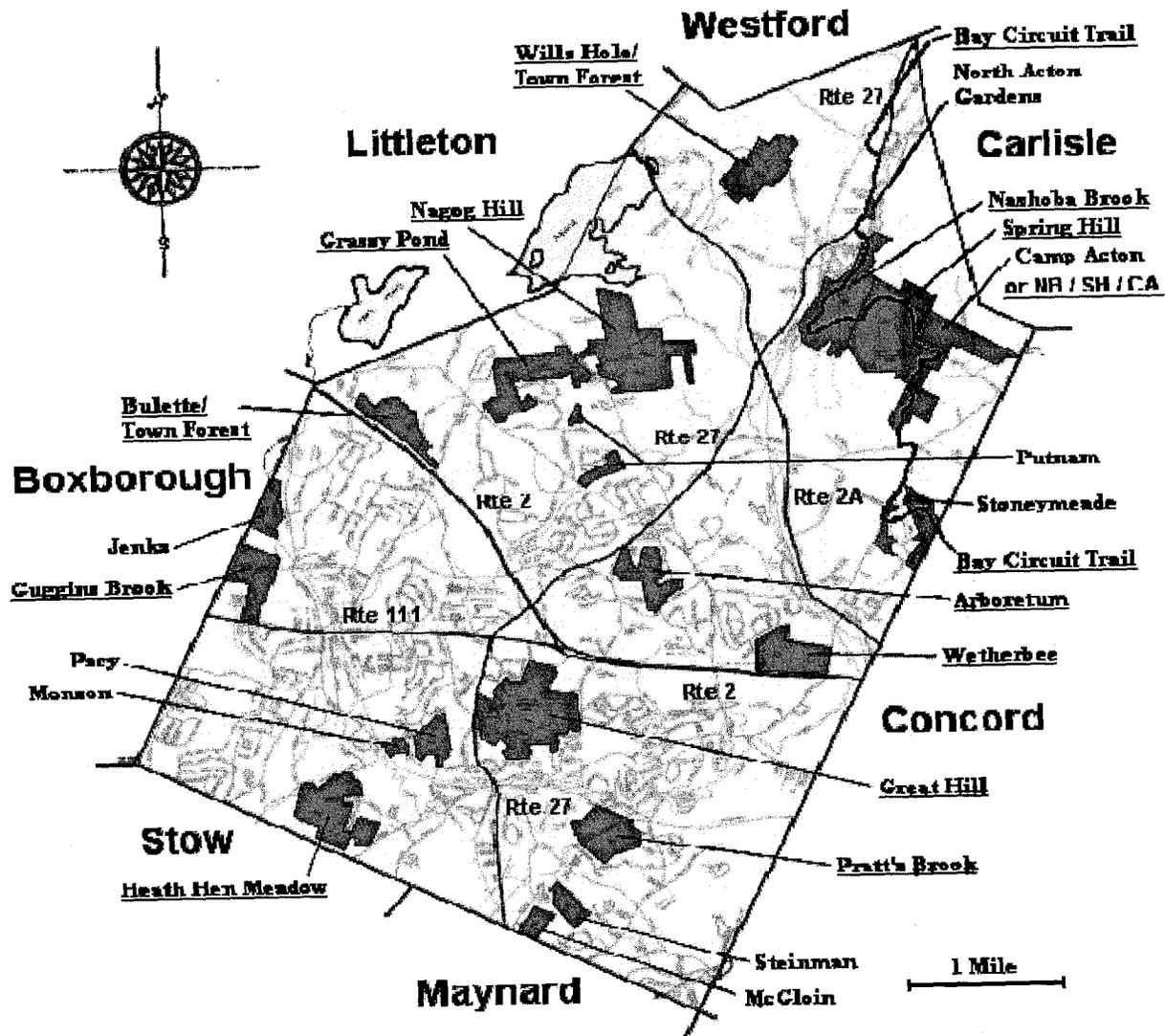


Acton Land Stewardship Committee



Board of Selectmen
Oversight Meeting
November 16, 2009

Sixteen Trailed Conservation Areas (and four very soggy ones)



