

The Bourne Conservation Trust

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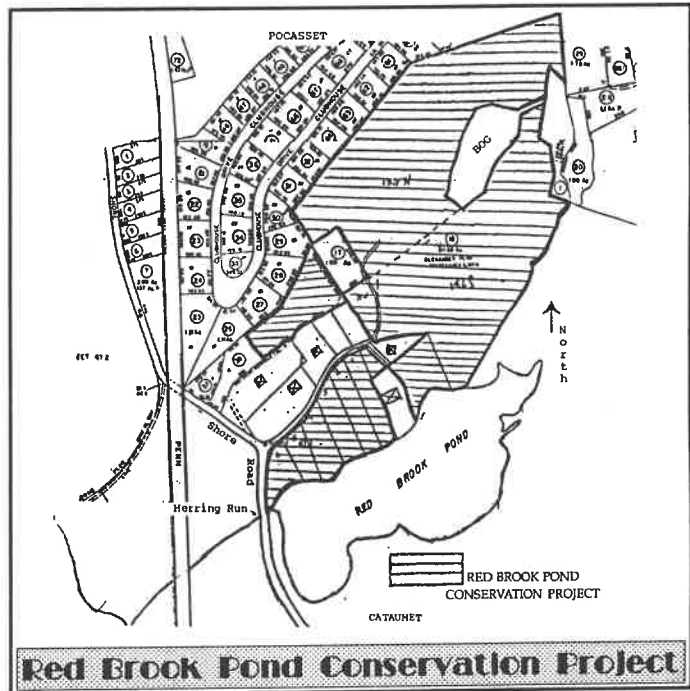
Spring 1989

**We know what it was like to be BOURNE YESTERDAY . . .
What will it be like to be BOURNE TOMORROW?**

"You may buy land as cheap as stinking mackerel." Shakespeare wrote that in 1598, and six short years later another Englishman, Bartholomew Gosnold, was working the good ship Concord up Buzzards Bay, just having a look around. Cape Cod's first developer had arrived. If he had been tacking through a time-warp, Gosnold might have heard still another Englishman, Dr. Samuel Johnson, tell him what he'd find beyond Cape Cod's beaches, behind its dunes: "A place where all sorts of uncooked birds fly about."

Johnson was right then, and he'd be right now. The forty hilly, heavily-wooded watershed acres targeted for preservation by the Red Brook Pond Conservation Project* abound in "uncooked birds"--some year round residents and others just passing through. Ancient paths wind among stands of pine and oak and skirt kettle holes. Foxes, muskrats, raccoons (and someone claims to have spotted a coyote skulking across the ice in the winter dawn) live here among the wild flowers and blueberries. A couple of smart cormorants fly over from the bay everyday to bathe before stuffing themselves with perch, bluegills, or the herring that annually choke the herring run on the pond's southwest shore. And there are hundreds of turtles, including a monstrous snapper with a head the size of a football.

It's a peaceful, natural place to poke around in whether it's the dead of winter, summer, spring or fall.



But when Bartholomew Gosnold was poking around Cape, Red Brook Pond didn't exist. It was formed when the Red Brook was dammed and backed up to flood the shallow valley that stretches to the northeast. Most of the forty wooded acres in question are well back from the road, but the next time you're driving south on the Shore Road and easing around the curves just south of the underpass, sneak a look to your left and you'll get an idea of the terrain and, in the distance, glimpse the wooded area. There's enough open space back there for thirty home sights--antique colonials, raised ranches, expandable capes--which would increase demands on town services and cause yet another jolt in Bourne's school system

--not to mention thirty new septic systems in the watershed.

What happens back there comes down to one of those "either/or" choices. The "or" alternative seems pretty clear. The "either" alternative is the reason the Red Brook Pond Conservation Project needs your help.

*We're a low overhead, non-professional organization staffed by volunteers

Here's how things stand at the moment:

We have \$258,000. (collected or pledged) *

☛ We must have another \$207,000 by June 30, 1989.

