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## Grafton Land Trust Announces Gift of 37 Acres

At the Land Trust's Annual Meeting in November, President Ed Hazzard reported another great year. Still riding high from the completion this spring of the lengthy purchase of 30 acres on Potter Hill from the Elvidge estate, the Trust announced a recent gift from an atypical donor.

Developers of Brookmeadow Village, LLC recently gifted 37 acres of open space to the Trust as part of

their flexible subdivision plan. This parcel abuts the Parker and Salisbury Preserves Land Trust holdings on Keith Hill and, along with other town owned land in the area including Hassanamesit Woods, it increases the contiguous preservation to nearly 500 acres.

The land donated is heavily wooded, and has many steep grades and wetlands. The action of William Burrill, principal of Brookmeadow Vil-

lage LLC, to gift this parcel to the stewardship of the Grafton Land Trust is remarkable.

In honor of longtime land steward, Grafton Land Trust past-president and director, and Keith Hill neighbor Roger Hohman, the Land Trust voted to name this parcel the "Roger Hohman Sanctuary." Roger spent many a day walking this land. A network of trails exists throughout the area and the developer has committed

to build new trail extensions from Brookmeadow Village as construction commences.

The current trails are open to the public for passive recreation like walking, cross-country skiing, horseback riding, and mountain biking. A restrictive covenant on the deed prohibits the use of motorized vehicles.

Maps of the area and other information can be found at [www.graftonland.org](http://www.graftonland.org).