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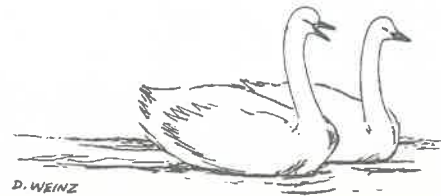
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Winter 1990

Who Really Owns Red Brook Pond?

The Good News: Papers have been passed, so the pond and forty wooded acres adjacent—the Red Brook Pond Project— were deeded over to the Bourne Conservation Trust.

The Bad News: The validity of the Trust's title has been challenged— challenged by a couple of johnny-come-lately swans, a new pair who are at this moment in possession and control.



Just where these swans came from is a mystery, but their proprietorship isn't. They patrol the Pond like a couple of gunboats, occasionally taking to the sky by frantically padding their huge feet and unfolding their generous wings. Their wingtips and webbed feet slapping the Pond's surface sounds like distant machine gun fire and, as they lift off, their ample wings whistle while their slender necks thrust their heads so far forward that they look like a couple of Paris-bound Concordes.

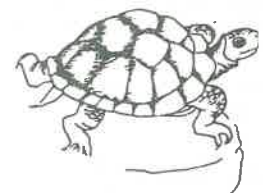


On windless October mornings when the Pond reflected the melded greens, yellows and reds of early autumn, they scheduled daily reconnaissance flights— once around the Pond for a quick look-see, a brief check on who was where. Sometimes they found Canada geese. This upset them. Unlike the mallards, who are tolerated and even cozied up to on occasion, Canada geese are about as welcome as double-parkers on Tremont Street. Just the hint of a honk from a goose will raise a swan's hackles, make him

puff himself up to twice his normal size, arch his wings and paddle full speed ahead toward the trespassers while announcing his approach and intentions in a voice that sounds something like a staccato stomach gurgle. The intruders quickly read the message, snap to their senses and disappear to the accompaniment of fading honks and squawks.

Unlike the former 'owners,' this swan couple prefers the open water in the Pond's center, but they do drop by to check out local neighborhoods. One of them, the marshy area to the northeast, is a turtle Club Med in the summer. Another is the stand of pines on the north shore where shivering herons drape themselves at dawn to catch the sun's first rays. A half dozen green herons hold sway under the cemetery shore's long, overhanging tree branches.

A year or two back, one of those branches snapped off during an ice storm, crashed into the pond, stuck upright in the muddy bottom but left a network of offshoots jutting out of the water. The result became a neighborhood in flux. In the summer, painted turtles seeking the sun's warmth queue up, then crawl out, then soak up heat while balancing on the slender branches. Kingfishers use it as a lookout and launching pad.



In autumn the mallards take over and turn the neighborhood into a rec room, a sort of duck disco dedicated to schizo skittering, shaky shimmying and daffy diving.



But the zaniest antics of the mallards were overshadowed early this winter with the arrival of buffleheads, the world-class clowns of Red Brook Pond. Their frenetic shimmying and wild skittering make the mallards' dance seem a stately and inhibited minuet.



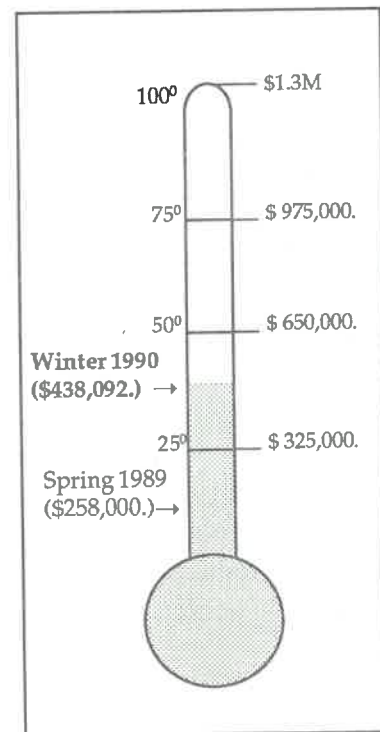
Meanwhile the aloof swans watch the frivolity of their newly-arrived neighbors in dignified and disapproving silence.

