Co-creating a Communications Strategy from Process to Packaging



RCP NETWORK GATHERING

November 15, 2018



Introduction to

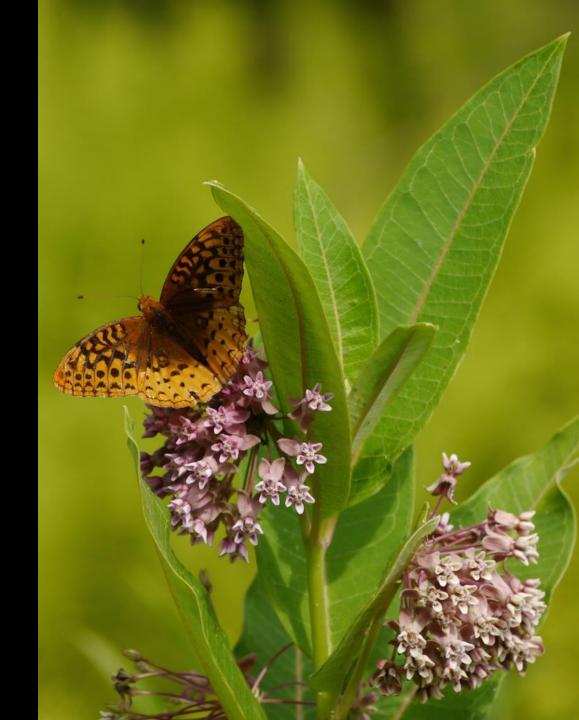
Pollinator Pathways

RCP Network Gathering. UMASS Amherst

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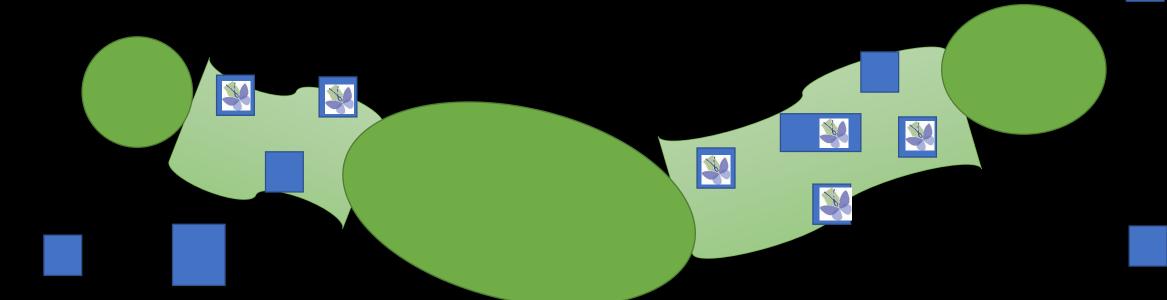
H2H Facilitator





What is a Pollinator Pathway?

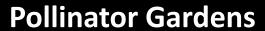
Corridors of public and private properties that provide native plant habitat and nutrition for pollinators



Municipalities and property owners create healthy yards and public spaces for pollinators, pets & families

A Scalable Model

Demonstration Sites



Land Trusts, Nature Centers, Municipalities, Homeowners

Land Trusts, Schools, Municipalities

Container Gardens

Homeowners, Municipalities, Libraries, Schools, Businesses

Homeowners, Businesses

Pathway Progression





H2H Conservation Initiative 2016
Attended Educational Events 130+
Followed up with land trust or took
stewardship action 40+

Trees Planted 81+

2017 (launch in Wilton)

16 Programs, 1048 people engaged **2018** (1st quarter only) (6 towns) 19 Programs, 940 people engaged

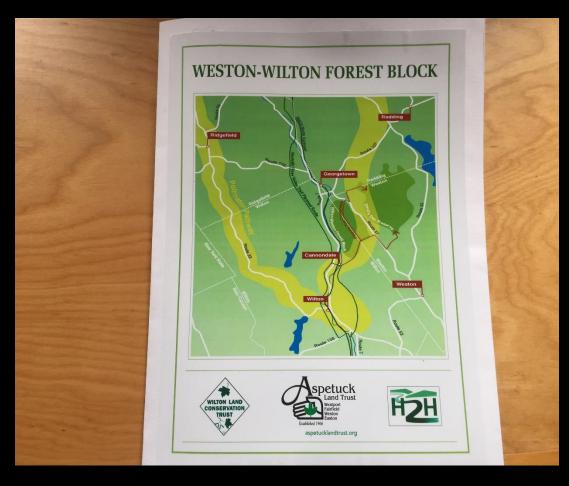


Starting a Pollinator Pathway in Your Town

- 1. Convene Your Team
- 2. Plan Your Route
- 3. Hold a Kickoff Event
- 4. Engage Community Members
- 5. Spread the Word with Branding
- 6. Stay Connected



