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A Newsletter of Orenda Wildlife Land Trust



The great blue heron (Ardea herodias), the largest heron native to North America, is a large wading bird common in shallow waters. Its primary food is small fish, which it spears with its long bill and swallows whole. It has few natural predators except for some larger raptors.

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Wild Imaginings: Please and Thank You

By Jeff Thibodeau,
Executive Director

This is a season of gratitude, reflection and new beginnings. After months of hard work, rapid change, and positive growth within our organization and around the world, we are thankful for your generosity, which made our accomplishments possible. As we approach the end of 2021, we are mindful of the year's challenges and opportunities and envision a bright future, with a sharpened focus on how to grow and where to go.

In the last two years we added new staff, Board members, public events, educational initiatives, volunteers, and donors. We updated our newsletter and website, enhanced our communications,



reinvigorated committees, stepped up fundraising efforts, held events, and built new partnerships. And most importantly, we saved more land and wildlife by protecting two new sanctuaries, managing habitat to help vulnerable rabbits survive, and cultivating our turtle garden to help rare turtles thrive. Your contribution will enable us to do more.

PLEASE consider giving in one or more of these ways:

- gift of land, cash or stocks/bonds
- naming Orenda in your will
- regular annual donation(s)
- regular monthly donation

Your contribution will help to support the following initiatives:

- Our "20 for 20" Year End Appeal invites you to commit \$20 a month (or any amount you can afford) to help us pay for 20 acres of land that we recently

saved. A small investment for a huge reward. You can give to our "20 for 20" Campaign at orendalandtrust.org or use this code with your smartphone camera to link to our donations page:



- Our young but thriving diamondback terrapin turtle protection program needs financial and volunteer support so that we can do more for this threatened population.
- Our growing education and outreach initiatives, including our *Story Hour* series and other events, are new and exciting endeavors that need your support.

THANK YOU in advance for any gift you can give of any amount to help us continue to preserve our woods, wildlife, waters and winds. For everyone. Forever.

Stewardship: Turtle Protection

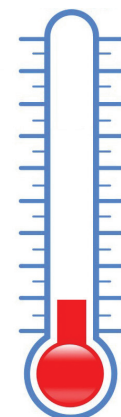
This summer we began a more intensive effort to protect Diamondback Terrapin turtles at our Margaret Wyman Sanctuary by:

- Acquiring permits
- Creating new nesting habitat
- Recruiting a volunteer Turtle Team
- Conducting training sessions led by expert Advisors
- Identifying and protecting nests
- Monitoring the garden daily
- Preparing instructional and promotional materials
- Compiling monitoring logs
- Studying nests and last, but certainly not least...
- Nurturing and launching baby turtles!

Making such an important impact on the lives of these mothers and their babies, was a truly joyful experience, and only the beginning of what we can do together! Please help these resilient reptiles by making a donation and/or joining our Turtle Team!



Green Giving Goal
\$25,000



To fund: habitat management, hatchling care, monitoring equipment, and educational programming.

Land Protection:

Please help us pay for two new wildlife sanctuaries totaling 20 acres by contributing just \$20 per month

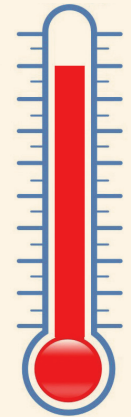
20 for 20 CAMPAIGN



Lindsey Counsell Sanctuary (6 acres)

Please help us raise the remaining \$50,000 needed to fund the preservation of 6 acres of prime wildlife habitat within the watershed to Wequaquet Lake. This sanctuary was protected forever via a conservation partnership with the Town of Barnstable and a neighborhood coalition of donors. It provides a quiet oasis where wildlife thrive within the heart of Centerville. A tall canopy of oak, pine, beech, and holly, with a rich understory including blueberry, viburnum, and bayberry, provides food and cover for wildlife such as fox, raccoon, deer, skunk, birds and insects.

Green Giving Goal
\$500,000



\$47,000
To Go

\$453,000
Raised



Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge (14 acres)

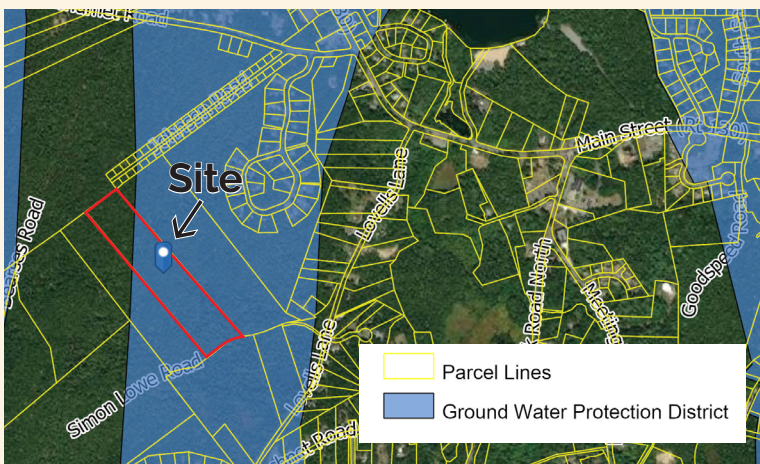
Please help us fund the preservation of 14 acres of prime wildlife habitat within the Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge boundary. Acting quickly to prevent its development, we drew on our land account and took a loan to get this done, but now need to raise the remaining \$125,000. This sanctuary, nestled within an extensive network of conservation lands, is identified as priority habitat for a diverse array of wildlife and is within the town's Groundwater Protection District.

Green Giving Goal
\$225,000



\$125,000
To Go

\$100,000
Raised





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All contributions to Orenda Wildlife Land Trust are tax-deductible under federal regulations.

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The eastern coyote (Canis latrans var) is a wild North American canine hybrid with both coyote and wolf parentage. Eastern coyotes are opportunistic omnivores and will prey on whatever is available and easy to kill or scavenge, including rabbits and deer in the winter and small mammals, berries, birds, amphibians, and grasshoppers in the summer.



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