Where We Stand:

With the record lows of December still in our bones, we all share a desire for higher temperatures. For the BCT, laboring to complete the Red Brook Pond Project, that desire is more than a climatic one.

At our last reading (Spring, 1989), our financial temperature was at 19.50 C (\$258,000). It has since risen to a respectable 33.70° (\$438,092). To put the matter in graphic thermometric terms:

Each \$13,000 gives us . . . one . . . more . . . degree, and we need a strong summer-like surge to satisfy the \$100,000 load that currently is due.

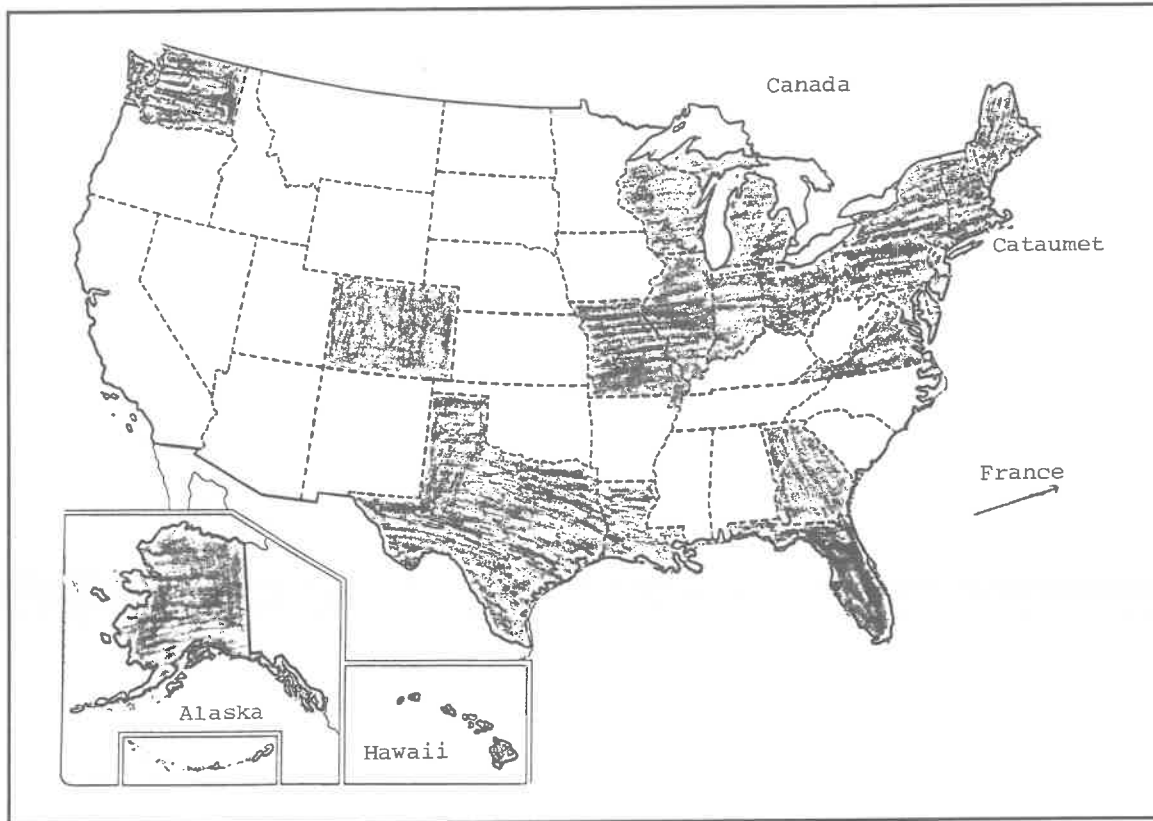


We Get Questions . . .

