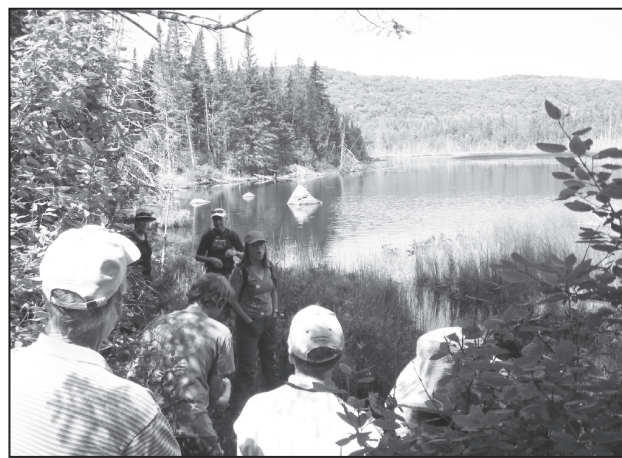
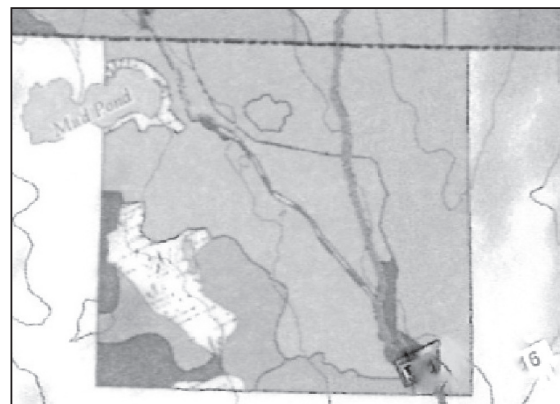


Aerial map of Green Mountain Monastery, site of 2015 summer hike and picnic.

2014 Summer Hike to Mud Pond

Rich Carbonetti owns the 1,700-acre Black Hills tract, conserved by the Vermont Land Trust with help from Greensboro, which includes a 189-acre parcel once owned by renowned author Wallace Stegner. In July 2014 'Carbo' led 20 Greensborites on a hike to Mud Pond and the Glover border just north of it. The map below shows the path taken by the hikers, starting at the site of the farmhouse where Stegner's family spent summers during the 1940s.



2014 hikers enjoy view of Mud Pond.



Martins & NRLT trustee Chris Jacobs at Shadow Lake.



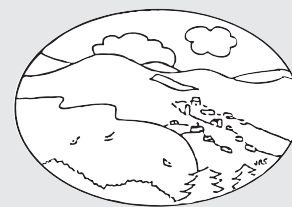
The Monastery.

In Memorium: Joan Barton

Greensboro land conservation in general and GLT in particular lost a dear friend with the passing of Joan Barton in February. Twenty years ago Joan gave GLT title to a parcel on Caspian Lake whose sale enabled us to purchase our second easement, on the Buckley farm. Joan and her sister Jenneke gave the VLT and The Nature Conservancy their 112-acre property on Gebbie Road. Together with the late Jean Whittall, Joan initiated GLT's stewardship program.

Northern Rivers Land Trust Conserves Property on Shadow Lake, Glover

In December 2014 the GLT's sister organization, the Northern Rivers Land Trust, conserved 35 acres on the north shore of Shadow Lake. This property, owned by Chris and Louisa Martin of Bedford, Mass., was the NRLT's first project in Greensboro's neighboring town of Glover. It affords close-up views of Shadow Lake and the Black Hills (see photo ➔).



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GLT Annual Meeting, Monday, July 27

All are welcome at our annual meeting on **Monday, July 27, at 7:30 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. Following a short GLT business meeting, Elizabeth Howard, founder and director of Journey North, will give a PowerPoint presentation on the annual migration of Monarch butterflies to and from Mexico.

Journey North is a Vermont-based citizen science project, supported by the Annenberg Foundation, that over the past 22 years has enlisted 59,000 citizens in tracking the Monarch's migration. Monarchs have been in the news since their population in Mexico hit an all-time low.



Eastward view towards Stannard Mountain over conserved Circus Smirkus camp land.

2015 Summer Hike at Green Mountain Monastery

Everyone is invited on this year's summer hike, sponsored annually by the GLT, the Greensboro Conservation Commission, and the Northern Rivers Land Trust. The hike, on **Thursday, August 6, starting at 10:00 a.m.**, will show hikers 157 acres of meadow, forest and streams between Hillcrest and Salls Roads (see photos on page 4). Hikers are encouraged to bring children and picnic lunches.

Sisters Gail Worcelo and Bernadette Bostwick, coming from the Catholic Church's Passionist order, established the monastery in 2004. The land was farmed for many years by the Hill family, descendants of original proprietors of Greensboro. The monastery's main building consists of a farm house and barn previously occupied by Andrew Hill and moved across Hillcrest Road in 1985. The Sisters plan to conserve the land with the GLT in 2015.

