



# BOLTON LAND TRUST

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## GOOD NEWS!

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Dear Members and Friends,

The Bolton Land Trust directors are pleased to announce that the Land Trust has acquired a 68-acre parcel of land adjacent to our 90-acre Lombardi Ridge Preserve in the southeast corner of Bolton. Together the properties form one of the largest blocks of preserved open space in Bolton. The purchase was made possible with funds raised by the Land Trust and an \$82,500 matching grant from the U.S. Forest Service's Community Forest Program. The property will be known as Bobcat Woods Community Forest, a nod to the bobcat that was tracked through the property by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection in 2018.

In keeping with one of the goals of the Community Forest Program, the land trust will ask for community involvement in planning how the property will be used. Some ideas include creating bicycling and hiking paths, working with Scouts and offering the property to schools as an outdoor classroom. The Community Forest Program also emphasizes forest management, and the land trust will actively manage the wooded property under the supervision of a professional forester. The goals will be to promote diverse species growth, create habitat openings and manage the health of the forest. The land trust will offer guided walks on the property during the phases of the forest management so residents can see the work and learn the benefits of good forest management.

This is the culmination of a years-long project by the board of directors which was only possible because of the efforts of Joe Botticello, who represented his fellow landowners, an extraordinary donation of \$15,000 by a longtime board member and his wife, and you, our supporting members. Your contributions enabled the trust to apply for the matching grant and your support will benefit Bolton residents now and forever.

Very truly yours,

Gwen E. Marrion, president, on behalf of  
The Bolton Land Trust Board of Directors

