



# BWLT NEWS

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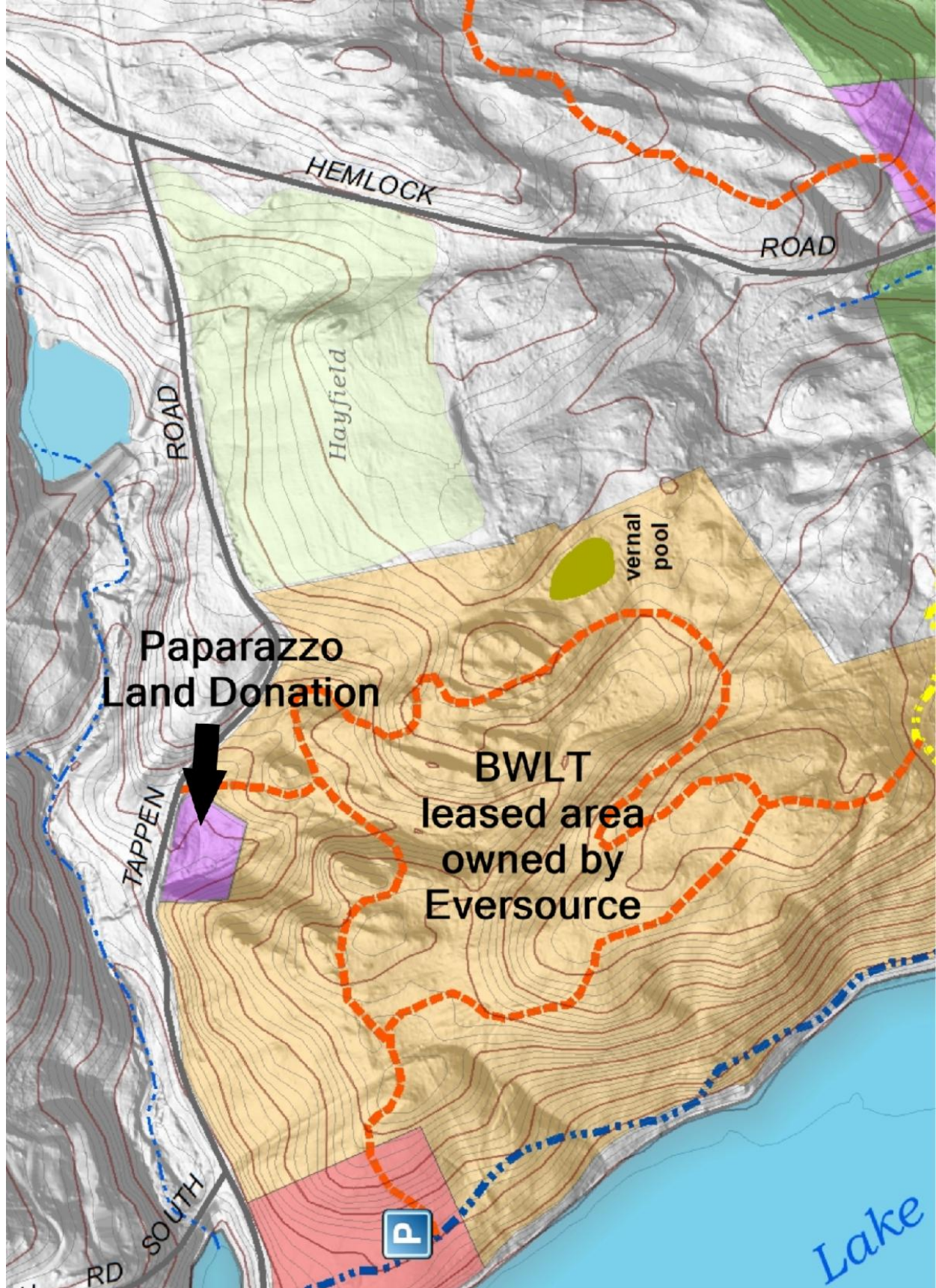
August, 2024

## **BWLT Receives Land Gift**

*Thank You Jeanne Paparazzo*

The Bridgewater Land Trust has received a piece of land from Bridgewater resident Jeanne Paparazzo. It is ideally located next to our new Tappen Brook Trails network on Tappen Road. It is bordered on both sides by Eversource land, all of which is leased to the BWLT in a long term and renewable agreement. The wooded parcel includes an old foundation and a tributary to Clapboard Oak Brook which feeds into Lake Lillinonah. See map below.

We are very grateful to Mrs. Paparazzo for this gift and appreciate her contribution to permanently protected open space in Bridgewater.



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## Join Us In September

*Tickets On Sale Now*

Be among the first to experience our 5K Course, a new and exciting expansion to our Tappen

Brook Trails network. After a walk (or run) of your choice along part or all of the course, we encourage you to bring a lawn chair and relax at the Town Park. Twins Barbecue will provide a delicious meal (included with your ticket purchase), there will be a raffle (see below), games, a bonfire (weather dependent) and other fun contests and giveaways. Adults can bring your beverage of choice.

