

MEMORANDUM

TO: Conservation Committee
FROM: Maureen O'Meara, Town Planner
DATE: January 8, 2020
SUBJECT: Eagle Scout projects on the Greenbelt

Introduction

For several years, local boy scouts have been choosing improvements to the town Greenbelt as their Eagle Scout project. This year has been significant in the number of projects completed and in the pipeline. Highlights of those projects are summarized below.

Projects completed in 2019

2019 Pollack Brook East: Chris Choi

This project, located on the north and south ends of the newly installed Pollack Brook pedestrian bridge, included rehabilitation and installation of a loop trail on the south side of the bridge that connects to Riverside Cemetery and removal of vegetative debris on burial grounds located on both sides of the brook.



2019 Pollack Brook West: Tim Gilda

Tim completed the trail extension envisioned with the installation of the Pollack Brook bridge. He cleared a trail connection from the western edge of Riverside Cemetery to the Spurwink River (terminus across from the Scarborough overlook)



Projects approved for 2020

2020 McAuley Connector Trail: Nick Leschey

Nick will be rehabilitating and establishing a trail located on town open space created as part of the Cottage Brook neighborhood and connecting it to open space created when the McAuley Rd neighborhood was built. The project will also include the construction of 5 benches which will be installed at the connector, Pollack Brook south overlook, Pollack Brook west overlook, and Gull Crest.

2020 Town Farm Invasives Removal: Jake Goodwin

Jake, a South Portland resident, will be removing invasives in the wood copse on the Town Farm. He will be following recommendations and coordinating expert advice from the USFWS.

Projects completed in prior years

I would be remiss not to highlight past boy scout projects.

2017 Cross Hill boardwalk extension: Noah Olsen

The project extended 55' of boardwalk on muddy sections of existing trails on the Cross Hill open space near Tiger Lily Lane.

2015 Gull Crest Outer Loop extension/expansion: Peter DiNinno

This project extended and widened an existing boardwalk network on the Gull Crest Outer Loop trail.

2014 Greenbelt network lat/long mapping: Nick Bozek

This project created, and installed maps at trail intersections that include the latitude and longitude of the trail intersection.

2013 Two Lights boardwalk: Tim DiNinno

Boardwalk was extended along a well used trail that connects Broad Cove to Two Lights Rd.

Dec. 19 , 2012 - Jan. 15, 2103 NEIGH

Cape Boy Scout designs, builds boardwalk



Photo by Julia Beckett

Courtesy of the Cape Courier

2007 Winnick Woods bridge: Randall Hobbs

Spanning a stream in Winnick Woods, a bridge was constructed on the main trail that can support public mowing equipment.

2006 Great Pond little bridge: Nick Quatrano

The bridge was constructed on the main trail connecting the Jewett Rd neighborhood to Great Pond.

2002 Gull Crest "Boy Scout bridge": Chris Thompson

Chris constructed the first boy scout project on town trails, a 35' long bridge on the Inner Loop trail in Gull Crest. This bridge remains the gold standard on town trails. Chris is now the town's seasonal trail maintenance person.

Town of Cape Elizabeth Greenbelt Trails Map Eagle Scout projects

