



## Conservation Effort Completed for Keyes Property - 140 acres now protected.

Pepperell: The Trust for Public Land (TPL), a national nonprofit conservation organization, and Pepperell town officials announced on Jan 25 that the Keyes Conservation Project has been successfully concluded. .

The Town of Pepperell now holds a conservation restriction over 100 acres of the former Keyes property on River Road and Canal



**Conservation Commission consultant Helen Castles (center) works with NCT Board members (L to R) Erik Stromstead, Rob Rand, Paula Terrasi and John Ganem on the property management plan.**

Street and is the new owner of 40 acres of existing conservation land situated on Elm Street adjacent to the Town Forest. The Nashoba Conservation Trust is the new owner of the 100 acres and continues to hold a conservation restriction on the 40 acres of land on Elm Street.

The transaction was negotiated by the Trust for Public Land and was facilitated by a Commonwealth of Massachusetts Self Help Program reimbursement of nearly \$320,000 to the

Town for their investment in this land. Pepperell's net investment in the land was slightly less than \$180,000.

The former Keyes property has a varied terrain of open and wooded land, significant wetland habitat and a large area currently used for agriculture, which use will be allowable under the conservation restriction. The Town of Pepperell and the Nashoba Conservation Trust are working to develop a management plan for the property, including parking facilities and trail markers.

## NCT Annual Business Meeting and Dinner Scheduled for April 5th

The Nashoba Conservation Trust Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2008, at 6 p.m. at Scotch Pine Farm on Elm St. here in Pepperell. A full dinner will be catered by Chef on Wheels. Dinner will be followed by a presentation by Russ Cohen, River Advocate with the state Riverways Program, an intrepid forager who will share his knowledge of wild, edible plants. When was the last time you thought of our local fields and forests as a supermarket?! This event is open to the public, and members are encouraged to bring friends and neighbors. Dinner tickets (\$30 per person) may be purchased by contacting Barbara Ganem (978-433-3335) or Paula Terrasi (978-314-1910) by March 26th. If you can't make the dinner, you are welcome to come to Russ' talk at 8 p.m. at no charge.

## Farm Day 2008 set for April 5th

Mark your calendars: join us Saturday April 5 from 11am-2:00pm for Farm Day 2008. The Kaiser Family at 65 Brookline St., Pepperell, are your hosts for this annual event, and invite you to tour

their barn and visit with the animals. The event, sponsored by the NCT, will offer light refreshments and provide carrots for feeding the cows and horses.

The Kaiser Farm is protected by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) Program.

For more details about the APR Program, visit:

<http://www.mass.gov/agr/landuse/APR/>

For questions about Farm Day contact Paula Terrasi at 978.314.1910.

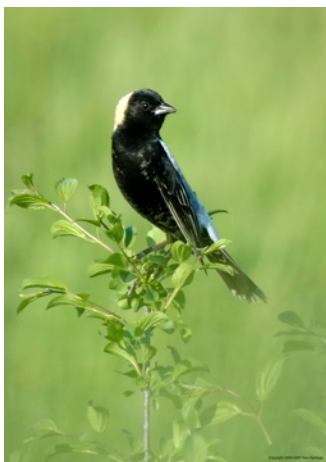
## NCT Fundraiser Begins

With the addition of the River Road Keyes Property to the NCT's portfolio of lands, we are beginning a fund raiser to assist in getting the land visitor ready. Monies raised will go to creating parking facilities, signage and trail maintenance.

Our fundraiser is kicking off with the sale of greeting cards, featuring The Birds of Nashoba Valley, photographed in and around Pepperell. The cards will be packaged in sets of eight for \$10 and are available at Century 21, Main St., Pepperell and McNabb Package Store, Main St. Pepperell, and the Conservation Commission, Town Hall.

Below are just a few of the note card images in the set of eight. Please visit the NCT web site for more details about the note cards and additional purchase options.

[www.nashobatrust.org](http://www.nashobatrust.org)



## Calendar

### April 5

NCT Annual Dinner  
6:00pm Scotch Pine Farm,  
Elm St., Pepperell

### Farm Day

11am-2pm Kaiser Farm  
65 Brookline St. Pepperell

### April 26

Photo exhibition opens  
Photos by Ken Hartlage  
celebrating Pepperell's  
Conservation Lands  
Lawrence Library, Pepperell

### June 21

#### Summer Hike

Hiking and birding along the  
Jeff Smith Trail  
Gulf Brook Conservation Area,  
Oak Hill St. 8:00am  
Rain date June 22.

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**Breakfast with the Birds**

Keyes Conservation  
Oak Hill St., Pepperell

**Date TBA**

Watch for posting on Town of  
Pepperell Web site or contact Rob  
Rand at rrand@academy.edu

## Membership Renewal

Membership and donation  
forms are available on line at  
[www.nashobatrust.org](http://www.nashobatrust.org)