

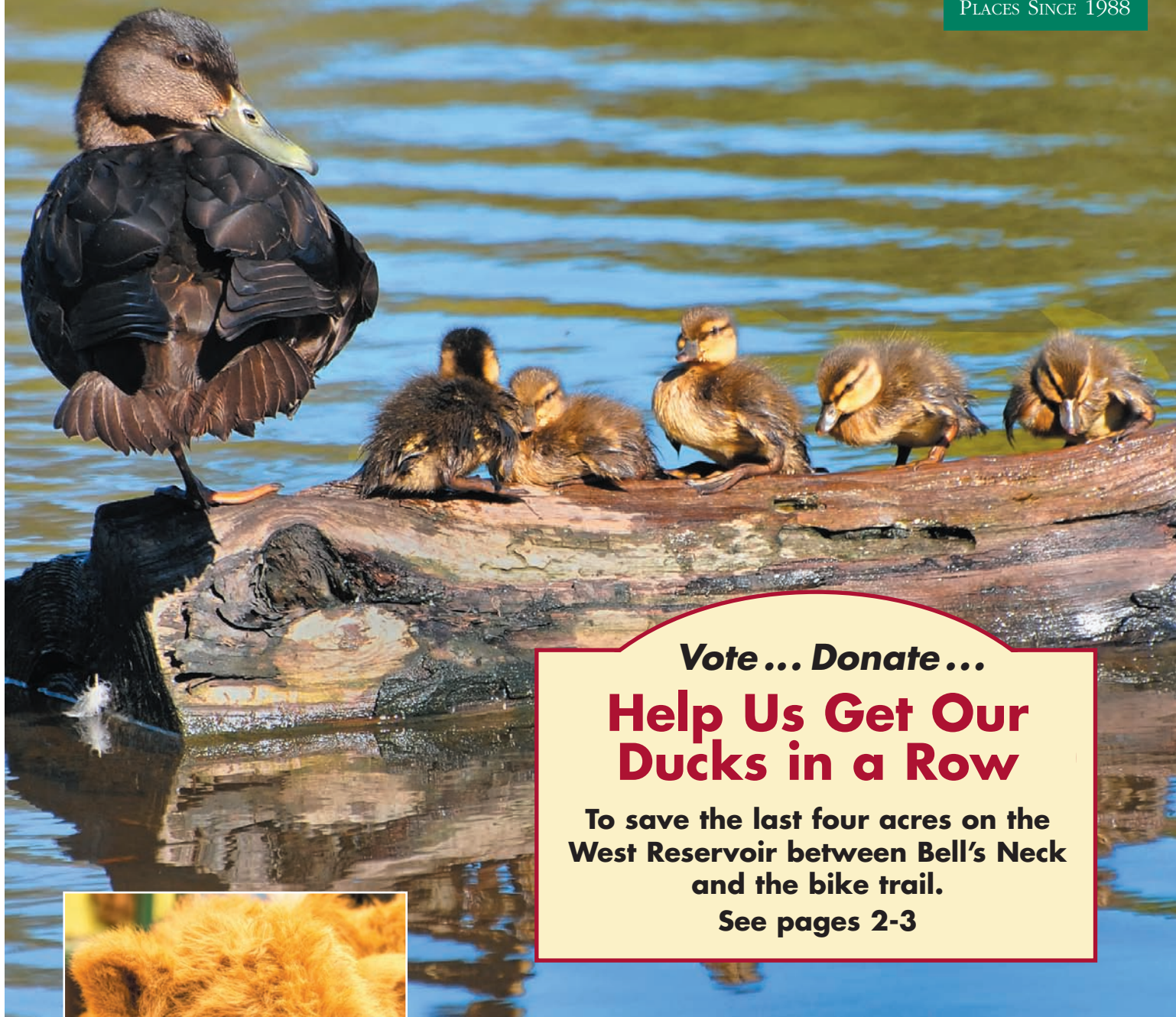


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**Spring
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Help Us Get Our Ducks in a Row

**To save the last four acres on the
West Reservoir between Bell's Neck
and the bike trail.**

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HCT preserves land
to protect woods,
water, wildlife
and our shared quality
of life in Harwich.



