



Granite Mountain Preserve Putnam Valley Community Forum September 29th 2019





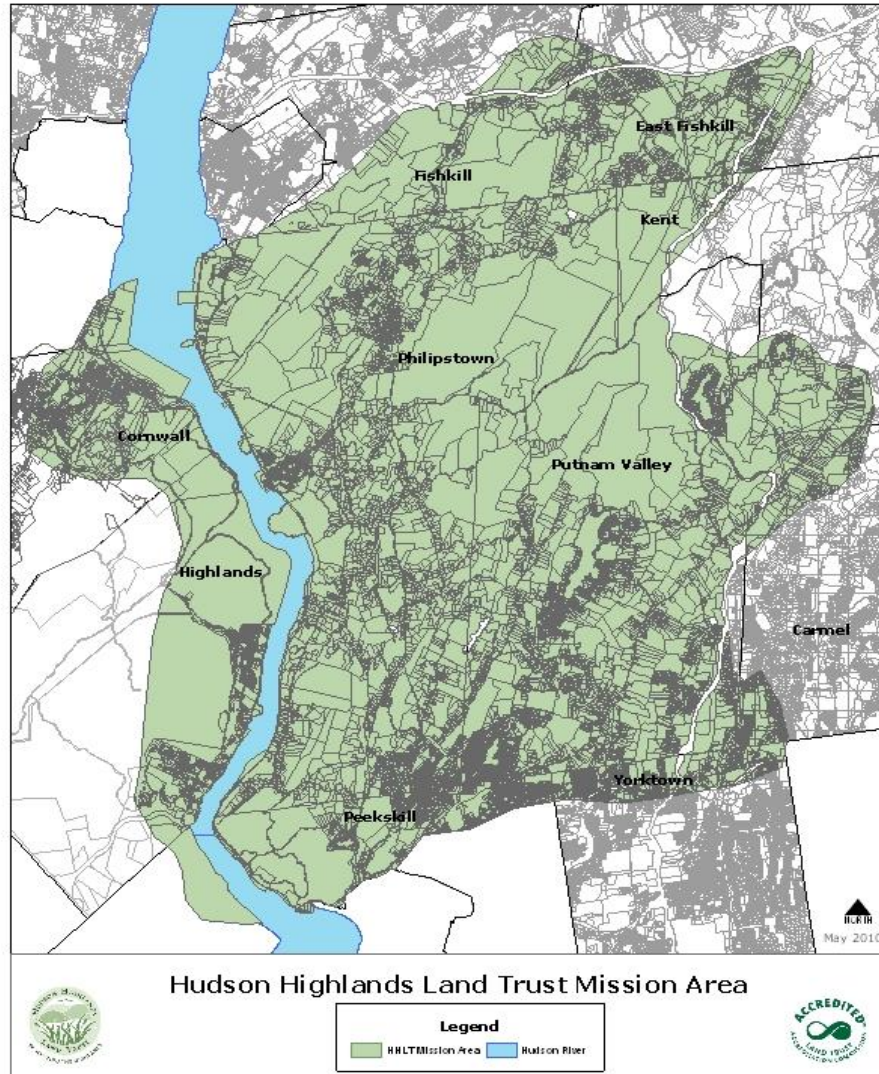
Welcome

- Overview of Hudson Highlands Land Trust
- Overview of Granite Mountain Preserve
- Management Plan overview
- Updates on the Land
- Volunteer Appreciation
- Next Steps





