

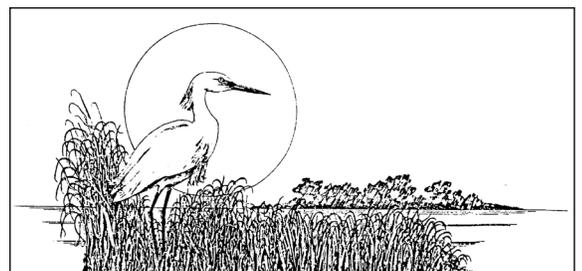
Preserving Santos Farm

Help permanently protect this critical 8 acre parcel surrounded by 420 acres of MLT land

Santos Farm is an 8 acre property at the end of Bowman Road in the eastern part of Mattapoisett. The property is categorized as *Critical Natural Landscape* by the MA Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program making these acres a high priority for conservation. The farm abuts 420 acres of MLT conservation land to the north and west. MLT has agreed to purchase Santos Farm by January 31, 2021. If MLT does not protect the property it will become four or five house lots.



Santos Farm was used for many years to raise pigs. Once MLT takes possession we plan to extend the wildflower meadow presently at our Grace Preserve into the western areas of the farm that are bare ground pastures or hold scrub vegetation (mostly invasive plant species.) Fringing forest on the east side of the farm will be left standing after invasive vines are removed or cut at ground level. Any remaining structures, equipment and debris left from the farm's long history of animal husbandry will be removed and disposed, and soils will be graded and amended if necessary to support expansion of the meadow. The end result will be a significant expansion of the beautiful 10+ acre wildflower meadow we have created in this area.



Wildlife and Scenic Values

Santos Farm is *Critical Natural Landscape*. Restoration into a large wildflower meadow will provide critical habitat for grassland birds and small mammals. MLT already is working with biologists from MassWildlife and the MA Forest Stewardship Program on Grace Meadow and Old Aucoot District forest, so our path forward to restore Santos Farm is clear.

Public Outdoor Recreation

MLT's 420 acres around Santos Farm provide year round outdoor recreational opportunities for people of all ages and varied interests. All MLT lands are open to the public and are used for hikes, casual strolls, dog walks, trail running, birding, geo-caching, horseback riding, hunting, cross-county skiing and snowshoeing, photography and outdoor education. Santos Farm adds another eight acres for public use, and will allow construction of a handicap-accessible trail along the present route of Old Slough Road from MLT's Bowman Road parking area to Grace Pond, a beautiful vernal pool.



Emergency Access to Angelica Avenue

Santos Farm lies astride Old Slough Road, an ancient way of the Town that runs along a ridge from the end of Bowman Road south to Angelica Avenue. Conservation of Santos Farm will allow MLT and the Town to explore reopening Old Slough Road for emergency access to the Point Connett and Angelica Point beach communities in the event of a severe storm.

How You Can Help

MLT must raise \$165,000 to purchase Santos Farm before January 31, 2021. We expect to raise \$80,000 from a state Conservation Partnership grant, leaving \$85,000 to be raised from private foundations and individuals. Widespread support from everyone who loves the beauty of MLT's lands will be critical to our success. We hope you will join with neighbors and friends in protecting Santos Farm.

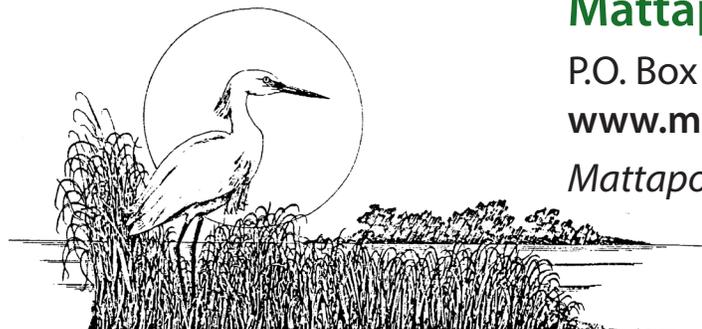
Contact Mattapoissett Land Trust President Mike Huguenin (508-758-2661) with questions or to learn how you can make a gift or volunteer.

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