



CONSERVANCY NEWS

HANDS TO WORK
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Hands to work:

caring for the land we love

I had the pleasure of solving a mystery earlier this year. CLC received a note of gratitude from a Greenport Conservation Area visitor who was particularly pleased that several of the trees on a certain trail had been trimmed, making walking underneath them less anxiety-inducing. Public Conservation Area staff were happy to hear the kudos, but they were also puzzled, because this wasn't a project they'd worked on! After some sleuthing, I learned that a group of dedicated volunteers had taken it upon themselves to adopt that trail. What a wonderful gift of service to receive.

In an age that feels defined by a need to optimize time, maximize return on investment, and monetize hobbies, it sounds contrarian to give your time away to a cause like volunteering.

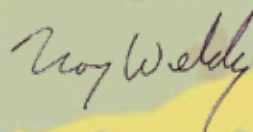
But here's a truth it's taken me a long while to learn - deciding what we spend our time on isn't a decision that has to be optimized, maximized, or justified. Doing what you love is its own reward. When you do something you care about - whether it's planting a tree, taking a photo, or revving up the engine of a chainsaw - you might feel a sense of personal satisfaction, but you're also making a difference for everyone who comes into contact with your efforts.

CLC is excited to share a revised and reinvigorated volunteer program designed to accommodate a wider variety of interests, needs, and abilities. Much of this work can be done on any schedule, alone or with friends. Training will be provided for all positions so that you feel confident when you're out on the trails. In addition to the more self-directed options described here, CLC will continue to offer group activities like tree planting, invasive weed removal, and citizen science opportunities. CLC can also help students interested in fulfilling community service requirements, or organizations searching for team-building opportunities that benefit our community.

To find out more scan the QR code on the inside of this newsletter, visit clctrust.org/volunteer, or get in touch with Luke Burt, Public Lands & Community Engagement Coordinator, at volunteer@clctrust.org or 518.392.5252, ext. 223.

We can all put our hands to work in service of something larger. In service of each other.

Let's get to work, together.



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How will you get involved?



Trail Tender

Adopt a trail to care for by pruning vegetation, refilling brochures, and noting issues for staff.

Time commitment - One visit per month

Skill level - Appropriate for anyone, though some trails are less accessible than others.



Trail Grazer

Routine mowing and line trimming along trails between May and September.

Time commitment - Monthly visit.

Skill level - Involves use of equipment including a mower or line trimmer, and can include hiking distances of one to five miles on uneven terrain while carrying equipment.



Trail Blazer

Clearing fallen/hazardous trees and branches, tree pruning.

Time commitment - Variable, depending on trail and weather conditions.

Skill level - advanced, chainsaw certification is required.

