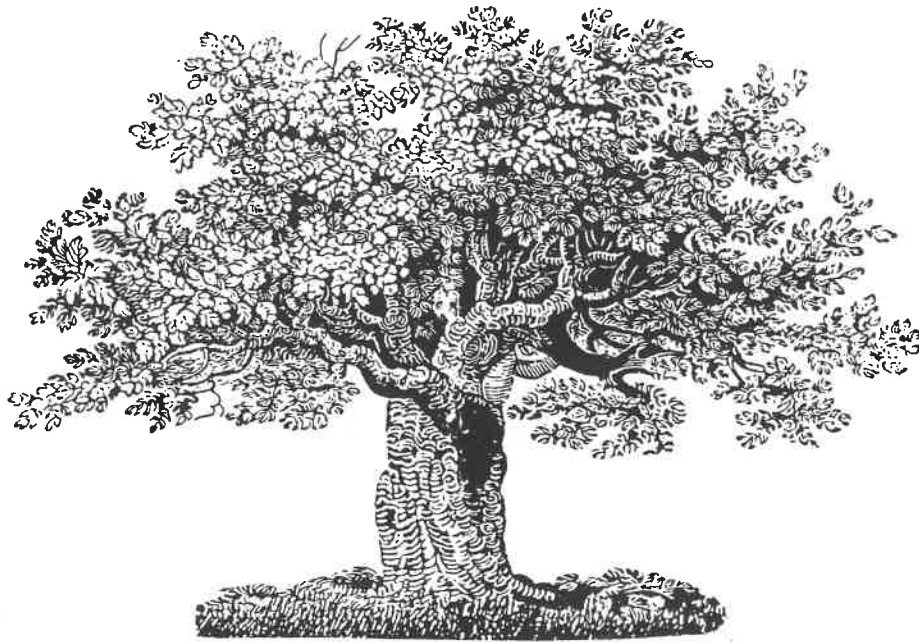


The Bourne Conservation Trust

NEWSLETTER Number 6 September, 1987



*Is pocasset an old Indian name for "by the mall"?
Should the "For Sale" sign be the official flower for Cape Cod?*

ENQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW . . .

We know. To both questions, we think not. And we are not alone. The "quiet revolution" which has occurred in land use since the 1970's extends well beyond our local concerns. While little will happen locally unless there is a strong effort by those most concerned and best informed (i.e., us), there are tools and techniques developed in surrounding communities, as well as at the state and federal level, which could be useful in pursuit of the Bourne Conservation Trust goals.

BOURNE AND BEYOND

Bourne Selectmen have appointed a Task Force to identify land for open space, conservation, water protection, recreation, or future municipal use. Land totaling over 250 acres is to be considered for acquisition -- located in Cataumet, Monument Beach, Bournedale, and Buzzards Bay.

While state funds may be available to help with town purchases, local funds will also be required. Such funds can come only through an override of Proposition 2 1/2 by town meeting -- we have a special meeting on October 19 -- and by ballot selection at the next election in November.

With the rapidity at which time and land is running out, it is imperative that an override be supported. If you are not a registered voter, then encourage support by those who are; or, if possible, change your residence to Bourne and support the initiative. Our open space serves as a psychic anchor our the community. Once gone, it will disappear forever.

CATAUMET

One of the properties identified by the Open Space Task Force is the 20 acres on Red Brook Harbor Road owned by the late Col. Robinson. The Bourne Conservation Trust tried to purchase this property from his heirs -- and was willing to equal the top bid -- but the property was sold to a developer. As one of the few remaining large parcels in Cataumet, its loss is a significant one to the village. Consider:

- It borders existing conservation land and its addition would have allowed for a contiguous green belt;
- The underground springs on the property may be lost as an important water resource;
- There is evidence of wetlands;
- Development would mean additional traffic on the already heavily-trafficked Red Brook Harbor Road;
- The contour of the property requires a major reworking of the land prior to development.
- The plan submitted to the Planning Board called for an 18 lot subdivision -- the maximum allowable.

To forestall this development, the Bourne Conservation Trust engaged the legal aid of the law firm of McGregor, Shea, and Doliner to represent us at the Planning Board hearing. A record number of Bourne residents attended the hearing to voice their opposition. The plan was not approved because of its environmental impacts and is currently in litigation.

Fortunately, this property is on the list of those to be purchased by the town for Open Space -- another excellent reason to support the efforts of the Task Force at the special town meeting.

In this context, this is what surrounding towns have done:

MASHPEE

(Population approximately 5100). With an override of Proposition 2 1/2, they have, since 1984, allocated six million dollars, plus state help for three million, for land acquisitions.

FALMOUTH

Falmouth has overridden Proposition 2 1/2 for land acquisitions twice since 1984, resulting in a fund of almost 8 1/2 million dollars. In addition to previous purchases, they are pursuing almost 400 additional acres. All of this has been accomplished through a 300 Committee, Inc., with over 1500 members. This group was formed to spearhead a private effort to promote open space, providing both funds and volunteers.

BARNSTABLE

Barnstable has overridden Proposition 2 1/2 three times, approving 27 million dollars for land purchases.