. . . like, where does our money go? The money stream, in some philanthropic organizations, is a cloudy one, splitting off into many branches and rivulets, until there are only a few drops left to meet the organization's objectives. Not with us.

We are manned (personed) by volunteers. We have no formal office space, no paid writers, no professional fundraisers. Our newsletter costs 58 cents per copy to produce and mail. Out of every dollar you contribute, 98 cents goes directly into land purchases.

Our money stream is a clean one.



We have all sung, "From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans . . ." etc. You know the rest. Our context here is pecuniary as well as patriotic. Above, we have mapped the geographic origins of your contributions.

Years ago, Sherman-Williams advertised that their paint "covered the globe." We have a similar goal for our product: contributions. The map shows that the sources of our funds are spreading out, having spilled out over 25 states and 2 foreign countries (France and Canada).

Help in the Greening of America (plus). Make your wallet your palette. On your next trip, mail in your check from one of the unshaded places.

Be the first one on your block to put California in the shade!

As Time Goes By . . .

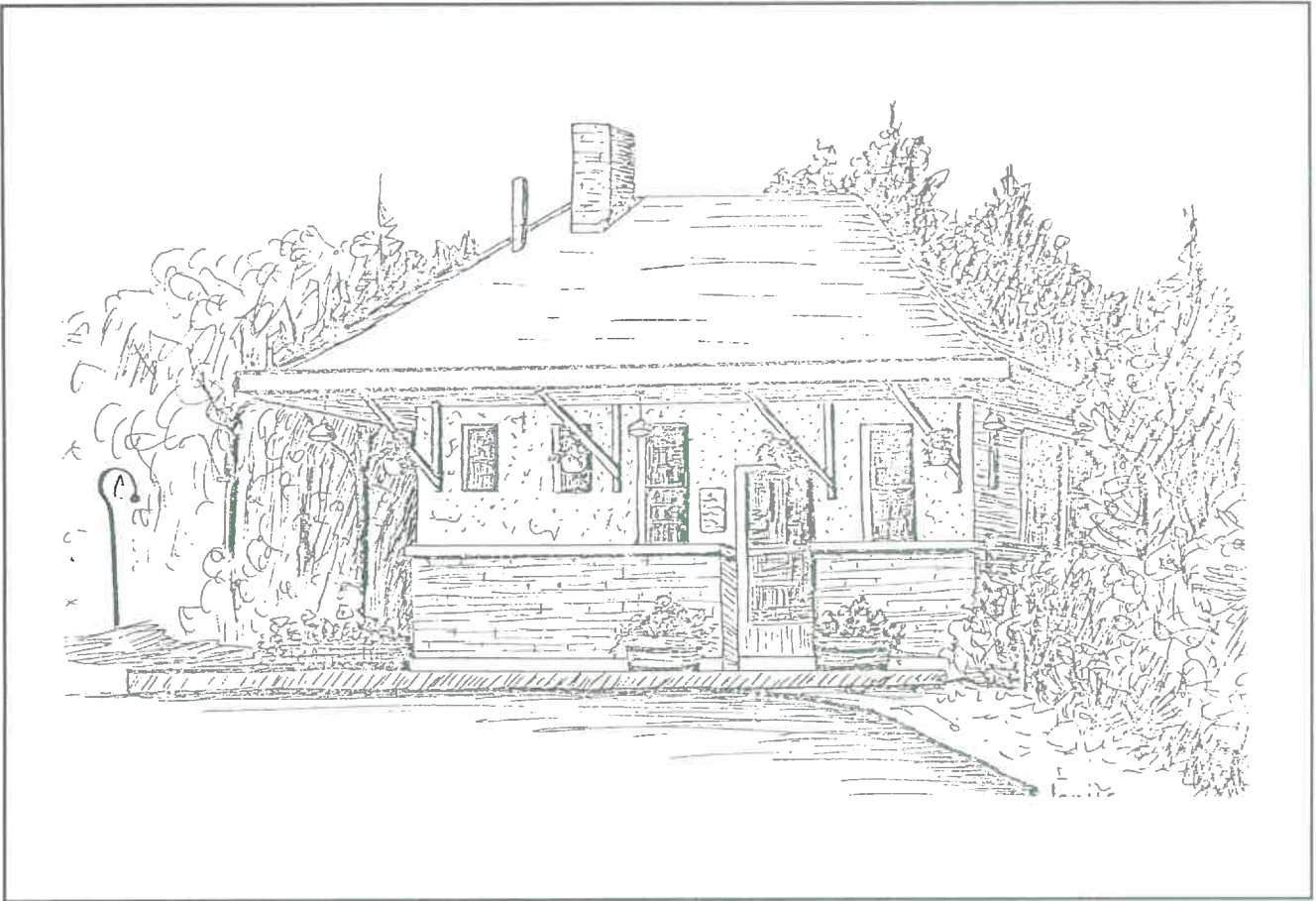
Perhaps you can't recall when you made your latest donation to the BCT? Check the mailing label on the envelope of this newsletter. The number in the upper right corner represents the date of your latest donation--first the year, then the month (example: "8906" is June 1989). No number? We hope you will send us a tax deductible donation soon.

