

Twin Pond Conservation Project: Critical Trail Connection and Wildlife Corridor

The Rural Land Foundation (RLF) has the opportunity to acquire two parcels for permanent conservation with a combined 7.8 acres of forested land, pond frontage, and wetland habitat.

The protection of these parcels would preserve an important **at-risk trail** connecting the Twin Pond Lane neighborhood and the adjacent Stony Brook South and Beaver Pond Conservation Areas.

By conserving this land, a critical **wildlife corridor** will be strengthened and important **pond edge and wetland habitats** will gain additional protection. Additionally, a **scenic buffer** between Twin Pond Lane, Tower Road, and existing conservation trails will be maintained. Preservation of this land will also enhance **watershed protection** for the Cambridge Reservoir. Both parcels are identified as land of conservation interest on the 2017 Town of Lincoln Open Space and Recreation Plan.



View of Twin Pond from the at-risk trail.



(left) Trailhead at Twin Pond Lane.

(Right) View of Stony Brook Conservation Area, connected to Twin Pond Lane via the at-risk trail.



View of Beaver Pond Conservation Area, connected to Twin Pond Lane via the at-risk trail.

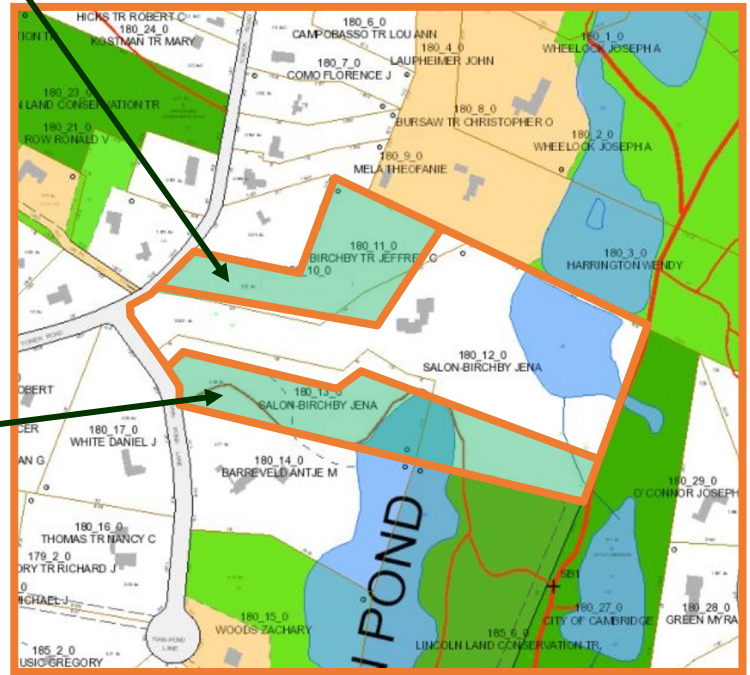


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Project Proposal:

Conserve the entirety of the Northern Lot: approx. 3.11 acres. This lot is buildable but currently undeveloped. There is a vernal pool on the lot and its conservation would protect important wildlife habitat, as well as scenic vistas from Tower Road and Twin Pond Lane. *Project Goal: Permanent conservation of the parcel.*

Conserve the entirety of the Southern Lot: approx. 4.68 acres. This lot is likely buildable but currently undeveloped. The trail connecting Twin Pond Lane and the wider trail network is at-risk. Conservation of this parcel would protect the immediate pond edge habitat and preserve a wildlife corridor to adjacent conserved lands. Preservation of the parcel will also preserve scenic vistas from Twin Pond Lane. *Project Goal: Permanent conservation of the parcel and a permanent trail easement for the existing trail.*



Financing for the Acquisition of this Property

The following financing strategy would guarantee a permanent Conservation Restriction over the entirety of both parcels and a permanent Trail Easement on the Southern Parcel.

Assessed Value:	\$1,800,000
Landowner Contribution:	\$1,000,000
Neighborhood Fundraising:	\$200,000
RLF/LLCT:	\$200,000
Town/CPA Request:	\$200,000
City of Cambridge:	\$200,000