The total effort of our neighbors to the south is impressive:
over forty million (\$40,000,000.00) for land purchases.
Bourne total: 0

STATE PROGRAMS

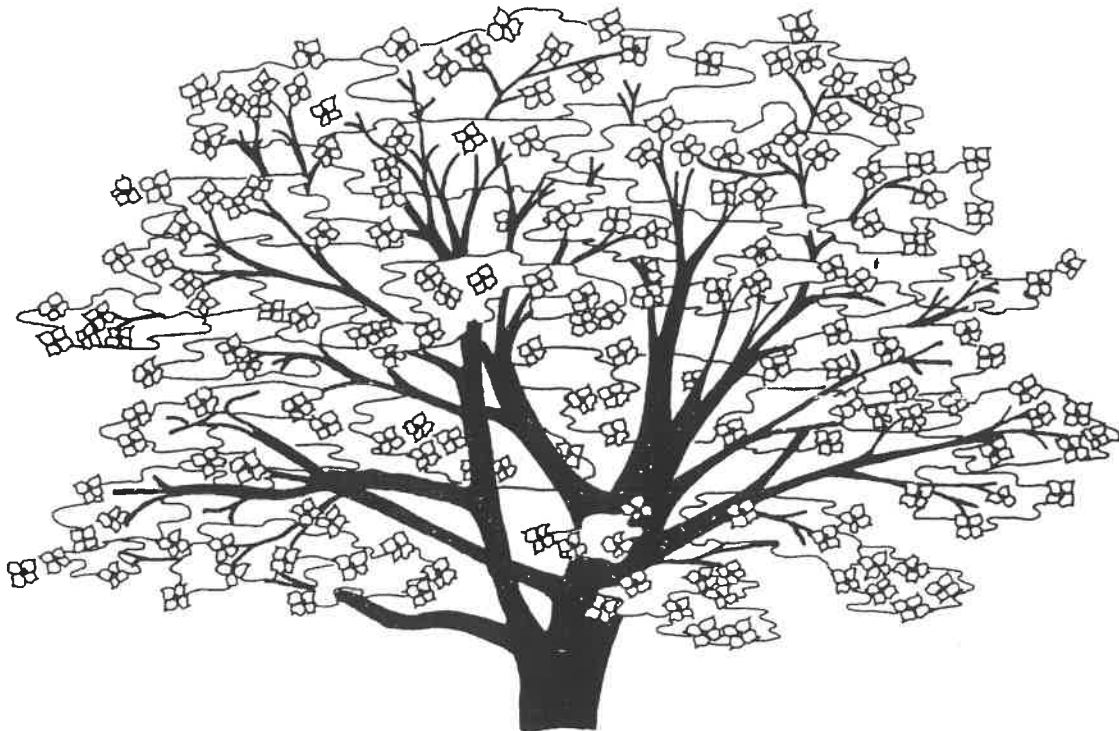
Decisions made by states affect local land use significantly. The state sets the ground rules and is the ultimate source of police power.

The Massachusetts Constitution states that "The people shall have the right to . . . the natural, scenic, historic and esthetic qualities of their environment . . ." To help effect this goal, is the Open Space Bond Issue that passed the House on July 16th. The bill seeks over \$423 million in funding for many environmental acquisitions. Grants are awarded based on a point system based roughly on how consistent the projects are with other environmental considerations. But note: Additional points are allowed to municipalities who have overridden tax limitations for the purpose of funding open space purchases; again, this points out the requirement for Bourne citizens to take action in the next town meeting.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

There is legislation pending to create a dedicated fund, termed the Outdoor American Conservation Fund Act of 1987. This fund, projected at \$1 billion a year, will finance federal, state and local efforts to preserve open space. At least one-half of the funds distributed to the states shall be used for grants to help local governments and land trusts to finance open space projects. Through its National Endowment for the Preservation of Open Space, this bill will, through matching grants, challenge the private sector to become more active in conservation programs.

Let us meet that challenge.



