

HANOVER CONSERVANCY

Protecting land & water in our community

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ALDO LEOPOLD on May...

"It is time to listen for the final proof of spring. Sit down on a tussock and [listen for] the flight-song of the upland plover, just now back from the Argentine. The county records may allege that you own this pasture, but the plover airily rules out such trivial legalities. He has just flown 4000 miles to reassert the title he got from the Indians. Hemisphere solidarity is new among statesmen, but not among the feathered navies of the sky."

A Sand County Almanac

More on Aldo Leopold



New Trail at Greensboro Ridge -Fund Drive a Success!

Thanks to generous friends and neighbors of our <u>Greensboro Ridge Natural Area</u>, we're ready to build our new trail. To lend a hand, join us Fri., May 25 (9-4) or <u>Upper Valley Trails Day</u> (Sat., June 2, 8:30am-on). Meet at top of Velvet Rocks Drive. Thanks to the <u>Upper Valley Trails</u> <u>Alliance</u> for expert help in laying out a sustainable route.

This project is one of several piloted on an intriguing new website, <u>Clean Water</u> <u>Future</u>. Please visit to learn more about our plans and this innovative natural services investment site.



What's Up That Sleeve?



After three years' work to control invasive plants that had overrun the floodplain at our <u>Mink Brook Nature Preserve</u>, we have now replanted with 2000 native trees and shrubs. Visitors will notice a new (temporary) forest of mesh sleeves to protect saplings against hungry beavers and deer.

Meanwhile, our Balch Hill Stewardship Committee volunteers are busy cutting invasives and re-routing the Grasse Trail. If you'd like to join in or stay informed of progress at our preserves, please drop us an email.

NEW: Corporate Conservators

The Hanover Conservancy is proud to welcome an esteemed group of new <u>Corporate Conservators</u> to our family of sponsors. Many of these new friends are responding to a generous matching challenge from the Byrne Foundation. If your company would like to participate, please <u>contact us</u>.

Upcoming Spring Trips

- MOTHER'S DAY WILDFLOWER WALK ~ Sun., May 13, 1-3pm (Moose Mountain)
- KITE DAY AT BALCH HILL ~ Sat., May 19, 2-4pm
- LANDSCAPING FOR WILDLIFE ~ Thurs., May 31, 2:30-4:30pm (Etna Library & King Bird Sanctuary)
- SATURDAY MORNING BIRD TRIPS ~ weekly through June 2, 6:30-9 am



<u>DETAILS ON TRIPS HERE</u>- Hanover Conservancy trips are free and open to the public, no registration required. No dogs, please. To receive invitations to our trips, <u>become a Conservancy member</u>.

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