



# Wildlife Land Trust

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## ORENDA HAS A NEW WEBSITE!



After working with Paul Hersey of Penguin Digital Design we are proud to offer our new website for your viewing pleasure. We will be updating it often with news from Orenda Wildlife Land Trust. A kids corner is in the works to help educate youngsters about the fragile environment of Cape Cod and the wildlife that reside here. You can select a membership and also sign up for our eNewsletter! We offer PayPal's services so that you know your transaction will be protected.

Check out our new site at [www.orendalandtrust.org](http://www.orendalandtrust.org).

## Success! Weeden Property Saved!

**T**hanks to generous Orenda members, and the dedication of Orenda directors and conservation partners, 14 acres of undeveloped woodland are now protected, forever!

"It has taken a full five years for Orenda to acquire this vital 14-acre parcel of Mashpee pine barrens, but good things do come to those who wait," said Mark Robinson of The Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts. "I know it took the help of your donors and your partners, especially the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, but the Orenda Wildlife Land Trust served as the lead and deserves most of the credit for this green-space accomplishment."

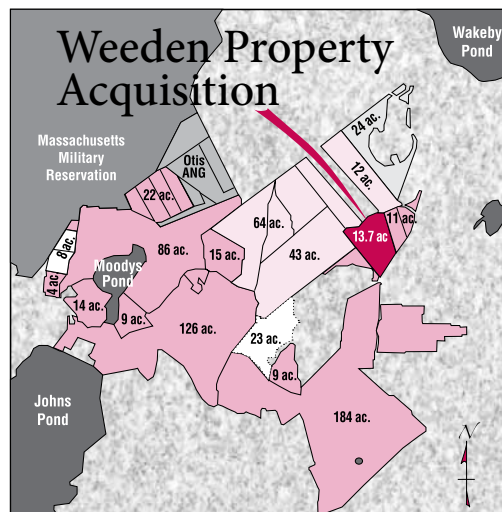
These globally-rare woodlands contain multiple "micro" wildlife habitats critical to the survival of many rare and endangered species. The property is a key component within the boundaries of the Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge. Orenda is a Refuge partner along with federal and state environmental agencies, town conservation commissions, private nonprofit conservation organizations, private landholders and supportive abutters.

Surrounded by Orenda's 130-acre Makepeace and Mercy Lowe Sanctuaries, this multi-acre property has long been a high priority for protection by Orenda and its Refuge partners. This acquisition links together almost 600 acres of conservation lands, ensures an uninterrupted and permanently protected wildlife habitat, and helps protect the quality of the drinking water supply of the greater Mashpee community.

David Tately, Orenda's President said, "the ecological importance of this property can not be overstated. It provides the missing connection to a critical wildlife corridor, and complements successful efforts of the Town of Mashpee and others in the preservation of environmentally significant land in the Refuge."

Orenda's purchase was made possible by a major grant from the Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs, a loan and mini grant from The Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts, the cooperative effort and financial participation of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation, which holds a conservation restriction over the

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13.7 acres in the Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge, Mashpee MA  
Protected Open Space in Vicinity

- Orenda Wildlife Land Trust
- Town of Mashpee
- MADFW
- Friends of MNWR
- Subdivision Open Space

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# Tom and Georgia French Family Sanctuary Dedication

Saturday September 11th, it was a picture perfect day in the western Massachusetts town of Middlefield. A large circle of friends, family and Orenda Wildlife Land Trust board members gathered to dedicate the Tom and Georgia French Family Sanctuary. Acquired by Orenda in 2008 this almost 20 acre property is now protected for wildlife and habitat.

Jan and Doug Dicey did an outstanding job of arranging for friends and relatives to travel from various parts of Massachusetts, Maine, Rhode Island and Connecticut to attend this event. Unfortunately Sue and Dick Merrell could not attend the event but were honored in the remarks by Jan Dicey. Dick's parents Rodger and Jackie Merrell gave the property in 1965 to Tom and

Georgia French (Jan Dicey's parents) The friendship between the French Family and the Merrell Family goes back to the late 1920s. The Merrells first acquired the land in Middlefield and then invited the French family to enjoy it along with them.

