

# Pascommuck Conservation Trust

Preserving our past. Protecting our future.

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

# PCT ANNUAL MEETING - February 19, 2019

# **GOALS - 2019**

## A. FUNDRAISING/GRANTS/DONATIONS:

- 1. Two plant sales.
- 2. CPA funding for Old Trolley Line trail extensions, signage, and maintenance.
- 3. Seek more grants and hold a fundraiser for completion of the Campbell property purchase, construction, and maintenance.

#### B. PUBLIC RELATTONS/OUTREACH:

- 1. Annual Meeting.
- 2. Cultural Chaos.
- 3. Two newsletters.
- 4. Publicity flyer distribution, when needed.
- 5. Trust High School Conservation Award.

### C. PROPERTIES MAINTENANCE:

- 1. Old Pascommuck Conservation Area: Erosion control along parking area, and replace bollards there; replace steps near guard rail; install railings along steps at a steep trail section overlooking the River.
- 2. Old Trolley line Conservation Area: New trail extensions, signage, bog bridges (aluminum ). Coordinate with Arcadia on this project.
- 3. Pomeroy Meadows Conservation Area: Continue removing invasives encroaching on flowering crabs in the meadow; repair storm damaged railing along embankment steps near Ranch Avenue entrance; possibly replace purple chokeberry hedge at Paul Street entrance with a more shade tolerant species.
- 4. Brickyard Brook Conservation Area: Replace damaged spicebush within the new native species planting near Mountain View Farm entrance; construct a ramp at the far end of Mutter Field to enable a tractor to brush hog the lower section; continue the invasive species spraying program at Mutter Field.
- 5. Hannum Brook Conservation Area: construct a new entrance off Hannum Brook Drive; complete special licenses for neighbors who have been encroaching upon our property.
- 6. Dwyer Conservation Area: Continue to monitor drainage and erosion problems near entrance.
- 7. Miscellaneous: Clean bird houses in spring; replace or add more where needed.

### D. LAND PRESERVATION:

- 1. Continue to negotiate for saving open space along the foothills of Mount Tom, Manhan River Greenbelt, including any available farmland.
- 2. Seek more funding for the project at the Campbell property; work on plans for construction of a parking lot, accessible trail, scenic viewing area, signage, and a maintenance program.

## E. MISCELLANEOUS:

- 1. Implement a program for attracting new blood into our membership.
- 2. Devise a more up-to-date and progressive plan for our outreach program.