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Visit www.HarwichConservationTrust.org
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from walks & talks to land stewardship
and land-saving success to innovative
volunteer citizen science projects.

COVER PHOTO: Duck family courtesy of Janet DiMattia
Inset: Scottish Highland cattle calf at the "Meet Your Local
Farmers" event, courtesy of James Carbone

Bell's Neck Woodlands

HARWICH VOTERS: Vote YES on Article #33 at the
Annual Town Mtg. on May 4th!

FRIENDS of HCT: Please donate funds to help us
pay for project costs.

Imagine if we could save the last four acres with 750 feet of shoreline on the West Reservoir to protect the Herring River and wildlife as well as complete a walking trail loop. Arthur H. Hall, Sr. (son of John E. Hall and Eleanor R. Hall), his wife Carolyn C. Hall, and their sons, Arthur H. Hall, Jr., Alan J. Hall, and Aaron L. Hall share that vision and have agreed to sell their four waterfront acres to the Town for \$630,000.

The Town's Community Preservation Committee, which reviews and recommends spending initiatives using local Community Preservation Act funds, unanimously supports the project with warrant Article #33 at the Spring Town Meeting on May 4th. Town Meeting voters will have the opportunity to approve Article #33 and thereby enable the purchase of this land with its ecologically strategic location along the waterway which serves as the liquid highway for migrating herring each spring.

The Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds are derived from a 3% tax on every property owner's real estate tax bill. This is a dedicated source of funding, separate from the general municipal funds that pay for schools, emergency services, roadways and other town needs. Everyone benefits from CPA funded open space purchases like this one that can help protect water quality. For example, removing the potential for development helps save taxpayers wastewater treatment costs long-term since the land is within the Herring River Watershed, which is already suffering from too much nitrogen caused by too many houses.

In addition, preserving the land will extinguish four houses from being built on the shoreline which means the natural scenic view around the West Reservoir will be preserved forever. West Reservoir and the Herring River are popular destinations for kayakers and fishermen while the forested trails around the reservoir attract hikers, joggers, and birdwatchers. In addition, the Hall family is making a donation. They are relinquishing their extensive rights



Photo by Stephanie Foster

Bell's Neck Woodlands (continued)

of use to more than two miles of wooded cart paths throughout the 200-acre Bell's Neck Town Conservation Lands.