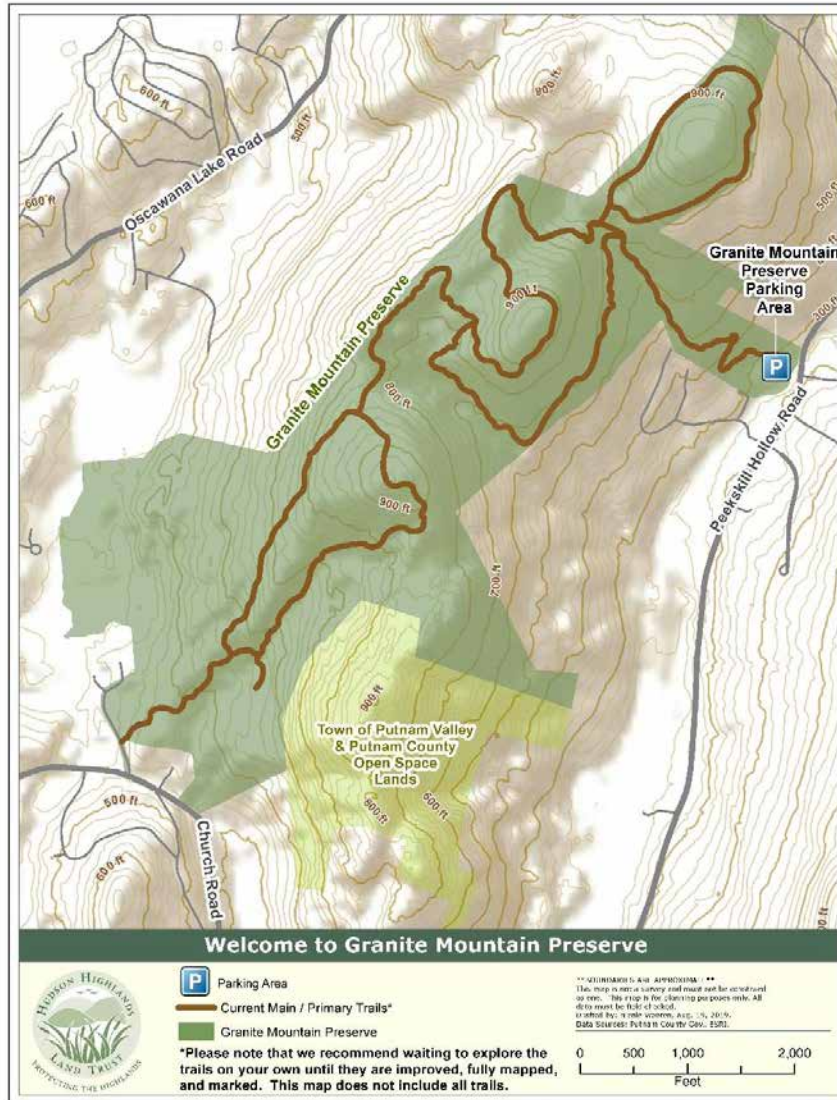
Hudson Highlands Land Trust



- Community-based land trust
- Mission to protect “*natural resources, rural character and scenic beauty of the Hudson Highlands*”
- Land conservation through:
 - Conservation agreements
 - Outright land acquisition
 - Partnering with municipalities on land use planning
 - Community/landowner education
- Conserved 3,000+ acres
- Granite Mountain is our first preserve
- Conservation “Mission Area” (see map)