There were many reflections of the blissful days spent hiking, blueberry picking and camping on the now protected land. After the ceremony we were treated to a delicious lunch at the nearby Old Farmhouse Bed and Breakfast.



*Friends and Family gather for Tom and Georgia French Family Sanctuary dedication.*

*Photo by Dick Boyden*

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# PROTECTING THE LAND YOU LOVE...

## ORENDA'S MISSION

*To protect wildlife and their habitat. By purchase or gift, Orenda acquires land to be held in perpetuity as protected open space wildlife sanctuaries.*



It is no secret that open space here on Cape Cod and throughout Massachusetts is rapidly dwindling. For over twenty years, Orenda Wildlife Land Trust, a 501(c)3 charity, has worked to save this special place we and wildlife call home. We are proud of the fact that we now protect over 1000 acres of wildlife habitat.

Orenda needs your help to continue fulfilling our mission. Monetary donations and gifts of saleable items like stocks, etc., are key to Orenda's ability to purchase parcels that might otherwise fall into the hands of developers.

Each and every member, at whatever level, plays an important role in Orenda's effectiveness as a protector of open space and habitat.

If you own a parcel of land that you cherish for its uniqueness, now is the time to start planning for its protection. Or to help preserve wildlife habitat, consider a monetary or in kind gift or bequest. And Orenda is here to help guide you.

### GIFTS OF LAND

An obvious way to protect your land permanently is to donate it to a private, non-profit land trust like Orenda or a public conservation agency. The value of the land donated to a qualified non-profit, can be used as a charitable deduction on your federal tax return. There are limits to the yearly deduction, but any remaining amount can be used over an additional five years.

Donating your land for conservation removes the value of that property from your estate, reducing the estate tax owed by your heirs. And, of course, you are no longer responsible for the yearly property taxes or maintenance.

By donating your land to Orenda, you will know that you have created a lasting legacy. Orenda clearly marks sanctuaries in its care and provides havens for wildlife by posting "No Hunting or Trapping" signs. Your land will be protected in perpetuity as open space and a wildlife

sanctuary. The sanctuary created by your gift will be named as you choose... to honor your family, an ancestor, or someone important to you. The choice is yours.

### CONSERVATION RESTRICTIONS

A conservation restriction, or "CR," is a way to protect land permanently, but retain ownership and use. A CR is a legally binding agreement that permanently restricts certain kinds of development on a piece of property. The CR is donated to a non-profit land trust or conservation agency. That organization is then responsible for monitoring the land to make sure that the terms of the CR are being met.

Donating a CR keeps the land in private hands, allowing the landowner to use the land. He can sell, give or will it as he chooses. But, the CR, which is recorded at the Registry of Deeds, is a permanent part of the property's title, binding any future owners to the terms of the CR.

Because a CR can reduce the value of a property by restricting future development, the landowner may be eligible for federal tax deductions. A qualified appraiser can determine how the "fair market value" has been impacted by the CR. The amount of decreased value may be tax-deductible. There may be significant estate and property tax benefits to donating a CR to a land trust, as well.

Agricultural preservation restrictions (APRs) are similar to CRs in that the landowner retains ownership and use. But, they are specifically used to preserve farm land. The state of Massachusetts has a program that purchases APRs from farm owners. Land trusts like Orenda and conservation organizations can also hold APRs.

### SALES & BARGAIN SALES

Even with a deep desire to protect their land, some land owners can't afford

the financial loss of donating the land or a CR. Occasionally land can be purchased by state agencies or even non-profits at market value. But as prices escalate these purchases are becoming rarer, and limited available funds tend to be used to target unique habitat or land that abuts existing conservation land.

A conservation-minded landowner can implement a "Bargain Sale." With limited funds and higher prices, a bargain sale can put a land purchase within reach of a land trust or agency. It also provides a tax break for the seller. The difference between the fair market value of the land and the bargain sale price may be claimed as a charitable deduction.