Flowering Dogwood

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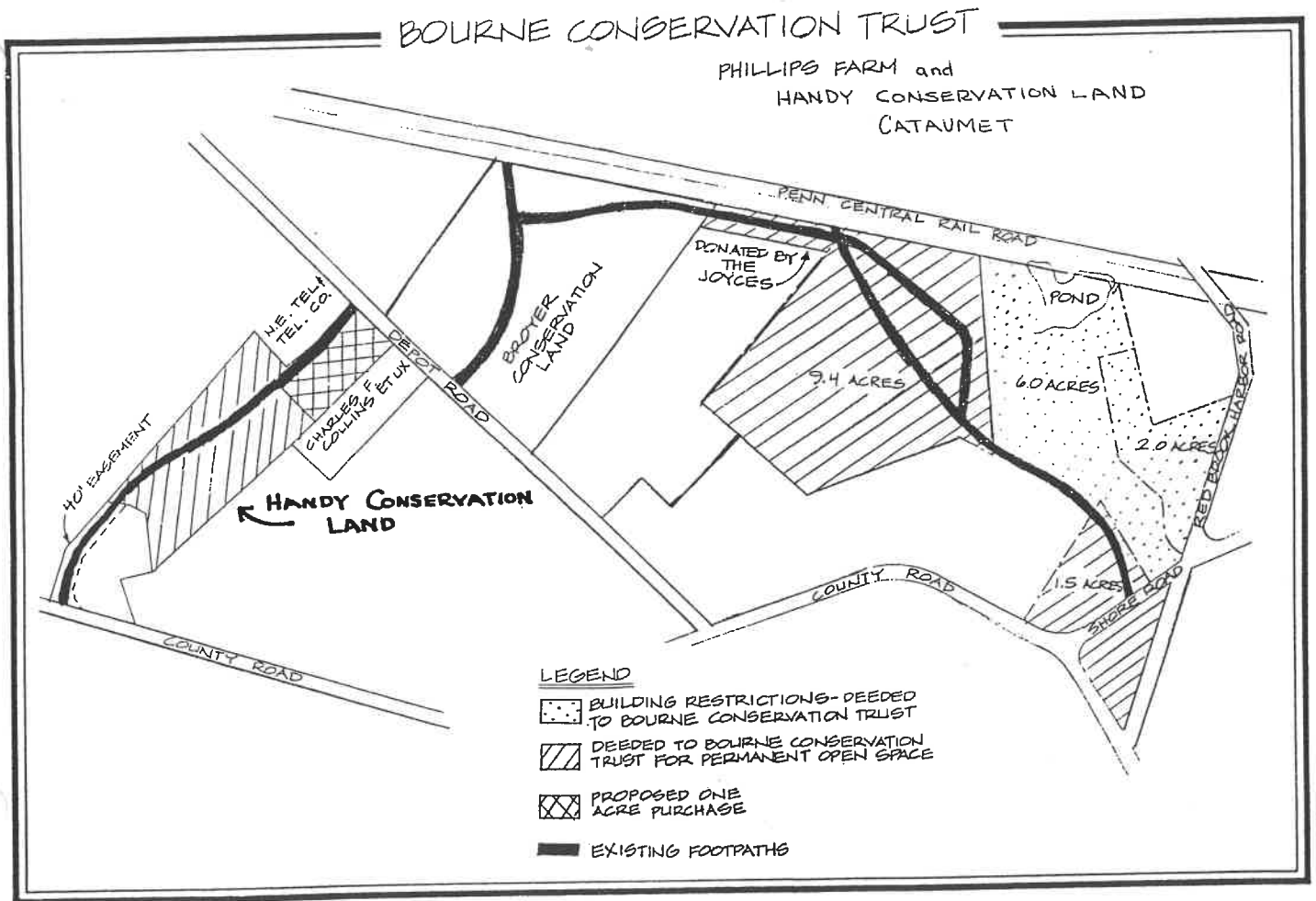
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Fund Raising Efforts Successfully Completed Handy Conservation Land

Over the past year, the Bourne Conservation Trust raised funds to purchase an acre of land on Depot Road in Cataumet. This land added to the three and a half acres (known as the Handy Conservation Land) donated to the Trust by the Townleys and the Christodoulos. The purchase price was \$50,000. Of this amount \$31,275 for donated specifically for this project and \$18,725 was transferred from unrestricted funds.

This one acre is significant because it provides a connection between the Handy Conservation Land and the town owned Broyer Conservation Land. (See map below). The Trustees invite all the citizens of Bourne to come and enjoy these trails.



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Bourne is rich in natural resources, and has retained many of the special features of a rural character heritage. We and our children can still link with a living Nature. The Trust is committed to securing that link by perserving and maintaining undeveloped land for the benefit of all citizens.

We invite you to help this effort by becoming a member of the Bourne Conservation Trust. Dues and donations are used for maintaining our holdings in accordance with sound land management and conservation practices, for the acqisition of new properties, and for administrative expenses.

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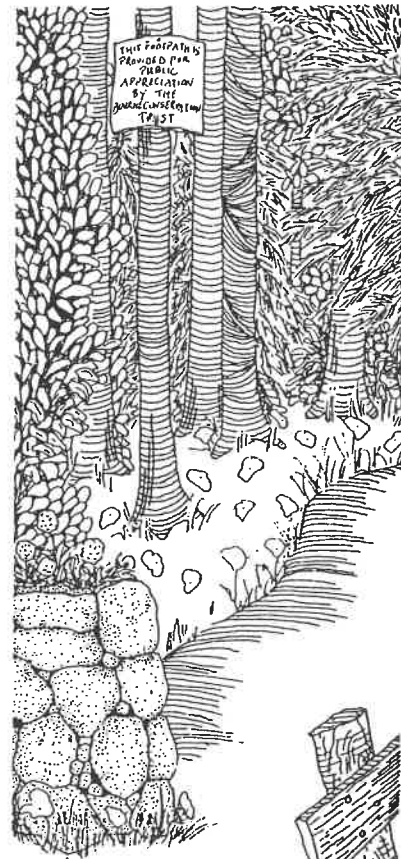
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