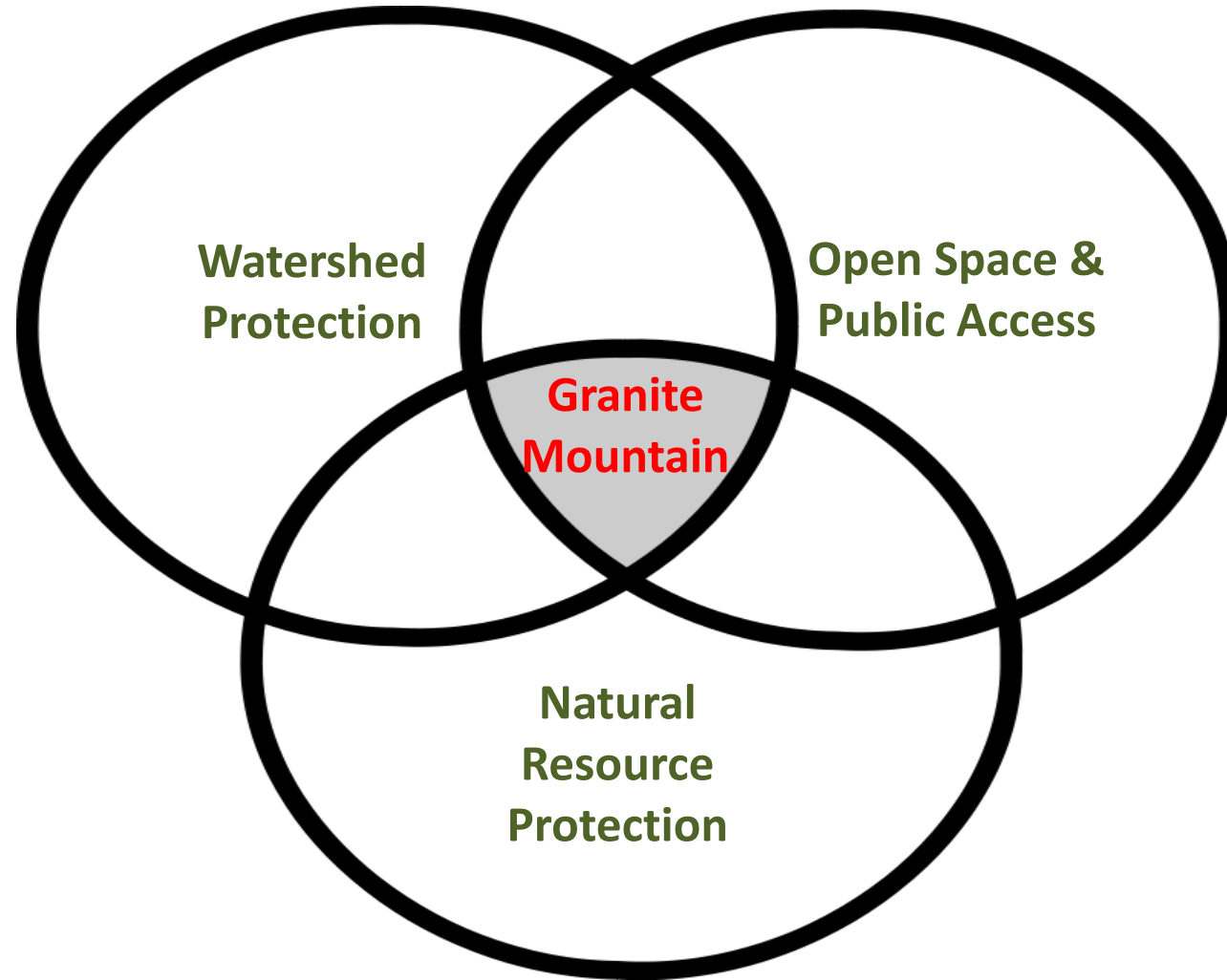
Granite Mountain Preserve



- Public Preserve located between Oscawana Lake, Church, Tinker Hill & Peekskill Hollow Roads
- Close to many PV residents, Municipal Center, Schools
- 900+ foot peaks, wetlands, streams, diverse forest, 5 mile trail network
- Owned and managed by Hudson Highlands Land Trust



