



CONSERVING LAND IN OUR COMMUNITY
FROM 1981 'TIL FOREVER



Summer

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE FUTURE

Butterfly release at Underwood Park June, 2018

Erin Bucci, an environmental scientist, educator, and Falmouth Land Trust's first Education & Outreach Coordinator, believes that responsible stewardship begins with the younger generation. As part of her work educating the public on the importance of conservation and ecological issues, Erin designed a program of opt-in weekly nature walks during



recess for first graders at Falmouth Elementary School. She also worked with some of the 2nd grade classes on science lessons and designed an experiential learning module for kindergarten and second graders. Her initiative provides an alternative to conventional recess as well as supplements classroom science education.

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FARM UPDATE: WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR CAN MAKE!

The first growing season at Hurricane Valley Farm is underway with old and new farmers alike getting their crops into the ground under the watchful guidance of Falmouth Land Trust's partner, Cultivating Community. This is a huge milestone in the restoration of this historic farm property to a sustainable, nourishing, productive asset in Falmouth. The farm is in the process of becoming an incubator hub for new farm businesses, as well as a place for community gardening for people who live in the area. New American farmers from Afghanistan, Rwanda, Kenya, Sudan and Eritrea are part of the agricultural entrepreneur development training program. The program will be expanded in the future after the initial year of farming.

Please enjoy a hike on the designated trails or join our farm tour later this summer (look for an announcement in August). And save the date for our Harvest Party taking place on Thursday, September 27, which is a great opportunity to enjoy the farm with others who support the vision of protecting open space in Falmouth.



Early April tilling at Hurricane Valley Farm



Modibo Some
New American farmer at Hurricane Valley Farm with June's first crops

From the Executive Director



It's nine in the morning and I'm sitting at Starbucks on Rt. 1 to eke out a few hours of work before the day truly starts. From this wobbly, generic table, I might think I am anywhere in the country—or world for that matter. However, as soon as I walk outside, there's nothing generic. Falmouth is a unique place where residents benefit from a blend of quality natural, and human assets. We enjoy our fantastic public education, excellence in town governance, a strong sense of personal and public safety and a clean environment. I feel fortunate to have the opportunity to raise my kids in this special community.

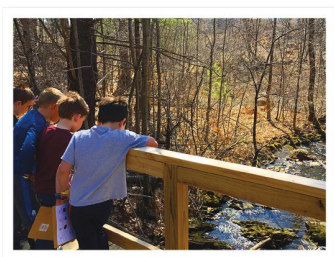
Falmouth Land Trust (FLT) is working to protect some of the values that make Falmouth a wonderful place to live. There are a number of tools to help us with our conservation work, and one of those tools is our outreach and education efforts. This year FLT has put an emphasis on building new partnerships with like-minded civic organizations, meeting the people in our community and connecting our citizens with nature. Thanks to generous grants from Maine based charitable organizations including the Davis Conservation Foundation, the Morton Kelly Charitable Trust, and the Falmouth Education Foundation, we've been able to support hiring our first outreach and education

coordinator. This funding enabled us to work in the schools, offer new events on lands the trust owns and build diverse partnerships. We are also in the process of holding free neighborhood events as a way to strengthen our community and discuss the future of conservation in Falmouth. We were thrilled to have the grant resources to support this part-time outreach position and hope to continue with it in the future.

One way we'll be able to do that is through your support. We are excited to announce the launch of the **Falmouth Land Trust Membership Program** with a goal of having our first 300 members by the end of this year. If you would like to be involved in conserving open space and supporting the work of your local land trust, please consider becoming a member and encourage your friends and neighbors to join. FLT membership is a perfect way for you to be part of this story — a story about a growing community that is thoughtfully protecting and investing in open space, healthy landscapes, trail access and productive working lands. Together we can ensure that Falmouth remains a unique place to live for generations to come.

On behalf of our trustees, the staff and the volunteers, thank you for caring about the future of Falmouth's open space and natural resources. We look forward to seeing you on the trails, parks, farms or rivers this summer.

Jenny Grimm, Executive Director, Falmouth Land Trust



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Erin has found that students are excited to join her on her walks and explore their world. Having experiences in nature and on lands helps students connect and strengthen their sense of place. In addition, it's good for them. Studies show that just being in nature has numerous benefits for children (and adults) including improved academic performance, reduced anxiety and stress, and improved mental health.

On Erin's nature walks, students are actively involved in exploring their environment and are encouraged to engage in mindfulness and scientific discovery.

Learning is a two way street: Erin says she learns as much from the students she works with as (she hopes) they learn from her.

"Thank you for letting us come on the nature walk. I like when you were point(ing) to the owl that surprised me!"

"I like how you always let us stop on the bridges."

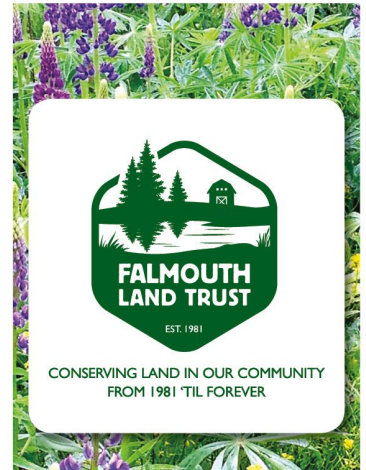
– Falmouth first graders

by the knowledge and experience they contribute to the discussion and by their out-of-the-box, creative thinking. She is consistently impressed by their eagerness to learn about their world. She hopes they'll maintain this curiosity as they grow, and that they'll use these experiences as a foundation to become responsible citizens of a changing world.

Erin's passion for the environment stems from her natural curiosity and a sense of responsibility for the earth. Erin wants to share

why she finds science enjoyable, exciting, accessible, and important. Moreover, she is inspiring in Falmouth's students a lifelong involvement in science and stewardship.

You can support work like Erin's at the **Falmouth Land Trust** today by becoming a member, a donor or a volunteer with FLT.



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LAND PROTECTION UPDATE

Falmouth Land Trust continues to work toward permanent protection of new properties in Falmouth. Our current portfolio of protected properties includes 30 parcels with conservation easement and 16 parcels that are fee-owned by FLT. In 2018, we are working on approximately 150 additional acres of newly protected lands. We look forward to sharing more details about these successful efforts by the end of the year. If you are interested in donating to Falmouth Land Trust land protection or land stewardship funds, please reach out to us at info@falmouthlandtrust.org.



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Thursday, September 27, 2018 • 5:00-8:00 PM

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