



**Ten for Ten:  
The Waltham Land Trust's Top Ten Accomplishments  
Over the Last Ten Years**

1. **The Beginning:** In 1999 members of neighborhood associations, community activists, environmentalists, conservationists, and just plain folks came together to found the Waltham Land Trust.
2. **The First Open Space Inventory:** One of the Land Trust's early projects was an inventory of the existing open space. We examined the areas and ranked them according to their benefits and their risk of development.
3. **An Open Space Committee:** We actively encouraged the city to create a special committee to examine its open space and assess its benefits.
4. **Chesterbrook Woods and Jericho Hill:** The Land Trust pressed the city to acquire both of these areas. As a result, the Storer Estate land, directly connected to Chesterbrook Woods, was expanded, and the very visible summit of Jericho Hill was now protected.
5. **Shady's Pond:** We were instrumental in influencing the city to acquire the Shady's Pond Conservation Area, as well as Sanderson Heights (aka Jericho Hill) and the Smith Street wetlands.
6. **The Western Greenway:** The Land Trust was pivotal in the formation of the Friends of the Western Greenway, a move that put the Greenway on the 'map.'
7. **The Community Preservation Act:** The Land Trust was instrumental in the passage of the Community Preservation Act. This legislation now funds and advocates for open space, affordable housing, and historic preservation.
8. **Lot 1 and the Gaebler:** Our efforts helped save these two key links in the Western Greenway and prevented their development.
9. **Smith Point:** The Land Trust acquired this scenic 1/3 acre peninsula on Hardy Pond.
10. **The Ongoing Mission:** Promoting the community's appreciation and use of its protected open spaces has been a priority since our founding. Over the last decade the Waltham Land Trust has guided hundreds of people on scenic walks, initiated clean-ups, and overseen trail building projects. Join us at our next event!