



HELP PRESERVE THE AGRICULTURAL GATEWAY TO ACTON



Wetherbee Woods

THE CAMPAIGN FOR WETHERBEE WOODS

THE OPPORTUNITY

The first impression of Acton is often a trip along Route 2, and the transition from Concord to Acton presents the first significant open fields west of Boston along this route. This “Agricultural Gateway” is backed by a prominent wooded parcel on Wetherbee Street that has been offered to the Town for conservation purposes. These 33 acres, which contain both vital wildlife habitat and significant historical features also borders Nashoba Brook and connects to the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail. The Rail Trail in turn connects it to both Morrison Farm and the recently preserved 549 Main Street and Isaac Davis Trail .

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) has recommended purchase of this property, and it has support of the Select Board, and the Open Space Committee. A Special Town Meeting is to be held on **November 25 at 6PM** at ABRHS to approve this purchase.



THE GOOD NEWS!

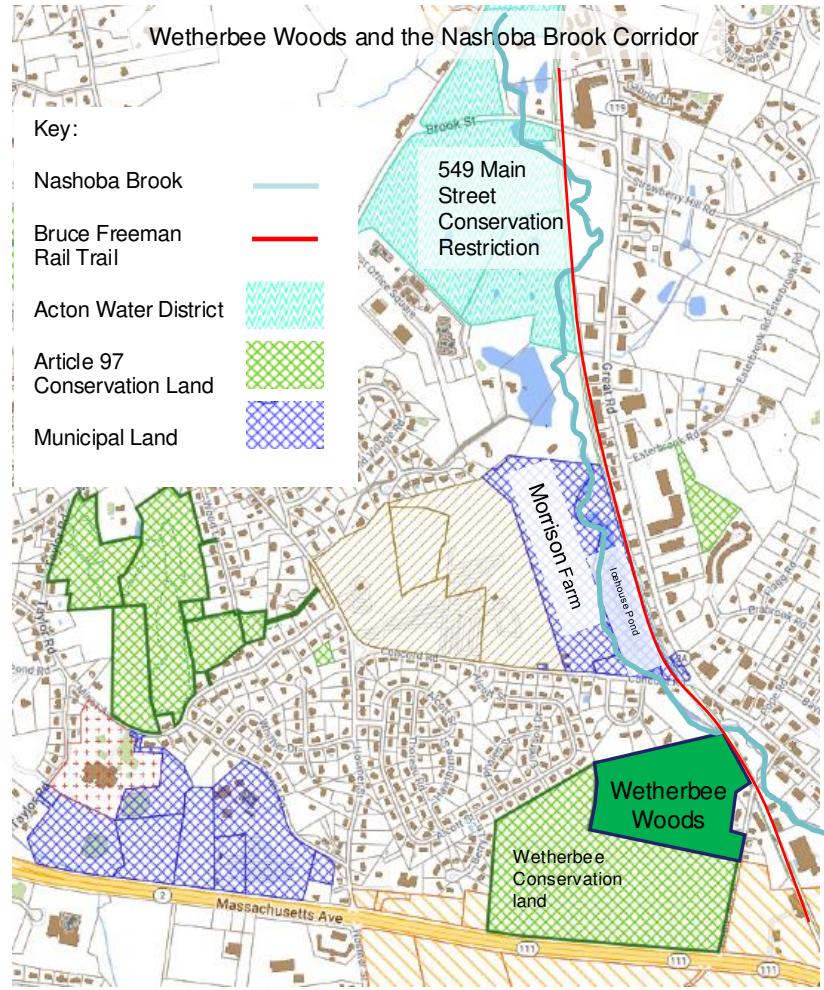
The Town has secured a \$500,000 LAND grant from the Commonwealth and the CPC has agreed to support this \$3.68M project from the open space set aside and bonding. The Trustees of ACT have pledged to donate from our land acquisition reserve funds and to raise donations for a combined contribution of \$100,000. While we have reserve funds and a leadership donation to kick this off, we need your help to get us over the finish line.

**TWO CHALLENGES: HELP RAISE \$100,000
ATTEND SPECIAL TOWN MEETING NOVEMBER 25**

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Funds are needed to augment Community Preservation and LAND grant funds to purchase the property at 19 & 35 Wetherbee Street (“Wetherbee Woods”). This parcel, which fronts both Nashoba Brook and the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail, also forms the backdrop for the Route 2 farm fields at the entrance to Acton. As shown on the map, it completes preservation of the Nashoba Brook Corridor, running from Main Street to the Concord border, passing the recently preserved 549 Main Street, Ice House Pond and Morrison Farm.

Once purchased, some 33 acres will be added to the existing Wetherbee Conservation Lands and Route 2 farm fields and it will be protected by a perpetual Conservation Restriction (CR)



From the Acton GIS Map April 2024

We urge you to:

- make a tax-deductible **donation** to help us reach our goal.
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- **attend the Special Town Meeting** at 6 PM on November 25, 2024, at ABRHS to support this purchase.

Check our website for updates:
actonconservationtrust.org

Campaign Contribution Form

The undersigned wish to support the **Campaign for Wetherbee Woods** of the Acton Conservation Trust, Inc. in the amount of

\$100 _____ \$500 _____ \$1,000 _____ \$5,000 _____ Other _____

We understand that our donation will be used to support the purchase of lots at 19 and 35 Wetherbee Street for conservation purposes. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by the law, and acknowledgements will be mailed to all donors.



Signed: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please make checks payable to the Acton Conservation Trust and indicate “Campaign for Wetherbee Woods” on the memo line. If you have any questions, contact us at info@actonconservationtrust.org.

(Note that ACT will hold all checks until a positive Town Meeting vote.)

Mail Donations to:
Acton Conservation Trust
PO Box 658
Acton, MA 01720