Preservation of Granite Mountain met many Community Goals

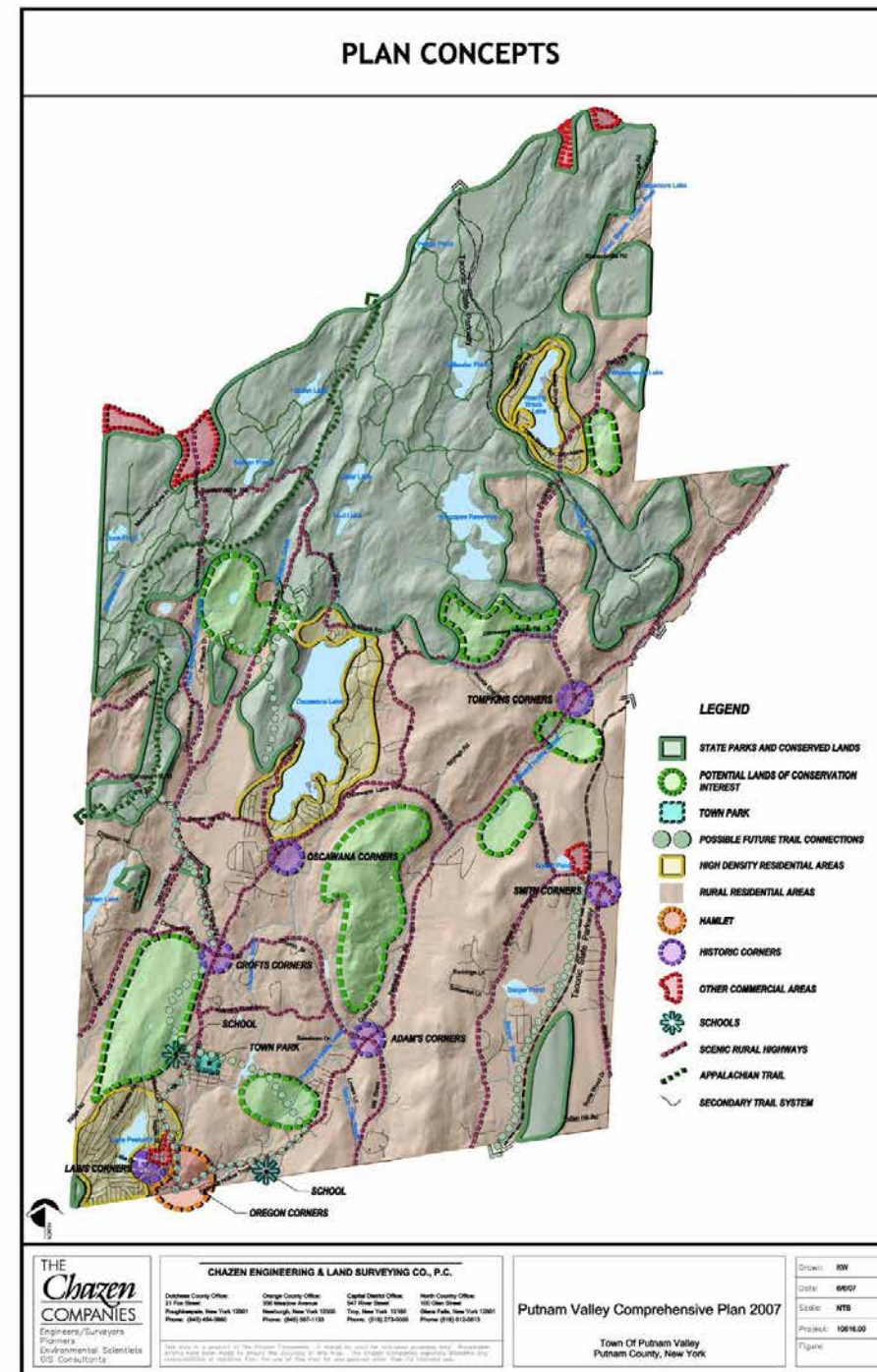




Why Granite Mountain? Community Priority

2007 Putnam Valley Comprehensive Plan:

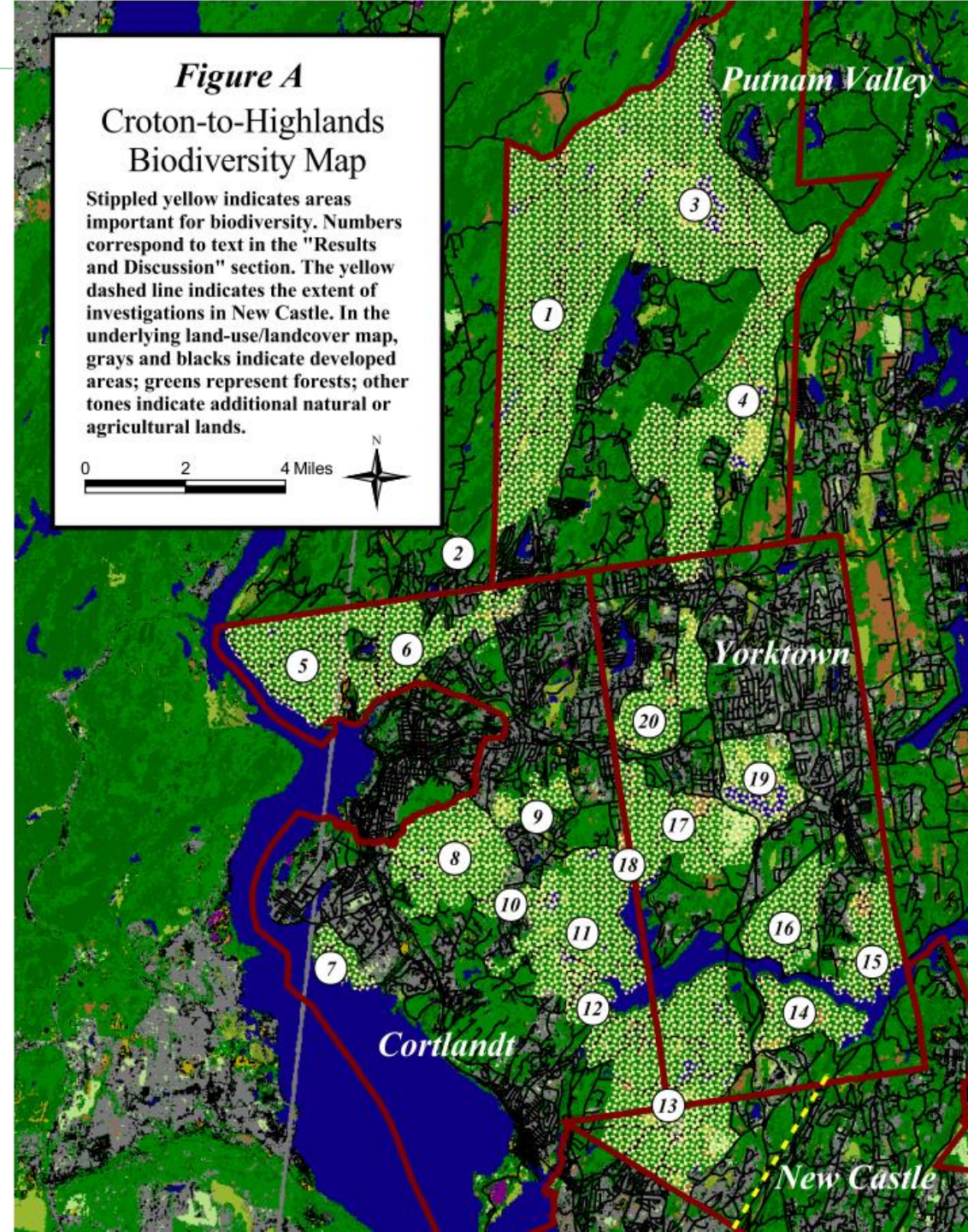
- Identified Granite Mountain as of “significant interest” for permanent protection.
- Noted lack of trails and open space near southern population centers.