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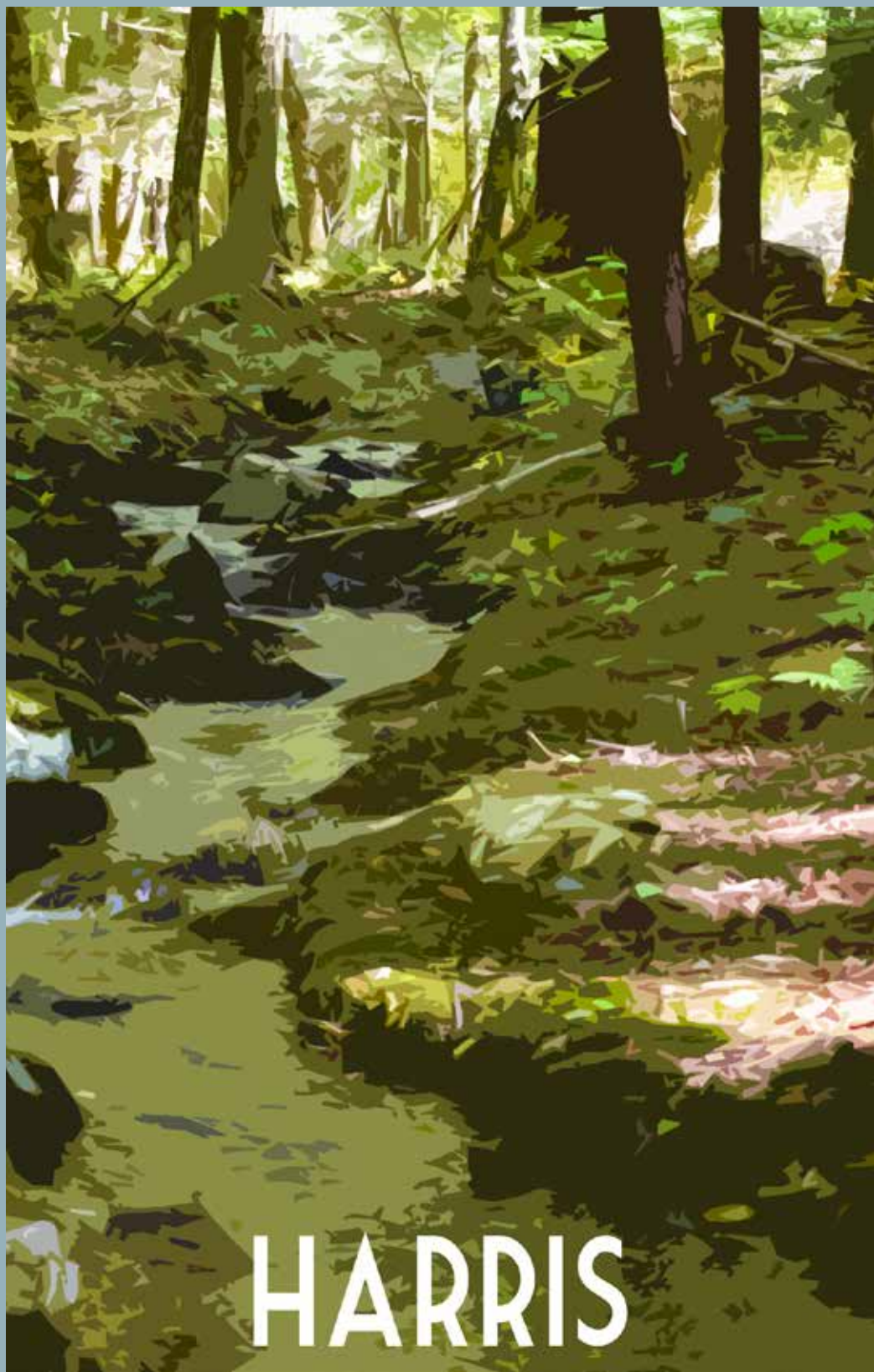
