



LEEDS LETTER

APRIL 2017

UPCOMING LCA EVENTS

APRIL 11

LCA Monthly meeting

Tuesday, 7:00 pm
Leeds School Teacher's Lounge

APRIL 22

Earth Day Events

Litter Pick Up 9:00-11:00am
Trail Clean up 3:00 -4:30 pm
See articles

MAY 28

Memorial Day Ceremony

Sunday, 1:00 pm
Memorial Park across from Leeds School

UPCOMING RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES

RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES

Sponsored by Northampton DPW
and held at Smith Vocational

MAY 6

Spring Reuse & Recycling Rally

MAY 13

Garden Pot Collection & Swap

MAY 20

Household Hazardous Waste
Collection

GREEN TIP by Amy Stamm

Every year people generate 250,000,000 tons of trash in the United States. Over 51 billion pieces of litter pollute U.S. roadways annually. Cigarette butts make up 50% of all litter.

Around the world we dump 9 billion tons of trash into the ocean each year, which kills over a million sea animals, and spend \$11.5 billion cleaning up litter. All of this is avoidable. Join your friends and neighbors in cleaning up Leeds! It's fun!

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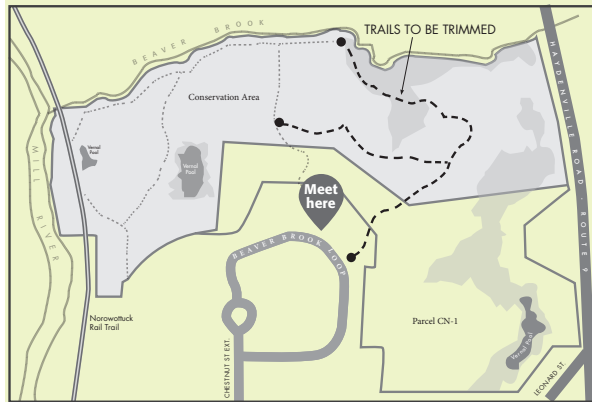
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CELEBRATING EARTH DAY TWO LEEDS EVENTS ON APRIL 22

1 LCA's Litter Pick-Up, 8:45 - 11:30 am

Spend a couple of hours with a friend or your family and help tidy up our roadways. We make it easy! Stop by the Leeds Post Office between 8:45 and 9:30 on Saturday, April 22 to register for a location and get trash bags. Head out to your chosen location, fill your bags and leave them by the side of the road. Sue and Tom will come along in the truck, pick up the filled bags. Easy! The last run of the truck is 11:30. Garden gloves are recommended. Heavy rain cancels.

2 Beaver Brook Conservation Area Clean Up - Kids Exploration of Trails, 3:00 - 4:30 pm



A few trails are in need of minor clearing on the conservation area north of the Beaver Brook Loop on Yankee Hill. Folks should meet at the retention pond on Beaver Brook Loop at 3:00. Dress for the weather (long sleeve shirts and pants are recommended.) Please bring rakes, loppers or shears for trimming small branches and clearing paths. Families welcome! A great place to spend Earth Day! For more information contact Steve at spmmic01@gmail.com.

Oxen used to clear trees in Leeds

The creation of the Leeds Beaver Brook Greenway trail system is underway (see the January 2017 Leeds Letter). The first stage of felling non-native Locust trees was completed last week by Tom Jenkins. His oxen, Rock and Star transported the felled timber to a nearby area. The timber will be used to make the wildlife viewing blind. It will be nice to have a place where one can sit or stand comfortably in any kind of weather and observe from a raised vantage point without disturbing the wildlife. The Beaver Brook/Broad Brook Conservation Area lies between Haydenville Road (Rte 9) and Beaver Brook Golf Course. Trails will eventually need to be cleared and marked in this area. For a project schedule and to volunteer contact Jason Johnson at cookjohnson@comcast.net.



Top photo: Heidi Stevens, Bottom photo: Pamela Cobb

Robert's Hill has new land, new trail, new trail map

The City closed on the final planned acquisition in the Roberts Hill section of the Saw Mill Hills Conservation Area, purchasing 20.7 acres of land from the Williams family. The Community Preservation Committee and the City Council allocated CPA funds for the purchase. The LCA and many donors in Leeds also contributed. Funding also came from funds that were set aside for this purpose several years ago as a condition of the approval of the Saw Mill Hills subdivision off of Reservoir Road.

(New map on back.)

SAW MILL HILLS CONSERVATION AREA ROBERT'S HILL SECTION TRAIL MAP

GREEN ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆
Historical Trail
(1812 Stage Route to Albany)

BLUE ———
Hill Top Trail
(Summit View)

ORANGE ▼ ▼ ▼ ▼ ▼
Western Hill Trail
(Summit View)

RED ▲ ▲ ▲ ▲ ▲
Fire Road to Cliff Trail

YELLOW
Connector Trails

UNMARKED
Unblazed Trails

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