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- Biodiversity
- Scenic beauty
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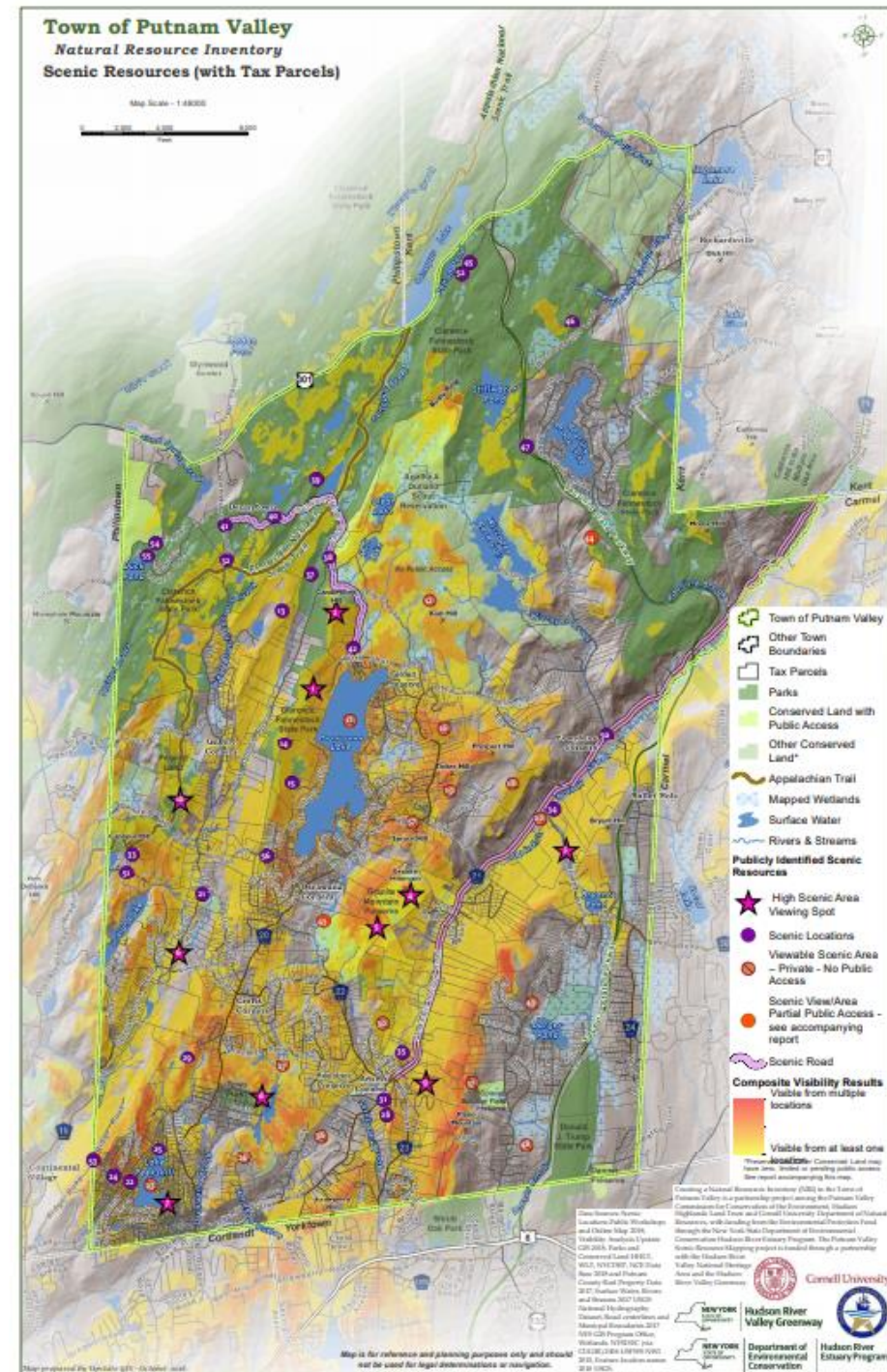
Natural Resource Protection





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Volunteers





Granite Mountain Preserve: Updates

- Management plan completed in 2017
- “Living” document
- Topics of Interest to the Community
 - Ongoing protection of natural resources, esp. water
 - Recreation (Hiking, Biking, Horses, Dogs)
 - Signage and trail markers
 - Hunting and Fishing
 - Motorized vehicles
 - Volunteering



Granite Mountain Preserve: Next Steps

- Volunteering
- Hikes and Events
- Community Involvement
 - Schools
 - Summer camps
 - Clubs





Thank you to Volunteers!



- Granite Mountain Preserve Advisory Committee
- Community Volunteer Days
- YMCA Camp Combe
- Putnam Valley Middle School
- Joshua Uchetel of Troop 41
- Hike leaders
- Invasive species removal volunteers
- Deer population study volunteers
- ...and more!



Thank you!