Many thanks to the Bridgewater Recreation Department, Eversource Energy, HRRRA, SEP Orthopedics and Union Savings Bank for their generous sponsorship and support.





# Walk & Celebrate

## 5K Course Opening

at Tappen Brook Trails 221 Tappen Rd., Bridgewater

Tickets: \$25 per person  
Children 12 & under Free  
Go to [www.bridgewaterlandtrust.org](http://www.bridgewaterlandtrust.org)

**Sunday**  
**September**  
**8th, 2024**

**Twins Barbecue Food Truck ■ Raffles ■ Games ■ Adults BYOB**

Start your walk (you pick the distance) between 11 AM - 12:30 PM.  
Barbecue & Party from 12 PM - 2:30 PM.



**Thank You To Our Sponsors**

**Eversource Energy - Bridgewater**  
**Rec. Commission - SEP Orthopedics**  
**HRRA - Union Savings Bank**

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# YETI RAFFLE



**Tickets: \$5 each**

Tappen Brook Trails Walk & Celebration  
September 8th, 2024 3 PM Drawing

**2nd Prize**  
CAMINO® 35  
CARRYALL TOTE BAG



**3rd Prize**



**4th Prize**  
SET OF 4  
RAMBLER  
WINE TUMBLERS



**1st Prize**  
ROADIE® 48  
WHEELED COOLER



**5th Prize**  
RAMBLER  
35 OZ MUG



Proceeds support the Bridgewater Land Trust



# FIELD NOTES

## Lamont Sign Installed

Our new Lamont Preserve sign was installed along Northrup Street in July. Thank you to Walter Von Egidy for creating the sign and contractor Jamie Curren for the installation and clearing of the stone wall.



## Trail Clearing

Summer blowdowns on our trails have been challenging. The tree pictured here is a recent example. A huge thank you to our volunteer trail monitors who walk our trails regularly, report issues, and clear the trails. Thank you: Mark Carlson, Joe Dolen and Bob & Lanie Flanagan.



## Memorial Bench For Gumbo

This week, Burton's Monuments will be adding the memorial plaque in memory of Gumbo, the French Bulldog. The bench is located at our Jane Pratt Farm Preserve parking area on Town Line Road. Take a look or a seat next time you are there.



## Field Improvements

Thanks to Greenwoods Land Management for clearing invasives and limbs around our fields at the Lamont Preserve. This allows us to maximize the use of the fields for hay production. This work was made possible by a grant from the Ellen Knowles Harcourt Foundation.



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## More Upcoming Events

# Volunteer Opportunity



Lend a hand to help us trim, clear, and put the finishing touches on our 5K Course

Saturday, August 10th  
Tappen Brook Trails  
221 Tappen Road, Bridgewater  
at 8:00 AM

RSVP to:  
[julie@bridgewaterlandtrust.org](mailto:julie@bridgewaterlandtrust.org)

## Tappen Brook Test Run

### *Be The First To Run The Course*

Attention runners! Come try our new 5K trail on August 17th in a casual, untimed format. Videographers will be on hand so that we can share the course features with others. Once you finish, why not head to the Bridgewater Fair for some well-deserved and delicious fair food? No doubt, it is the best.

Please be sure to RSVP to Julie Stuart: [julie@bridgewaterlandtrust.org](mailto:julie@bridgewaterlandtrust.org)

# Tappen Brook 5K Test Run

Saturday, August 17th at 8 AM  
221 Tappen Road, Bridgewater

RSVP to Julie: [julie@bridgewaterlandtrust.org](mailto:julie@bridgewaterlandtrust.org)

Be the first to run the  
new course and smile  
for the camera!



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## Moon Viewing

On August 19, there will be a seasonal blue moon. It will also be the first super moon of the year. This rare event occurs when there are four full moons in an astronomical season, with the blue moon being the third full moon. The Jane Pratt Preserve parking area on Town Line Road will be open late that night for those who would like to have an unobstructed view.





## Blue Moon Viewing

Monday evening, August 19th  
Town Line Parking Area



The area will be open late from 7:30 PM to 10 PM. Bring a chair and whatever else you need to enjoy the view. This is a free event. RSVP is required as parking and space is limited to 25 guests. Rain cancels. RSVP: [julie@bridgewaterlandtrust.org](mailto:julie@bridgewaterlandtrust.org)

## Bridgewater's Tractor Parade

Look for us at Bridgewater's Annual Tractor Parade. Our BWLT float will honor and be in memory of Kit Sagendorf, a long-time active volunteer and creator of the BWLT logo.



Come see us at the

## Bridgewater Tractor Parade



Sunday, September 1st - Town Center 2:30 PM

## Support Us

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The Bridgewater Land Trust is a federally recognized 501(c) (3) charitable organization, and all your contributions are tax deductible.

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