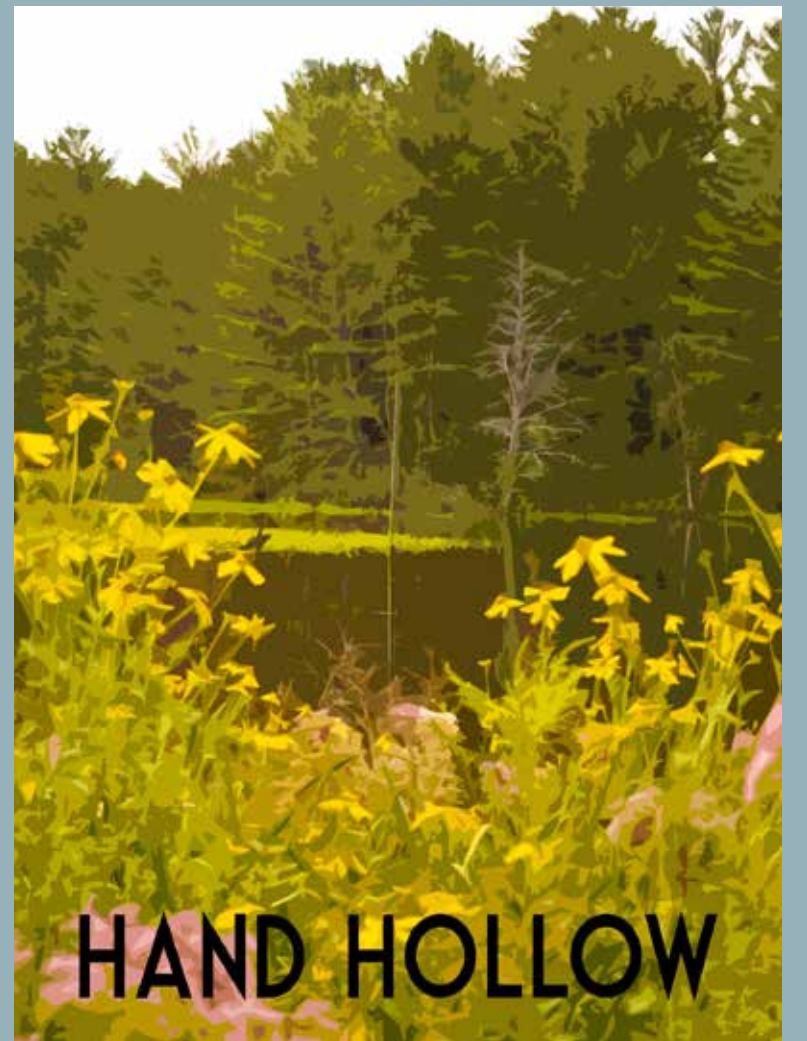
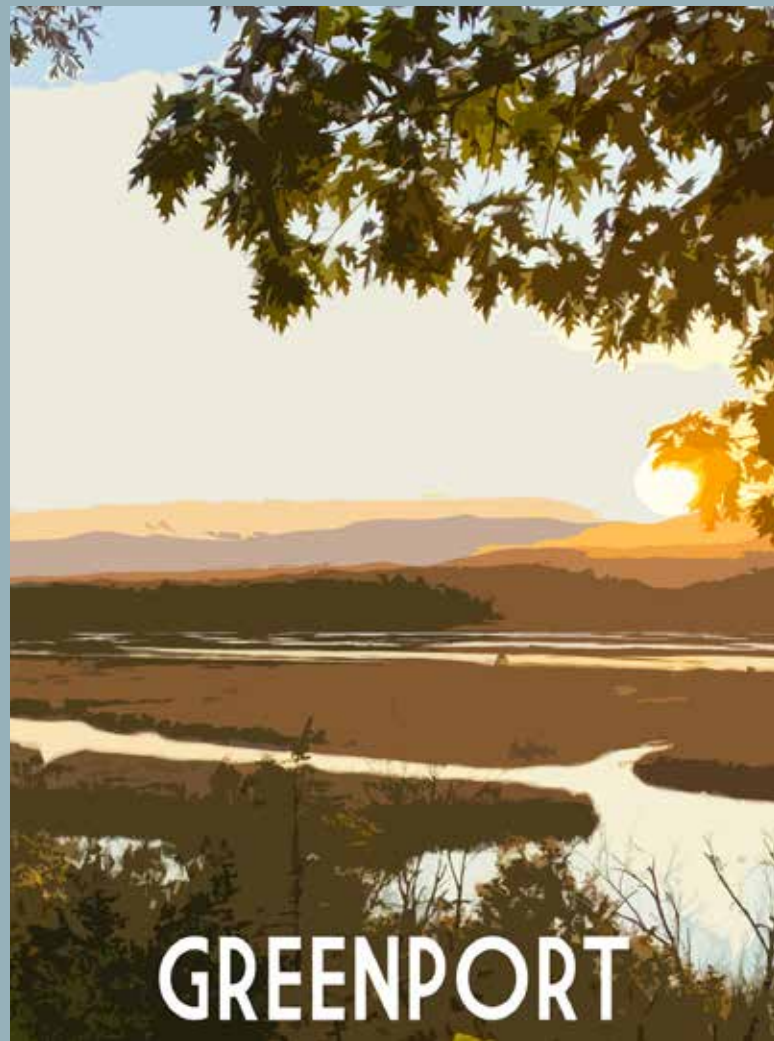
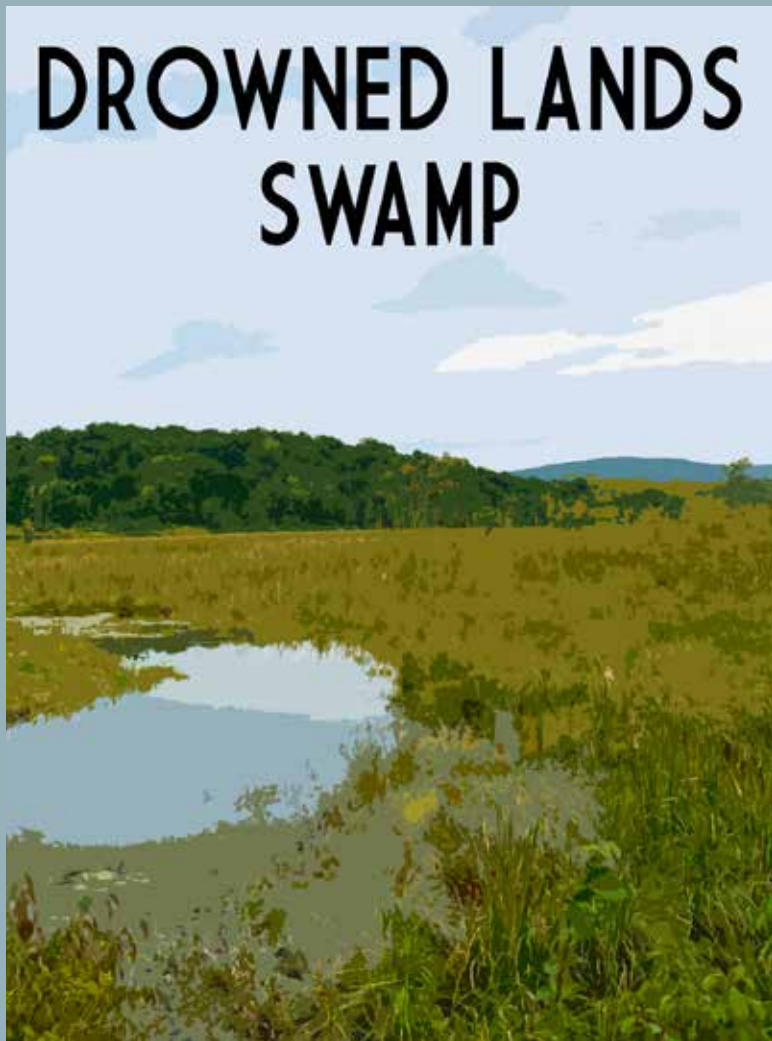
