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Dear Friend,

At Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust, we believe **everyone should have access to nature.**

As someone who cares about our community, supporting the Trust is a way to connect others to the rivers, trails, and special places that are important to you.

You can **help connect more people to nature in the city.**

Today, we are asking you to support the Trust with a gift of **\$25, \$50, or more**, so we can provide ...

- ★ More conservation areas and accessible trails.
- ★ More environmental education programs that are free for everyone.
- ★ More opportunities for kids to connect with nature.

Each year nearly a thousand Lowell students, most of whom have little access to nature, take part in our **“Nature Explorers” after-school and summer programs.** Students like second-graders Michael and Anna didn’t think they could find a butterfly in Lowell until we went on a scavenger hunt outside their school.

Not only did Michael, Anna, and their fellow “Nature Explorers” find a butterfly, they also heard birds singing, saw dozens of flowers and felt the bark of a tree.

You make these connections with nature possible.



Discovering maple seeds on a scavenger hunt



Gardening for pollinators at Jollene Dubner Park



Appreciating trees during our after-school program

Your support will help activate the next generation of stewards and connect children to our community and to nature.

On a recent field trip to Hawk Valley Farm, we heard comments such as:

“We’re already here?! But we just left the school!”

“This field is a great place to sit and draw in my nature journal.”

“Look! I found nut shells! And animal tracks! When can we come back here?”

Supporting the Trust is a way to **protect unique places in Lowell** – for children, for our neighbors, and for wildlife.

The newly protected Pawtucket Farm Wildlife Sanctuary will soon provide **even more opportunities to be in nature**, with accessible trails and an outdoor classroom, plus community gardens, a food forest, and a year-round farm stand. The power of this project is amplified thanks to our partnerships with Mass Audubon and Mill City Grows.

This year, you can make your gift of **\$25, \$50, or more**, go even further. A generous donor will match all donations, up to the first \$10,000, **doubling your impact** as you help create community through conservation!

Together, we can **ensure that nature is for everyone**.

With sincere appreciation,



Sheila Kirschbaum
President



Jane Calvin
Executive Director

p.s. Make your gift before December 31st, so we can reach our matching goal! **You will double your impact and ensure everyone has access to nature and special places.** Thank you!