



Wamesit Falls

November 2025

Dear Friend,

For 35 years, members, volunteers, and supporters like **you have helped improve the quality of life in Lowell through education and the conservation** of parks, open spaces, and special places—creating a city where everyone belongs in nature. Thank you for your continued support, and please make a year-end gift to keep up the momentum.

A generous foundation will **double** all new gifts this year. **Your participation in the Challenge Match supports the parks, trails, and programs you love**—and the after-school education of over 1,000 Lowell students.

The timing couldn't be better. Now more than ever, people need places like Wamesit Falls on the Concord River Greenway—where the sound of rushing water invites us to slow down, breathe deeply, and rediscover our connection to the natural world close to home.



The power of natural places is reflected in the reaction of Anna, a participant in one of our Wildflower Walks on the Greenway. Although she'd grown up in Lowell, she'd been away for several years and recently moved back. Anna had never explored the multi-use trail along the Concord River. Her enthusiasm inspired her to write:

“Today started with a walk. A wildflower walk. I LOVED it—it's the most alive? real? ... I've felt since I moved to Lowell.”

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Discovering the Greenway—with its abundance of wildflowers, pollinators, and birds—helped Anna feel more connected to her community. Her photos and reflections capture the joy of that re-discovery.

Since that walk, Anna and her brother, Anbu, have joined nearly a dozen Trust events, from birding walks to Kayaking the Neighborhood, a free program that gives residents their first opportunity to paddle the Concord River. Inspired by what he learned about our turtle conservation program, Anbu now volunteers each week to help care for endangered turtles.

Connecting people and places is at the heart of what the Trust does—and you make this possible. YOU can help:

- ✓ **Protect unique places** like the Concord River Greenway and Pawtucket Farm Wildlife Sanctuary.
- ✓ **Conserve wildlife habitat** while planting 500 shade trees to cool our neighborhoods and lower climate risks.
- ✓ **Activate local land stewards** and educate young people through learning opportunities outdoors.
- ✓ **Connect community** with nature and with one another through programs like those enjoyed by Anna and Anbu.
- ✓ **Make sure that nature is for EVERYONE!**



Remember, **your gift goes twice as far**. All new gifts will be doubled to unlock the Challenge Match—once we raise \$150,000.

Let's make the most of this opportunity to boost **everyone's** access to the outdoors—fostering a passion for nature that enriches lives and strengthens community connections.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Jane Calvin

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P.S. Your gift made before December 31 will be doubled—helping even more people **discover the joy of nature and love for Lowell's special places**.