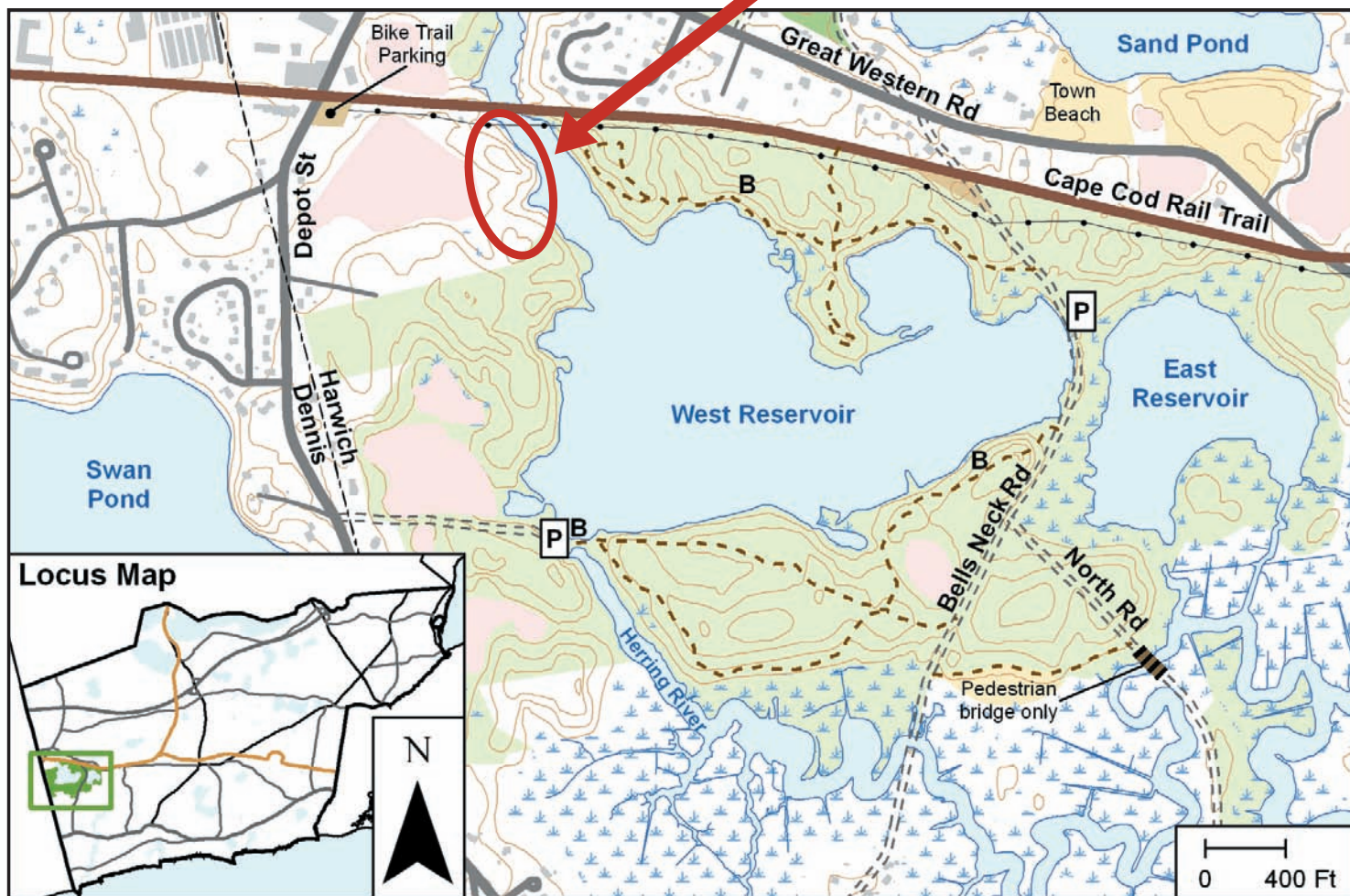
The property is bordered by the Bell's Neck Town Conservation Lands on the south and the Cape Cod Rail Trail bikepath on the north. The bike path overlooks the four acres and it's estimated that 400,000 people travel the bike path annually. If preserved, the land could complete a walking trail loop around the entire reservoir. The Town will apply for a \$327,600 state grant to help offset costs. Town Meeting voters just have to vote "YES" on Article #33 to purchase and preserve the land for both wildlife and people, for all time.

Voting YES on Article #33 will preserve four acres to protect woods, water and wildlife. Added benefits will include scenic vistas for people travelling the bike path - and a future trail connector.

Approximate location of land



Sunset by Stephanie Foster
Osprey by Janet DiMattia



Meet Your Local Farmers

6th Annual "Meet Your Local Farmers" Event

The goats were feisty and the organic honey tasty as more than 1,000 visitors enjoyed connecting with more than 40 farmers and supporting organizations at the 6th Annual "Meet Your Local Farmers" event hosted by HCT and the Cape & Islands Farm Bureau on March 14th. After a long winter, it was the perfect cure for cabin fever to kick-off the 2015 growing season, meet local farmers from around Cape Cod and learn more about locally grown products as well as farm-related activities for all ages.

Kathy Stevens of Billmore Wool Barn photo by James Carbone



From jelly makers to sheep farmers, from spinners to flowers, from cranberries to garden vegetables, from lobsters to lavender -- this was the largest agricultural expo featuring the highest quality farm products on Cape Cod from Sandwich to Truro and everywhere in between.



