrictions (CR) in Plymouth.



Eel River Headwaters CPA CR — protects upland adjacent to the Eel River and former cranberry bogs. The property’s bog and riparian areas are subject to a Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) easement which precludes any future agricultural uses and enables restoration of ecological conditions prevailing prior to the site’s development for cranberry growing. The Trust, the Town of Plymouth, and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) partnered to protect this property.

Hoyt’s Pond CPA CR — preserves 18 wooded acres abutting the Eel River CPA CR and is adjacent to Hoyt’s Pond, a high-quality coastal plain pond that supports multiple rare species.

The Eel River and Hoyt’s Pond areas are situated within a large conservation area linking Myles Standish State Forest, TNC’s 72 acre Holmes Preserve, the US Fish & Wildlife Service’s Massasoit National Wildlife Refuge, and the Plymouth Town Forest.



In 2009 Wildlands Trust worked with seven other Massachusetts land trusts developing an AmeriCorps project to increase statewide capacity for land conservation. This partnership, Massachusetts Land Initiative for Tomorrow (MassLIFT), resulted in funding for 20 AmeriCorps members statewide.

Wildlands is the recipient of 3 fantastic, very qualified and energetic AmeriCorps members. For an 11 month period Alex, Sarah and Allison will initiate conservation projects, hold public landowner outreach events, establish a new town Agricultural or Open Space Commission, engage volunteers in conservation efforts, and so much more.