



FRIENDS OF WHITEHALL

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Dear Friends,

Friends of Whitehall (FOW) has successfully completed its 13th year as an organization with the mission of preserving, protecting, conserving, and enhancing Whitehall State Park and Whitehall Conservation Area. In 2018, we conducted two trail and lake cleanups, and provided stone footing on one of the Spring Street trail bridges to improve access in high-water conditions. We have been monitoring the lake water quality with regular testing, and the water quality remains good and steady. We are continuing to collaborate with the state on investigating potential solutions for control of invasive weeds.

At our 2018 annual meeting, guest speaker Joy Marzolf, educator/naturalist at MA Audubon, gave an informative presentation on vernal pools and associated wildlife. We also sponsored an Eagle Scout project which created and delivered pamphlets to more than 250 households on proper practices for protecting the watershed. We are planning new educational programs for 2019 and look forward to your participation!

FOW success depends on our members. Please consider renewing your membership and/or volunteering your time on our many projects. Enclosed is the New/Renewal Membership form for 2019, as well as our newly revised brochure. We hope you will enjoy the brochure and pass it on to a friend. If you are not yet a member, please consider becoming part of the FOW family by joining today!

We are also looking for additional members to join our Board of Directors. The time commitment is low (meetings are once a month), but it is a fulfilling volunteer opportunity.

Please join us on Tuesday April 9th 2019 at 7:30pm for the FOW Annual Meeting and Program, to be held at the Woodville Baptist Church, 249 Wood Street, Hopkinton. Meeting announcements along with other FOW news can be found on the web at <http://www.friendsofwhitehall.org> and on our Facebook page.

Yours truly,

Stephen Warren, President