Chelsea McClain of Sabatia Flower Farm
photo by Gus Romano



Pleasant Lake Farm display
photo by James Carbone



James Barnes of CapeAbilities
photo by James Carbone

photo by Gus Romano



Meet Your Local Farmers (continued)

We had a record number of farmers and producers on hand to answer questions and share their stories. And farmers were able to sell their unique farm-related goods. The Harwich Community Center staff and AmeriCorps did a wonderful job of setting up the event alongside farmers Mark Coleman (Tuck-Away Farm in Harwich), Jeff Deck (Not Enough Acres Farm in East Dennis), and HCT volunteer Peggy Rose.



Cranberry scoop, photo by James Carbone



Goat kids, photo by James Carbone



Paul Crowell of Crow Farm
photo by Gus Romano

We extend a special thanks to all involved including:

- Barnstable County Extension Service:
 - "Buy Fresh, Buy Local"
 - Biltmore Wool Barn, Brewster
 - Bits & Bridles, Dennis
 - Cape Abilities
 - Cape Cod 4H-Club
- Cape Cod Cranberry Harvest, Harwich
- Cape Cod Lavender Farm, Harwich
- Cape Farm Supply, North Harwich
- Cedar Spring Herb Farm, Harwich
 - Crow Farm, Sandwich
- E & T Farms, West Barnstable
- Eldredge Farms, Brewster
- Full Circle Farm, Harwich
- Garden Club of Harwich
- Gingras Cranberries, Harwich
 - Harwich Farmers Market
 - Harwich Historical Society
- Hidden Acres Farm, Dennisport
- Hillside Poultry Farm, Truro
- Hokum Rock Farm, Dennis
- Massachusetts Farm Bureau
- Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)
 - Not Enough Acres Farm, East Dennis
 - Oak Tree Farm, Harwich
 - Pleasant Lake Farm, Harwich
 - F/V Sea Chase, lobsterboat
- Sabatia Flower Farm, West Barnstable
 - Seawind Meadows, Dennis
- Taylor Bray Farm, Yarmouthport
- Thacher Cranberries, Harwich
- Thyme After Thyme, East Orleans
- True North Farm equestrian center, Harwich
 - Tuck-A-Way Farm, Harwich
 - Tuckernuck Farm, West Dennis
 - Want a Bee Farm, Barnstable



Yarmouth Minutemen Militia,
photo by James Carbone



HCT's Mike Lach interviewing State Representative Sarah Peake, photo by Kathleen Magnusson



HCT's Matt Cannon talking to event guest,
photo by Gus Romano

Eyes on Owls

More than 450 people of all ages attended HCT's 9th Annual "Eyes on Owls" live owl program on March 7th. Presenters Marcia and Mark Wilson delighted the crowd with close encounters of the owl kind. Great-horned owl (known as the "tiger of the woods"), screech owl, snowy owl, barred owl, and barn owl made appearances. The Eurasian eagle owl even hooted for the audience while the spectacled owl from South America surveyed the scene in silence. Proceeds help HCT preserve more habitat for owls and other wildlife. Thank you for your support!



Marcia Wilson explains how owls hear - like this barred owl.



Mark Wilson points out the ear tufts (which are actually just feathers) on these two screech owls.



Mark Wilson shows how screech owls use a nesting box.



All eyes and lenses were on the owls!



See you next year!

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and The Cape Cod Chronicle**

Gifts to HCT - in honor of and in memory of

GIFT DEDICATIONS From 10/8/15 – 3/25/2015

Stephanie Foster

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In Memory of Kathryn Howes Alvord
Clark and Harriet Alvord

In Memory of Evie Armbruster
Ronald Armbruster

In Memory of HCT Trustee Bill Baldwin
John and Leann Allen
Thomas M. and Janet Evans
Emily Horne
Daphne & Dan Keeler
Michael Lach
James and Patricia Macko
Ryan Mann
Michael and Kendra McKinley
Sean and Verna Mulready
John & Adrienne Richardson
Robert and Patti Smith
Kenneth and Anne Stevenson