The monastery also carries the title 'Thomas Berry Sanctuary.' Beginning his career as a cultural historian, Fr. Berry saw himself not as a theologian but as a geologist, moving from human history to cosmological history. His burial site on the monastery's meadow near Hillcrest Road reflects his dedication to the entire earth community represented by the meadow, of which he wrote:

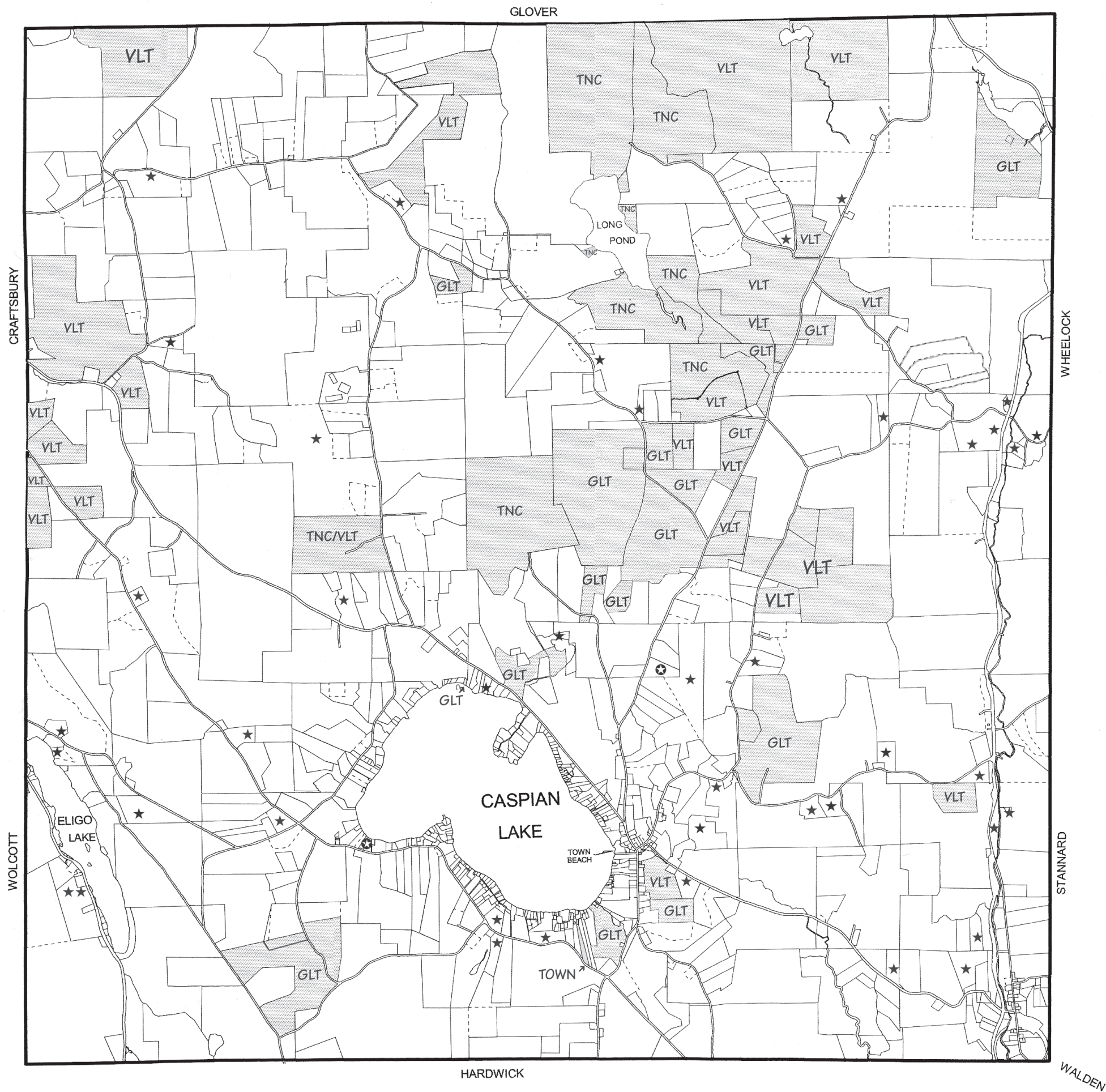
"Although the Meadow has none of the immensity or grandeur of other places, still in this little Meadow the magnificence of life as celebration is manifested in a manner as profound and impressive as any other place I have known in these past many years."