We have a
schedule for
the whole
project:

☛ April 13, 1989	\$ 25,000 (paid)
May 1, 1989	25,000 (paid)
June 30, 1989	120,000 (pledged)
☛ June 30, 1989	207,000 (still due)
October 15, 1989	66,500
December 16, 1989	15,000
January 2, 1990	250,000
October 15, 1990	66,500
January 2, 1990	250,000
January 1992	250,000

TOTAL \$ 1,300,000.**

(The reason for this somewhat bizarre timetable lies in the fact that we're dealing with three sellers and have three closing dates scheduled.)

* This figure represents donations and pledges ranging from \$5.00 to \$100,000. It represents 19% of the total needed.

** This figure includes not only the purchase price but also interest and expenses (legal fees, printing costs, etc.)

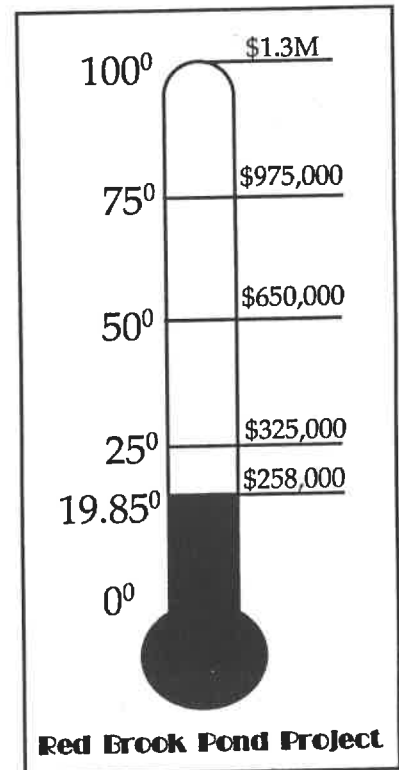
It's A Matter of Degrees

Not academic degrees: no Ph.D., M.A., or B.A. needed. No requirement for a dissertation on such worthy topics as "Elizabethan and Metaphysical Imagery" or "A Synthesis of Thomistic Thought" to obtain credit. No worry about what to wear to the senior prom. Just a sense of community . . . your community . . . a willingness to support that community actively. That is the need.

For the Red Brook Pond project, the 100 degree mark shows the total requirement and what is needed to reach it.

Each \$1300 we receive gives us . . . one . . . more . . . degree.

Won't you join our graduation?



Donations to the Red Brook Pond Project Given in Memory

Mrs. Robert Casselman in Memory of Peggy Johnson
Dr. T. Stephen Jones in Memory of Theodore Jones
Mrs. Robert Casselman in Memory of R. Curtis Reed
Ms. Linda Carpenter & Family in Memory of Esther Thurlby
Mrs. Robert Casselman in Memory of Esther Thurlby

Donations to the RED BROOK POND PROJECT to June 13, 1989

Mr. & Mrs. Ben Allen	Mrs. Marie Johnson
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	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Yoder

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**Donations
In Memory of . . .**

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Cataumet Club
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Red Brook Pond Project Special Donations

Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Seaver in Honor of the
50th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Walter

**Unrestricted Gifts Given In Memory
April 1988 - April 1989**

Eleanor Hammond in Memory of Walter & Grace Atwood
May N. Fielding in Memory of Edmund Fielding
Mrs. Robert Casselman in Memory of Mr. Fred Greene
Cataumet Club in Memory of Mr. Fred Greene
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Downey in Memory of Mr. Fred Greene
Mr. & Mrs. Ted Lewitt in Memory of Mr. Fred Greene
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Mrs. J. Hartwell Harrison in Memory of Goodwin W. Harding
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Josephine Perry in Memory of Taber Perry
Cataumet Club in Memory of Burton Reed
Mr. & Mrs. Ted Lewit in Memory of Burton Reed
Julia Tucker in Memory of Shirley Keene Tucker