

Project: Mechanic St. Open Space

Manager: Upton Open Space Committee

Town Meeting: May 5, 2022

Budget: \$943,000

CPC Funding: \$743,000

Description:

Purchase of approximately 94.2 acres off Mechanic and Fowler Streets for open space and passive recreation purposes. The benefits of protecting the property include enhancing the ecological value of the abutting protected properties, Stefans Farm and the Robertson Family Conservation Restriction Area, protecting the Warren Brook watershed, and extending the town's trail network.

The purchase of this land was a joint effort between the town, including a very active support group, and the Sudbury Valley Trustees (SVT), a regional land trust serving the communities in the watersheds of the Assabet, Sudbury, and Concord rivers. The purchase was completed in October 2022 at \$20,940 under budget. The donations totaled \$209,973, \$9,973 more than budgeted, and the expenses were \$11,152 less than budgeted. SVT will hold a Conservation Restriction (CR) on the property. The CR will permanently limit the use of the land to uses consistent with the conservation values being protected.