GLT Conserves 20+ Acres on Circus Smirkus Summer Camp

In 2013 Circus Smirkus purchased 29 acres on Breezy Avenue for a permanent summer camp. Located over the past 23 years in rented facilities all over northern Vermont, the camp holds sessions of several days to two weeks, preparing youngsters for performance under Circus' big tent in North Greensboro. Before his death, Lacey Smith arranged for the Circus to receive an additional three acres from his estate for camp dormitories on condition that 20+ acres of the main property be conserved with the GLT.

Greensboro's Development Review Board approved the camp project on the same condition. (See photo above). The easement was consummated in March 2015. As a result, with the 30-acre Greensboro Green owned by the Vermont Land Trust, a total of 50+ acres in the village center is now conserved. The GLT must now raise the \$5,000 stewardship fee, required under standards of the Land Trust Alliance to ensure monitoring and protection of the easement in perpetuity.

With Jasper Hill Cheese having acquired the Smiths' abutting property and negotiated agricultural use and access agreements on Circus' conserved land, it is expected that this part of Greensboro will soon see a return to dairy farming.



About GLT

The GLT is a partnership of Greensboro- area people working together to ensure that, as Vermont steadily changes, important land in Greensboro is not lost to development forever. We help farm families conserve productive agricultural land for future generations, preserving not only our heritage but also our economic future. We protect forestland that supports a healthy wood products industry and sustains habitat critical for moose, black bear, songbirds, deer, and other wildlife. We help to permanently protect irreplaceable fields, woods, and shoreline in Greensboro essential for recreation and scenic enjoyment. All this is done while recognizing the need for town planning that allocates portions of the landscape to residential and commercial uses.

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Conserving Your Land

Using legal tools called “conservation easements” or “grants of development rights,” we help landowners to voluntarily limit development while keeping the land open for forestry, farming, and recreation. The property remains in private ownership with the peace of mind that it is protected now and in perpetuity. The landowner decides whether to allow public access.

Easement donations qualify as charitable contributions for federal income and estate tax purposes, but do not necessarily reduce property taxes.

We work with landowners who love their land and want to see it conserved. The GLT buys and accepts gifts of development rights. Sometimes we share a project with the Vermont Land Trust, which receives funding from The Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, the Freeman Foundation, and private donors. But mainly we rely on funds raised from residents and friends of Greensboro. In 2014, 86 households donated \$9,511.

We talk regularly with potential conservators, and incur expenses for appraisals, surveys, purchase of easements, and monitoring. You can help by sending your tax-deductible contribution to **GLT, PO Box 135, Greensboro, VT 05841.**

Feel free to call any trustee or Advisory Committee member with questions. Our website, www.greensborolandtrust.org, provides details and photos of conserved land, along with GLT’s annual financial report.

Town of Greensboro, Vermont

Our map of Greensboro illustrates the lands conserved by the Greensboro Land Trust, The Nature Conservancy, the Vermont Land Trust, and the Town of Greensboro. It shows all residences constructed in the past ten years, and highlights two constructed in the past year.

Map key

Conserved areas, shaded green, comprise the 39 parcels listed below. Total conserved area amounts to 6.7 square miles (= 4,300 acres), or 18.3% of total town area of 36.7 mi².

1. GLT’s 17 easements, totaling 1,120 acres: Buckley, Circus Smirkus, Dean, Downing, Edsall (2 easements), Gray, Shaun & Darren Hill, Warren Hill, Kehler, Knox, Mann, McGrath (two easements), Perham, Pinkney, and St. Louis. Subsequent to the original easements, Dean, Mann, Kehlers, Warren Hill and Perhams have acquired parcels conserved by previous owners, Sullivan, Grays, Buckley, Lewis & Nancy Hill, and von Hessert.
2. Long Pond Natural Area (767 acres) and Barr Hill Nature Preserve (254 acres), owned by The Nature Conservancy (TNC).
3. 30-acre “Greensboro Green”, 362-acre ex-Murdock property on Glover town line, and 30-acre ex-Brassknocker parcel on Craftsbury Road, owned by Vermont Land Trust (VLT).
4. Five VLT easements to which GLT contributed: York farm (260 acres); Shaun & Darren Hill farm (73 acres); Murdock homestead (150 acres); Lowell Urie farm (of which 145 acres in Greensboro); and Black Hills tract (of which 189 acres in Greensboro).
5. Nine other VLT easements: Shatney farm (313 acres); Shatney hayfield in Greensboro Bend (34 acres); ex-York homestead, now owned by Circostas (85 acres); Kehler property on Garvin Hill Rd. (37 acres); and five ex-Brassknocker parcels on Craftsbury town line, totaling 323 acres.
6. Barton Homestead Trust on Gebbie Road (VLT and TNC: 121 acres); and
7. Two 3.5-acre strips owned by the Town of Greensboro, one on Lake Shore Road donated by Currier & Dill, the other next to the town beach, purchased by the town with federal assistance.

■ ...Conserved land ★ Residence constructed in past 10 years ★ ...In 2014