



## LOWELL PARKS & CONSERVATION TRUST

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### Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust awarded \$100,000

*Lowell nonprofit receives major Cummings Foundation grant*

Lowell, June 8, 2015 – The Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust (LP&CT) has been selected as one of 100 local nonprofits to receive grants of \$100,000 each through Cummings Foundation's "\$100K for 100" program. The Lowell-based organization was chosen from more than 350 applicants during a very competitive review process.

The mission of the Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust is to improve the quality of life for the people of Lowell through the creation, conservation, and preservation of parks, open spaces, and special places.

Mark Romanowsky, LP&CT Board President, and Jane Calvin, Executive Director, joined approximately 300 other guests at a June 4 reception at TradeCenter 128 in Woburn to celebrate the \$10 million infusion into Greater Boston's nonprofit sector. With the conclusion of this grant cycle, Cummings Foundation reached a major milestone – it has now awarded more than \$100 million in grants to local nonprofits alone.

"We're very grateful for the support and recognition from the Cummings Foundation which comes at a critical time in our organization's growth, especially after recently receiving our land trust accreditation and with the growth in our environmental education programming," said Jane Calvin, Executive Director

The \$100K for 100 program supports nonprofits that are not only based in but also primarily serve Middlesex, Essex, and Suffolk counties. This year, the program benefited 41 different communities within the Commonwealth.

Through this place-based initiative, Cummings Foundation aims to give back in the area where it owns commercial buildings, all of which are managed, at no cost to the Foundation, by its affiliate Cummings Properties. Founded in 1970 by Bill Cummings of Winchester, the Woburn-based commercial real estate firm



leases and manages more than 10 million square feet of space, the majority of which exclusively benefits the Foundation.

“The Foundation is incredibly grateful to nonprofits like the Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust that are working diligently for the benefit of the communities where the staff and clients of the Cummings organization live and work,” said Joel Swets, Cummings Foundation’s executive director.

This year’s diverse group of grant recipients represents a wide variety of causes, including mental health, STEM education, veteran’s services, healthcare, hunger relief, and homelessness prevention. Most of the grants will be paid over two to five years.

The complete list of 100 grant winners is available at [www.CummingsFoundation.org](http://www.CummingsFoundation.org).

### **About the Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust**

The Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust (LP&CT) is a private, non-profit land trust located in Lowell, Massachusetts. LP&CT was founded in 1990 by residents with a vision to protect the natural resources upon which the city of Lowell was built. LP&CT provides conservation leadership and programs which focus on four major areas: land protection, stewardship, environmental education, and special places. Check out our [calendar of events](#) for upcoming programs! [www.lowelllandtrust.org](http://www.lowelllandtrust.org)

### **About Cummings Foundation**

Woburn-based Cummings Foundation, Inc. was established in 1986 by Joyce and Bill Cummings of Winchester. With assets exceeding \$1 billion, it is one of the largest foundations in New England. The Foundation directly operates its own charitable subsidiaries, including two New Horizons retirement communities in Marlborough and Woburn. Its largest single commitment to date was \$50 million to Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University. Additional information is available at [www.CummingsFoundation.org](http://www.CummingsFoundation.org).

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**PHOTO CAPTION:** Joel Swets(at left), Executive Director of the Cummings Foundation, and Joyce Cummings (at right) celebrate the Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust’s \$100,000 grant with Jane Calvin, LP&CT Executive Director, and Mark Romanowsky, LP&CT Board President.