In Memory and Honor of Bill Baldwin
Henry and Donna Peterson

In Memory of Billy
Marcia Tyler

In Memory of William F. Baldwin, Trustee
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Connie L. Pina
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Suzanne Bogdanoff

In Memory of Elisabeth and Lawrence B. Damon
Renny and Dottie Damon

In Memory of Dorothy Darbyshire
Seth Hudak and Inez Giles

In Memory of Philip S. Eagan
Mary M. Eagan

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John and Caroll Follas

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In Memory of Good Dogs, Flannel and Odie
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Woolsey and Beatrice Conover
Sidney Coursen
Linda Harvey
Mary Jackson
Joan and Robert Lavin
Grace N. Lee
Eugene and Judy McCulloch
Bard and Marilyn McLean
Carolyn (Carrie) Gorham Murray
Donna Pearson
Les Scherck
Michael Serluco

In Memory of Sally Kimball
Ridgeport Owner's Association

In Memory of Edward Kineke
Jim and Jane Shulman and Family

In Memory of Michael LaDouceur
Edward and Constance LaDouceur

In Memory of Persis McClennen Lane
John Ketchum and Dinah Lane

In Memory of Robert Lowell Larson
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Barbara Feehrer
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Marla Menzies
Karen Wright

In Memory of Timothy McCauliff
Jane and David Murray

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In Memory of Ellen Merwede
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In Memory of Joan Scully Metz
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In Memory of Robert Our
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In Memory of Marion and James Walker
Margaret E. Walker

In Memory of William White
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In Honor of Mario (Al) Boragine
Clayton T. Ryan

In Honor of the Brophy Family
Patrick and Mary Brophy

In Honor of Dave Callaghan
for outstanding work on HCT's Programs,
particularly "Boundry Quest"
Mario (Al) Boragine

In Honor of Alva Chaletzky
Alan and Bette Johnson

In Honor of Doug Cole
Virginia Lucil

In Honor of Randy and Ellen Fisher
Paul Fournier

In Honor of the efforts of HCT!
Paul Keary and Jeanne Lapiere

In Honor of HCT Staff
Barbie Learnard Chase

In Honor of HCT Team
Jane Pedersen

In Honor of Chris Joyce
Joseph and Lynne Lavieri

In Honor of The Great Work
Harwich Conservation Trust does
Frank and Mary Wojciechowski

In Honor of Mike Lach
Herbert and Cynthia Lach Jr.

In Honor of Michael Lach – turtle man
Bob Prescott

In Honor of Thomas E. Leach
Bob and Kathleen Leach

In Honor of Barbara F. Lee
George I. Rockwood, Jr.

In Honor of Nathan Lieberman
Anna Lieberman

In Honor of James Nikula
Joan and David Davis

In Honor of Sara Jane Porter
James McGuinness

In Honor of my grandchildren who
will enjoy the Cape for years to come
Lynn Schweinschaut

In Honor of Bob Smith
Thomas M. and Janet Evans



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Edward W. Brown

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Arthur Campbell

In Memory of Malcolm Campbell
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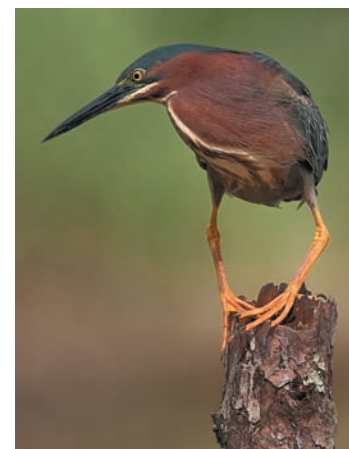
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**Sunday, May 3rd: Spring Winetasting Dinner
at the Cape Sea Grille in Harwich Port**

Our 13th Annual Spring Winetasting Dinner! 5-9 p.m.

\$100 per person all inclusive with multi-course dinner, fine wines, and gratuity

Space is limited, so reserve now!

Enjoy your evening while helping HCT preserve land.

Reserve on-line at **www.HarwichConservationTrust.org** or mail a check payable to HCT.

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