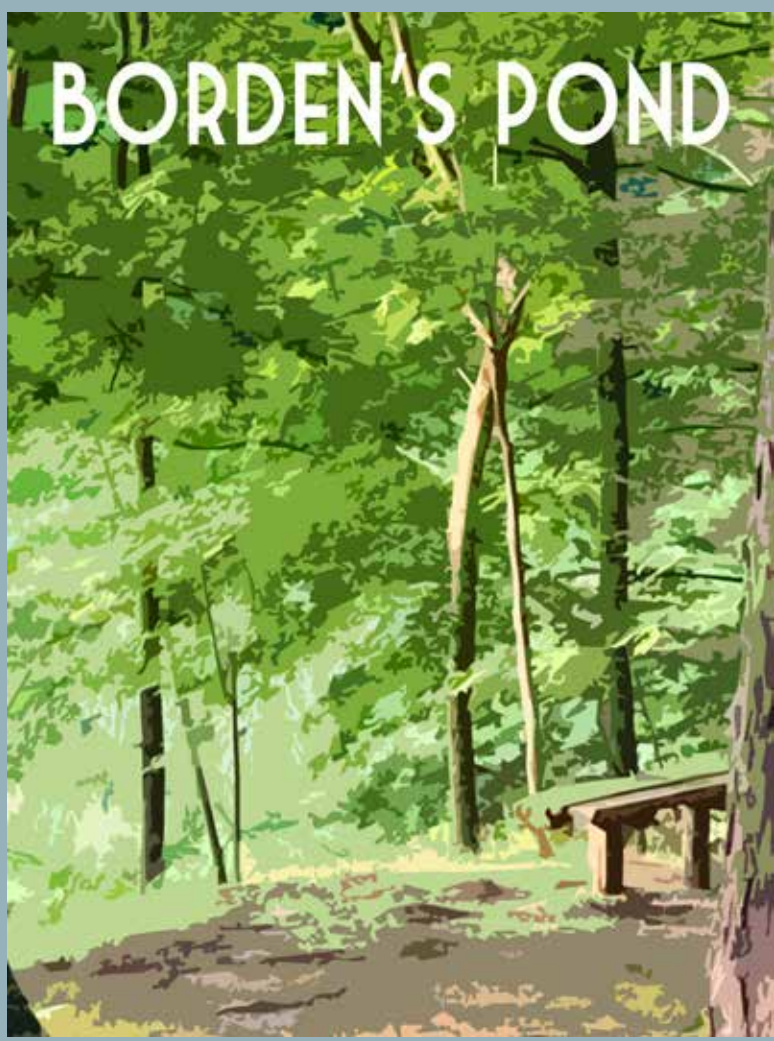
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WHERE WILL YOU VOLUNTEER?

