



# Greenbelt Gazette

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## What's Happening?

•**Stonegate Boardwalk completed by Eagle Scout Ian Connolly.** The Stonegate Trail, just off Rockcrest Drive, has a new boardwalk completed by Eagle Scout candidate Ian Connolly and his troop. The boardwalk improvement is identified as Priority project 2-19 and includes extensions to an existing 54' long boardwalk to replace muddy logs. Labor was donated by the Boy Scouts and material costs are less than \$1,200, provided by the Conservation Committee from the Greenbelt maintenance account. Thanks to Ian and the Boy Scout Troop!



Before



After

•**Chapman Donation at Winnick Woods.** Thank you to Janice Chapman for a generous donation to address invasive species management at Winnick Woods. The Conservation Committee will be evaluating options during the first quarter 2025 to address invasive plant control at Winnick Woods. Ms. Chapman’s donation allows the committee to broaden the options it will be evaluating. Thank you!

•**Fields Management Policy.** During the dormant winter season, the Conservation Committee often uses the time to review policies and make plans for improvements to be accomplished in warmer weather. This year, the committee will take a look at management of the town’s open space fields at the Town Farm and Winnick Woods. (This should not to be confused with athletic fields, which are separately managed). The Public Works Department performs seasonal mowing to maintain the fields, and the committee will be collaborating with the department on best practices, being mindful of the wide-ranging responsibilities for which the Public Works Department is currently tasked.

## Multi-user Mantras

•**If it snows, walk on the edge.** If you are walking on snow covered trails that have been groomed for Cross-country Skiing, please make sure you and your pet walk on the edge of the trail to preserve grooming for Nordic skiing.

•**Cross Hill Trail Rebuilding.** Work will continue on the Cross Hill trail loop to rehabilitate the trail surface as long as weather permits. Work not completed this season will be finished in the spring. Please give our trail contractor the room he needs and consider using other trails during this major surface and drainage improvement.

