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Public Opening of Rome Conservation Area Announced

North County Land Trust is pleased to announce the Public Opening of Rome Conservation Area in Gardner. The Opening will take place on Saturday May 20th at 10:00 AM at the Rome Conservation Area.

Rome Conservation Area is a 175 acre woodland owned by North County Land Trust, Inc. The land was donated to the Trust by the Rome Family of Gardner. The conservation land is open to the public for passive recreation and educational uses. A system of trails links the Rome Conservation Area to adjacent Gardner City Forest and other city owned conservation land.

The Opening of the conservation area was made possible by the support and generosity of many organizations and individuals. They include the Rome Family, donors of the conservation land, the City of Gardner which supports conservation to balance development, and Troop 4 of the Boy Scouts of America, sponsored by Sacred Heart Church. The Scouts have just completed the layout, construction and posting of new trails on the conservation area as part of an Eagle Scout service project.

Rome Conservation Area can be accessed from Gardner City Forest on Rt. 140. Future trail access will be available from the Homes at Wilder Brook development and Brookside Drive extension, when the development has been completed.

Janet Morrison, Executive Director of North County Land Trust commented, "We are very pleased to open Rome Conservation Area to the public. We encourage the greater Gardner community to enjoy and support this beautiful conservation land."

North County Land Trust has created the Rome Conservation Area Stewardship Fund to provide for the long-term maintenance and public enjoyment of the conservation area. Donations to the Rome Conservation Area Stewardship Fund should be sent to: North County Land Trust, Inc., PO Box 2052, Fitchburg, MA 01420. For more information please contact Janet Morrison, Executive Director at 978-342-0174.

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North County Land Trust, Inc. is a non-profit, land conservation organization which works to protect open space in Gardner and other communities in north central Massachusetts.

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