



Dear Neighbors and Friends of Marsh Sanctuary,

Marsh Sanctuary had another great year, enjoyed by so many visitors and volunteers. It is YOUR Sanctuary and we, as Trustees, take our stewardship responsibilities very seriously.

This year our annual appeal stewardship goal is **100% participation**. We are a purely volunteer organization so every dollar donated goes directly to our conservation projects and makes a significant impact on the health and vitality of the Sanctuary.

Using the Marsh Sanctuary Mission Statement as our guide, here are just a few highlights of the year:

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**Outdoor recreation and engagement with our natural landscape- Bird walks -**

Bedford Audubon's naturalist hosted a joint migratory bird walk in May where a robust group of birders spotted 52 species right in our very own meadows and woods. Check out our website for future postings of more bird walks to come! **The Rewilding School**, in its third successful year at our **Meadowside** campus, offers year-round programming for toddlers to adults. Eric Stone and his staff teach environmental education, focused on connecting people and nature. For information on programming, please visit their website: [www.rewildingschool.com](http://www.rewildingschool.com)

**Community Garden** – This year we had over **25 garden plots filled!** It's so wonderful to see these local gardeners who have created a special community, connecting with one another as their gardens blossom and grow, sharing gardening tips, and forming friendships. Email [fishingjohn@aol.com](mailto:fishingjohn@aol.com) if you are interested in a garden plot for next year.

**Safeguarding our biodiversity and protecting wildlife** - Fox Lane HS juniors, a supervising teacher, several board members, and volunteers **removed invasive plants** on our Meadowside property.

**Conserving our historic buildings, our stable and house** - We continue to raise funds to protect our buildings and had our **2nd Annual Raise the Roof fundraiser**. What a picture-perfect July evening we had in the bucolic setting in front of the barn overlooking the meadow. We had a fabulous turnout with delicious food, drink, music, and once-in-a-lifetime silent auction offerings. Look out for next year's event and don't miss it!

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**Environmental Stewardship - Native Plants planted!** The Watershed Agricultural Council's *Trees4Tribes* program supplied 8 more trees around Cook's Pond this spring. Native plants were planted along the stream and around the pond to prevent erosion and to provide critical bird and bee pollination material. The plants don't just plant themselves! We couldn't do it without you good folks who provide manpower, funding, and moral support.

**Additional work and accomplishments.** Our beautiful new website was launched in March. Go to [www.marshsanctuary.org](http://www.marshsanctuary.org) to check it out. We also added much-needed signage at our Meadowside campus increasing our visibility to newcomers.

We invite you to pause, visit our Meadowside campus at 71 Sarles St. and spend some time walking through the meadows, hiking the trails, or just sitting and enjoying a sundowner next to Cook's Pond one evening.

Donations may be made by check or visit our website: [www.marshsanctuary.org](http://www.marshsanctuary.org) and use the Donate link there.

On behalf of the Board of Directors we sincerely thank you for your support!

With deep appreciation,

*Anne and Tim*

Anne Niemann and Tim Ghriskey, Co-Presidents

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