Send it where?

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Due to the generosity of some BCT members, gifts of property have been added to our "land bank." Mr. Phillip DeNormandie donated the Cataumet RR Station. Mr. George Ballentine contributed additional property bordering the station to the north. These sections are central to the Village Center and will help to preserve "Beautiful Downtown Cataumet." The RR Station will continue to be managed by the Cataumet Civic Associates.

In Pocasset, the BCT was pleased to receive lot 54 on Paulinda Road, donated by Paul Medeiros.

With these additions, the land now owned by the BCT (including the Red Brook Pond Project) now totals 82 acres. This is a very respectable accomplishment for an effort that began only in 1981. (After all, the country of Monaco has only 370 acres and has been in existence much longer.)

Our "land bank" will generate rich dividends over the years to come and is an estate which we all share and can pass on. It encapsulates a philosophy that says, "We don't just inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children."

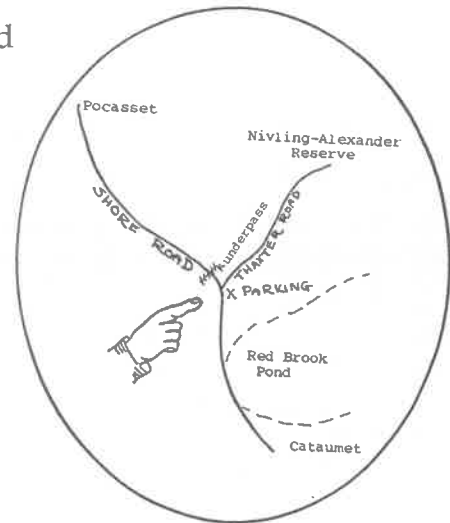


Take A Walk! See Your Donations At Work!

Guided tours of the Red Brook Pond Project will be held on these dates:

Sunday	18 February	2 P.M.
Saturday	24 February	10 A.M.
Saturday	10 March	10 A.M.
Sunday	18 March	2 P.M.

You have not experienced the pleasures of a local open area until you have strolled the trails about the pond and bogs. Meet at the end of Thaxter Road.



Red Brook Pond Project Approval Rating

The basis for our approval rating is hardly scientific. In fact, it was gleaned only from some of the comments donors have included with their checks. But it's very high. Here are some samples:

- *Wish it could be more—we believe very much in what is being done.*
- *I am grateful for the good work you're doing.*
- *I hope this will help a bit and this fine program can continue.*
- *After walking the paths at the Red Brook Pond Conservation Project, I fully realize what a beautiful area it is and how important it is to preserve it. The labor that has been given to create the paths is enormous. Thanks to whoever is responsible. Please accept this small check. Hopefully more will follow.*

Suggestions and comments are always welcome. And checks.

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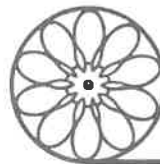
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