### BEQUESTS

Of course, providing for your land in your will by donating it or a CR to Orenda, will give you peace of mind. You can be assured that your land will remain as you wish . . . undeveloped open space, providing valuable habitat for wildlife. And you'll know that you have left it in Orenda's dedicated hands, with stewards keeping it posted and monitored.

### A FINAL THOUGHT

Orenda Wildlife Land Trust currently owns over 330 acres of land, we have most of our sanctuaries on Cape Cod and also in western Massachusetts. We protect over 700 more by holding CRs and "charitable trust obligations" on the land. Is it time to make sure that your property gets the protection that Orenda affords its acreage?

Feel free to contact the Orenda office at 508-362-4798. We can discuss your options and put you in touch with our land conservation experts.

With a little planning today, you can join the ranks of those special landowners who have made timely decisions that resulted in protecting the lands they love... forever.

**Weeden property** *continued from page 1*

land, and a grant from the Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank Charitable Foundation. It's especially important to note that this land acquisition and wildlife habitat protection achievement would have been impossible without the ongoing generous support of Orenda's members and their contributions!

The Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trust's Senior Land Protection Specialist Paula Goldberg was Orenda's advisor, writing the successful Textron mitigation grant application, negotiating with the Probate Court, drafting the conservation restriction, and working with Orenda's attorney Eugene Curry on legal issues. The entire board of Orenda would like to thank Paula for her tireless efforts with this cause.

The Weeden property will be dedicated this October to the memory of Carl Monge, the past president of Orenda Wildlife Land Trust. This land is now officially preserved.

**ASHUMET POND SANCTUARY  
DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF  
LINDA BOUND ON  
AUGUST 26TH**

Orenda Board Members, past Orenda Presidents and family of Linda Bound, Orenda's beloved administrator, gathered to rededicate the sanctuary in her memory. The Ashumet property was one of Linda's favorite places to walk with her husband Dan Morast.

Dan spoke of how Ashumet Pond Sanctuary came to be and then we all shared thoughts of Linda. A Fund in her name is being planned for the future, to help protect and maintain the lands she loved.

**CAPE COD GARDEN LADY AND MASTER GARDNER C.L. FORNARI TELLS  
US ABOUT GARDENING FOR BIRDS, BEES AND BUTTERFLIES**

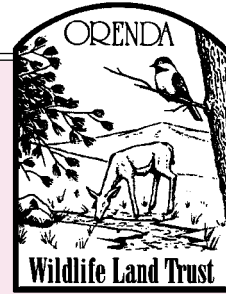
She never ceases to amaze us with her extensive knowledge of what the right plant will do to attract wildlife to your garden or landscape. C.L. showed us photographs of beautiful plants that can be less work for the gardener and create a haven for the bees, birds and butterflies. Many of the crowd attending this Orenda sponsored event at the Barnstable Senior Center, know C.L. from her weekend radio show on WXTK. You can visit C.L.'s website for more tips on making your garden a sanctuary at Garden Lady.com.

**FASHION UNTAMED EVENT  
A HUGE SUCCESS!**

In response to an invitation from Barbara Birdsey Orenda Wildlife and Cape Wildlife founder, Chairpersons Laura Pessa Hurvitz, Jeanne Upton and the organizing committee members Jean Begg, Mary McCusker, Liz Lewis, Heather Rockwell over 160 people gathered for a tea and fashion show at the Wianno Club in June. The wildlife and open space advocates were able to raise over \$11,000 in funds for the Orenda Wildlife Land Trust and the Cape Wildlife Center. Mindy Todd, host of WCAI, The Cape & Islands NPR Station's "The Point" was outstanding as the mistress of ceremonies. Fashions with a nod to wildlife were provided by Wendy Wheeler's boutique stores in Osterville and Weston. One of the models Sagan Gunnoe, was an intern at the Cape Wildlife Center! Lou Columbo's jazz band provided entertainment for all to enjoy on a beautiful June afternoon.



*Cape Wildlife Center's intern Sagan Gunnoe as a Fashion Untamed Model. Photo by Lindsey Hill*



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