People and Assignments

Bettina Abe – Canoe Launch and
Arboretum

Charlie Carlson - Pratt's Brook

Joan Cirillo – Wetherbee

David Cochrane - Heath Hen Meadow

Andy Gatesman - Bulette Town Forest

Bob Guba – Trails and Projects

Maura Herlihy - Wills Hole / Town
Forest

Philip Keyes - Spring Hill

Peggy Liversidge - Clerk

Nan Towle Millett - Stoneymeade

Rich Rhode - Camp Acton

Ann Shubert - Grassy Pond and Nagog
Hill

Jim Snyder-Grant - Guggins Brook and
Chair

Laurie Ullmann- Nashoba Brook

Paul Wasserboehr - Great Hill

2009 Accomplishments

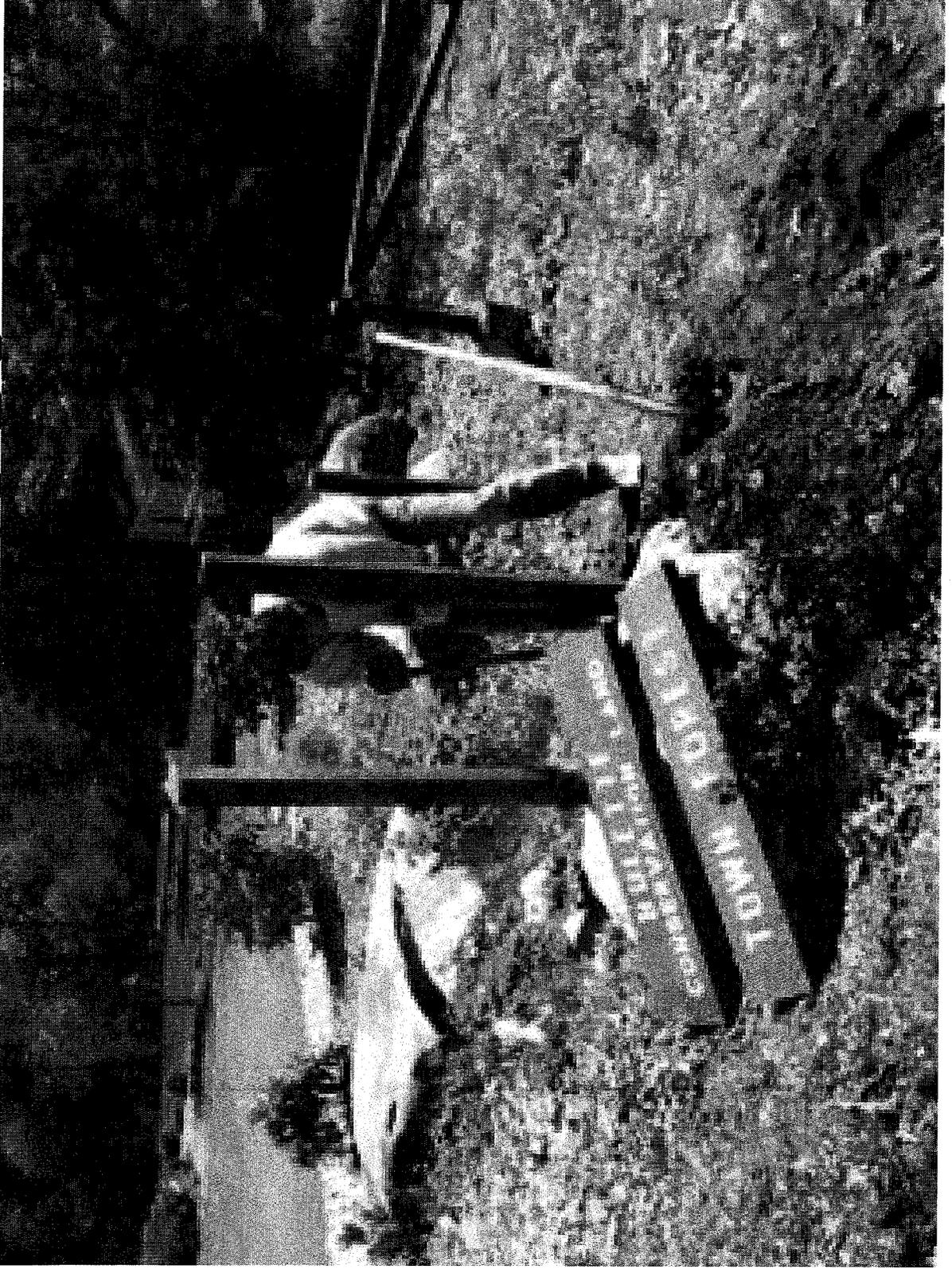
Our ongoing work: trail widening, blowdown removal, boardwalk maintenance, meadow mowing, map-box stuffing, selling trail guides, improving www.actontrails.org, and work supervision (Senior Service day, Scouts, 8th Grade Green team, EMS, Restorative Justice Youth, and more)

New stuff: Meadow 'edging', invasives removal, new trail system, Photo Exhibit, planning for future trails, adjusting committee operations, starting in on creating a written charter.

