

To foster better community-wide AWARENESS of the Open Space areas that the Town of Bridgewater owns, and to promote volunteer STEWARDSHIP to help care for these lands, the Natural Resources Trust of Bridgewater is sponsoring the following Winter & Spring 2006 events:

Conservation Parkland System Orientation Introduction 101

JANUARY

- A Community Read

To promote initial awareness of the municipal Conservation Parkland System, NRTB urges the community to read all 6 Conservation Parkland histories and their companion narration, the *Town River Shoreline Survey*, during the month of January 2006. These stories are complete with pictures, maps, and folklore, and contain the natural, cultural and historical information for Carver's Pond, Titicut, Wyman Meadow, Tuckerwood, Stiles & Hart, and the Iron Works Parkland, plus the Conservation Commission's approved Action Plan for each site. The *Town River* story chronicles a canoe trip along the whole 13-mile river.

They are available electronically through links on the www.nrtb.org website, and hard copy is available at the Public Library.

- Trail Head Bus Tour, Saturday, 28th January 2006

Starting from the Senior Center at 9AM, and returning by Noon o'clock; BSC has donated a college bus for this event. Come see first hand where these sites are; enjoy a little fun and story telling. Might have a 'Coffee Shop Stop,' too. Only one bus - reservations are a must - 508-697-7317

FEBRUARY

- Self – guided Tours

We urge the community to explore the municipal Conservation Parkland areas on their own during February. Go for a walk with the dog.

- Parkland Pep Rally, Saturday, 25th February 2006;

10 AM to 11:30 AM at the Senior Center. More discussion on individual Conservation Parklands. Meet the Parkland Stewardship Council. Program is free to everyone.

MARCH

- **Stewardship Training Programs**

These informational workshops in Worcester are open to all: NRTB encourages attendance.

4th March 2006

Massachusetts Association Conservation Commissions Annual Environmental Conference

11th March 2006

Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition Annual Land Conference

See the www.nrtb.org website for more information; call NRTB for tuition reimbursement and Carpool possibilities.

- **Annual NRTB Meeting; 31 March 2006**

Special Feature: **CONNECTING GREENWAYS**. Come learn how Bridgewater's beautiful municipal Conservation Parkland System is a linked network of paths and river trails! Reservations are a must. 508-697-7317

APRIL, MAY, JUNE

Conservation Parkland System Orientation 102 **Becoming Intimate with a Parkland of Choice**

Our Spring Programs are still in the planning stage, so please check our website for details on upcoming **BIODIVERSITY DAY EVENTS** that we sponsor in each Parkland, in conjunction with the local Conservation Commission....

So far, we plan an April **Vernal Pool** Event at Tuckerwood, and a hands-on workshop in late June on **Controlling Invasive Plant Species**. Plus many more ... watch the NRTB website for details.

As a private nonprofit organization committed to Land Preservation and Natural Resource Conservation, NRTB's goal in sponsoring these many programs for the municipal CONSERVATION PARKLAND SYSTEM and the PARKLAND STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL is to foster a CONNECTION between the Community and their Open Space Conservation Parklands, to CHALLENGE the Community to UNDERSTAND and take PRIDE in these Special Places, and to ultimately CARE and PROTECT these irreplaceable Conservation Parklands as part of the town's heritage.