



PRESERVING MATTAPOISETT'S PINE ISLAND WATERSHED

These 120 acres of forests, streams, freshwater wetlands and salt marsh have been threatened by development for over 20 years. Now we have the chance to protect these lands forever and create over 400 acres of contiguous wildlife habitat and public outdoor recreational space.



Mattapoissett Land Trust has reached agreement to purchase 120 acres of spectacular forest, streams, wetlands and salt marsh in the Pine Island Pond watershed. This acquisition, combined with MLT's existing lands, will protect over 400 acres of wildlife habitat and public outdoor recreation space stretching from Route 6 south to Pine Island Pond.

These Pine Island lands lie north of the Cedars, Crescent Beach, Angelica Point and Point Connett communities. The views from Angelica Avenue, particularly over salt marsh to Pine Island Pond and Buzzards Bay beyond, are spectacular in all seasons. Development of these lands would markedly degrade the environmental quality and scenic character of the surrounding neighborhoods and the town overall.



Mattapoissett Land Trust



WILDLIFE HABITAT

These lands are **critically important wildlife habitat**, as recognized by the Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP). The lands include streams draining to Crescent Beach and Pine Island Pond, and large areas are fresh water wetlands and salt marsh. When combined with MLT's existing Old Aucoot District preserves, the lands to be

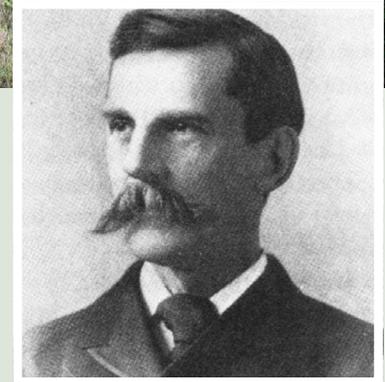
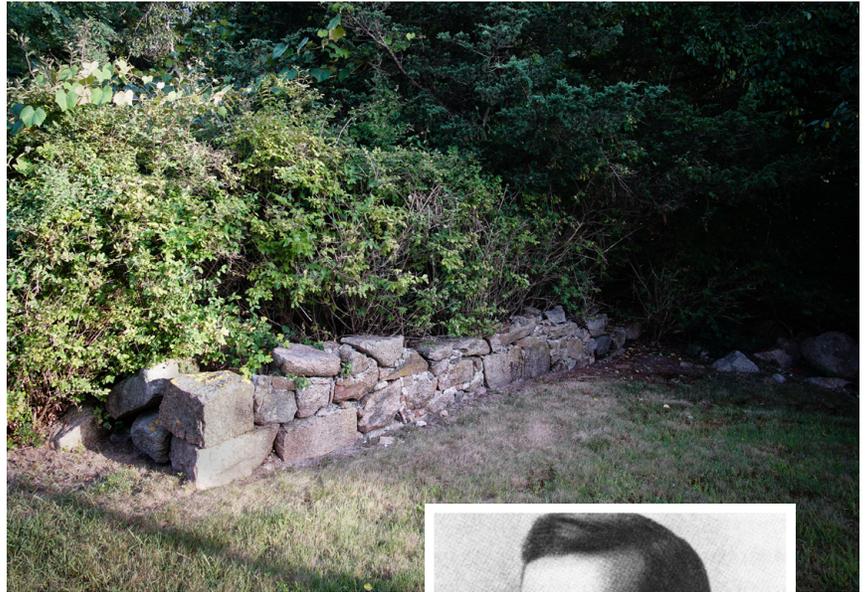
acquired will provide connectivity for wildlife from Pine Island Pond and Buzzards Bay running north through MLT's lands, then on to lands protected around the Bay Club and to the state's Haskell Swamp Wildlife Management Area in the northeast corner of Mattapoisett.



PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION

These lands will provide new, year round **outdoor recreational opportunities** for people of all ages and varied interests. MLT already owns over 300 acres directly to the north of the Pine Island Watershed, and will extend our existing trail system south to Angelica Avenue. Trails are used for hikes, casual strolls, dog walks, trail running, birding, geo-caching, horseback riding, hunting, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing, photography and outdoor education. All MLT lands are open to the public.

In addition, acquisition of the lands south of Angelica Avenue will allow **public access to Pine Island Pond** for kayaking, fishing, shell fishing and other water-based activities. MLT will add a small parking area, walkway to the water and seasonal float to allow pedestrian access to the Pond.



OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES, JR. SITE

The lands to be acquired include part of the property used long ago as a summer residence by Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., a noted attorney, legal scholar, Supreme Court Justice and one of the Town's most famous past residents. At one time Holmes owned at least 62 acres at the corner of Prospect Road and Angelica Avenue, running from the base of Strawberry Point to Ned's Point. Holmes' stone barn was sited along Angelica Avenue and stones from the foundation and walls are visible today. We will restore the foundation, add educational signage, and create a small park in Holmes' memory as part of the Pine Island Watershed project.

“... I remember Mattapoisett as a center of most romantic delight.”

JUSTICE O.W. HOLMES, JR. IN A LETTER TO
MRS. HUYBERTIE HAMLIN, OCTOBER 12, 1930

Protection of the Pine Island Watershed will create over 400 acres of contiguous protected land stretching for a mile from Route 6 to the shores of Pine Island Pond.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

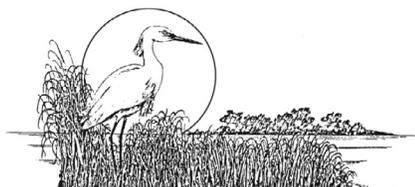
We must raise \$1,500,000 before June of 2020. Widespread support from everyone who loves the pristine beauty of Pine Island Pond and surrounding lands will be critical to the success of the Pine Island Watershed project.

The environmental and historical significance of these lands will enable us to raise significant funds from federal and state government grants, and from local foundations. In addition, we are asking the Town of Mattapoissett to contribute major funding through the Community Preservation Committee and other sources. This will leave \$400,000 to be raised from private contributions. We hope that you will join with your neighbors and friends in protecting the Pine Island Watershed forever.



	Federal and State grants	\$500,000
	Town of Mattapoissett	\$500,000
	Foundations	\$100,000
	Private fundraising	\$400,000

Contact Mattapoissett Land Trust President Mike Huguenin (508-758-2661) with any questions or to learn how you can make a gift or volunteer. Please help us preserve the Pine Island Watershed forever!



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Mattapoissett Land Trust is a 501(c)(3) organization.

We preserve land to enrich the quality of life for present and future generations of Mattapoissett residents and visitors.