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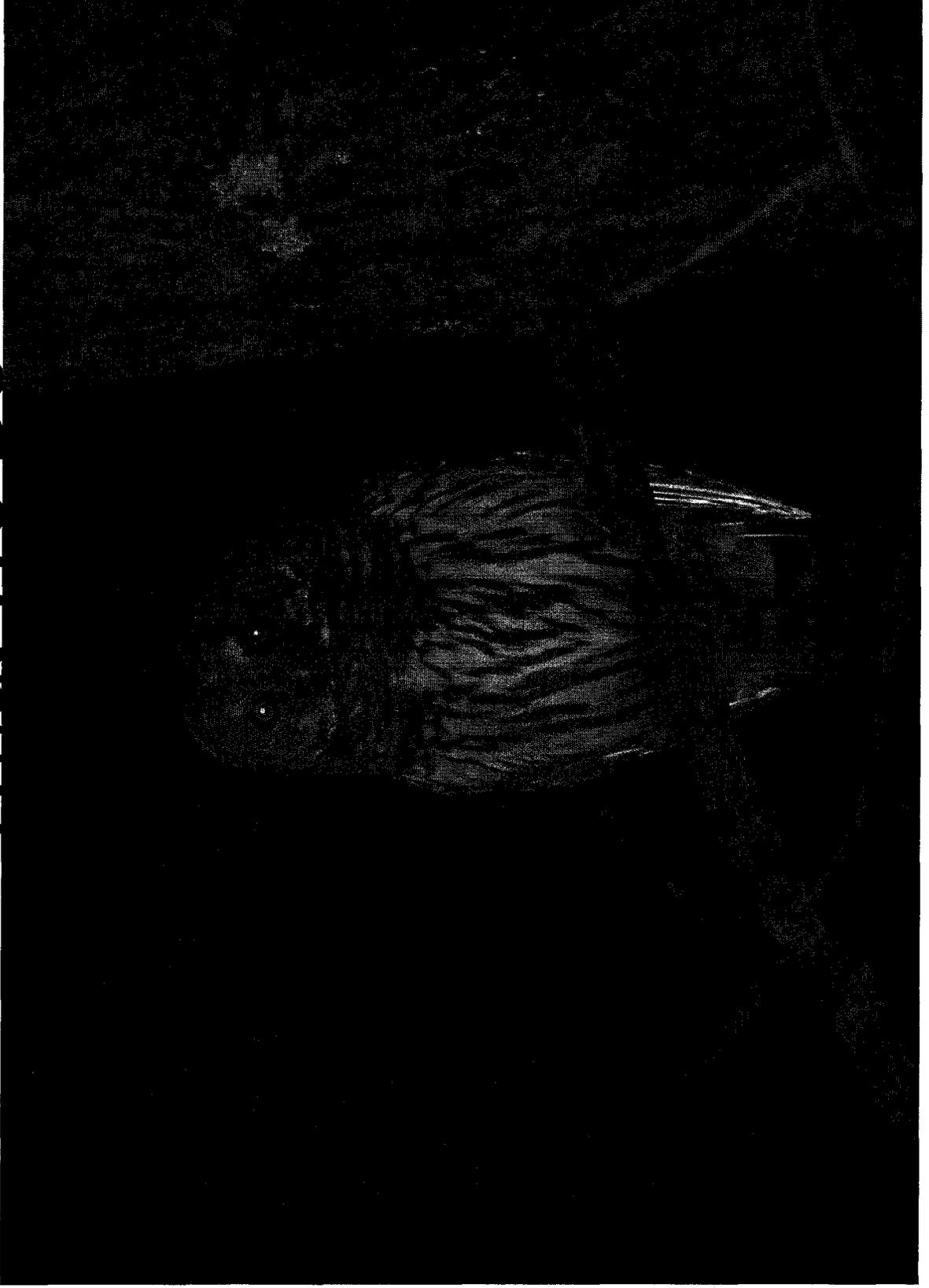
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Organizational Time Line: Land Stewardship Committee

1996: Started by Linda McElroy and the Conservation Commission.

2000: Added to Chart of Committees by Board of Selectmen

2008: Board of Selectmen requests LSC have a formal written Charter

2009: Members re-appointed as Full and Associates.

2009: Charter process creates this mission statement...

The Mission of the Land Stewardship Committee...

...shall be to preserve and enhance the public woodlands, meadows and wetlands of the Town of Acton for the collective and sustainable benefit of humans, wildlife, and vegetation.

This mission includes:

- Preserving habitat and natural resources
- Constructing and maintaining trails
- Increasing public awareness of the local environment and the importance of land conservation
- Promoting healthy outdoor recreation in natural settings

Challenges

1. Recruiting new stewards and new leaders.
2. Organizational form.
3. New trails, new connections.

Help Needed From The Town

1. Town Manager's office: Easements, Leases, and Other Legalities.
2. Police: Night-time Parking Lot Checks.
3. Engineering: More formal marking of access corridors at Pratt's Brook - Parker Street, Jenks Land - Central St, Heath Hen Meadow - Robbins Street
4. Highway Department: Town enlargement of the parking lots at Grassy Pond-Newtown Rd, Jenks.
5. Highway Department: Maintenance of our parking lots (potholes, winter plowing damage).