Create Customized Pollinator Information Packets





Convene Your Team

- Land Trusts
- Nature Centers
- Conservation Commissions or Advisory Boards
- Garden Clubs
- Master Gardeners
- Watershed Associations

















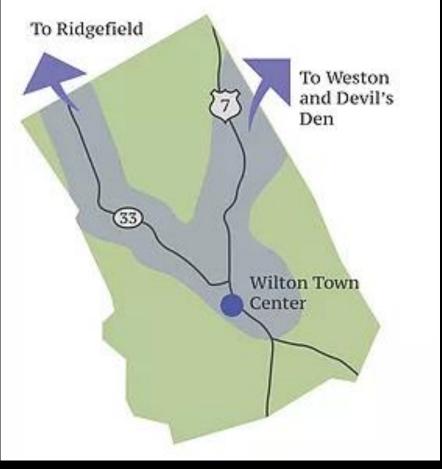
Hold a Kickoff Event with national, state, or local speaker





Plan Your Route with RCP support





Engage Community Members



Spread the Word:

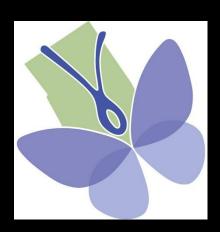
using local newspapers, social media, town events







Wilton Weston Ridgefield Norwalk Greenwich Pound Ridge Darien Yorktown





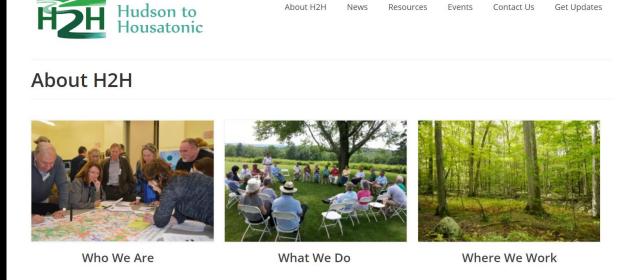
Norwalk River Watershed Association: Doorknob hangers Strong corporate support







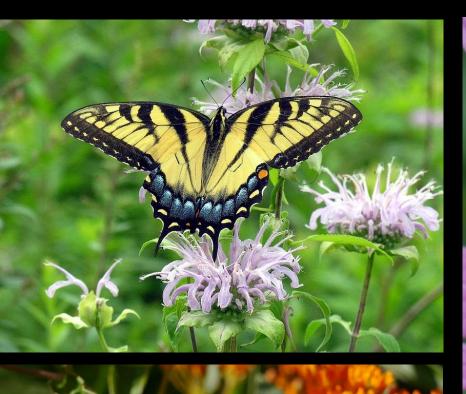
Stay Connected with Websites



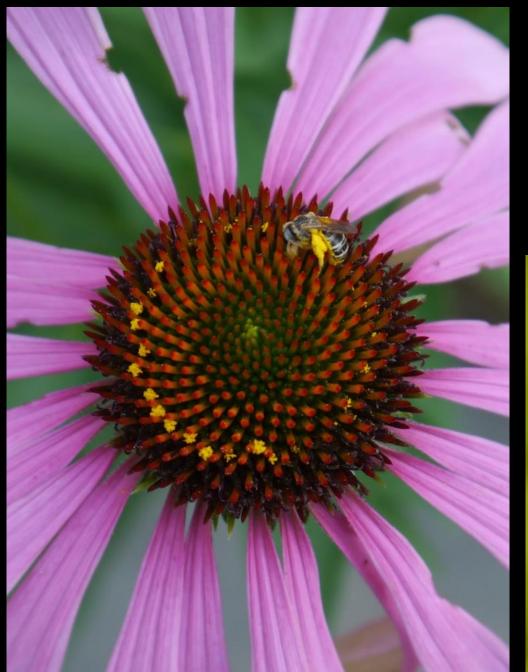


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pollinator-pathway.org











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MASSACHUSETTS COASTAL

Massachusetts Coastal Pine Barrens Partnership



Mission

- To bring about broad recognition of the unique qualities and intrinsic value of the Massachusetts Coastal Pine Barrens
- To ensure the protection of its most endearing cultural and environmental attributes and its amazing diversity of plants and animals
- To continually celebrate the Pine Barrens' important contributions to our quality of life, to the landscape's resiliency, and to the Barrens' enduring appeal to residents and visitors alike.

Our Steering Committee





Heather McElroy, Natural Resource Specialist, Cape Cod Commission

Paul Gregory, Management Forester, Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR)

Tim Simmons, Restoration Ecologist

Mary Griffin, Regional Director Southeast, Cape and Island, Massachusetts Audubon Society

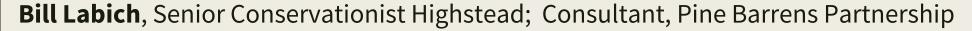
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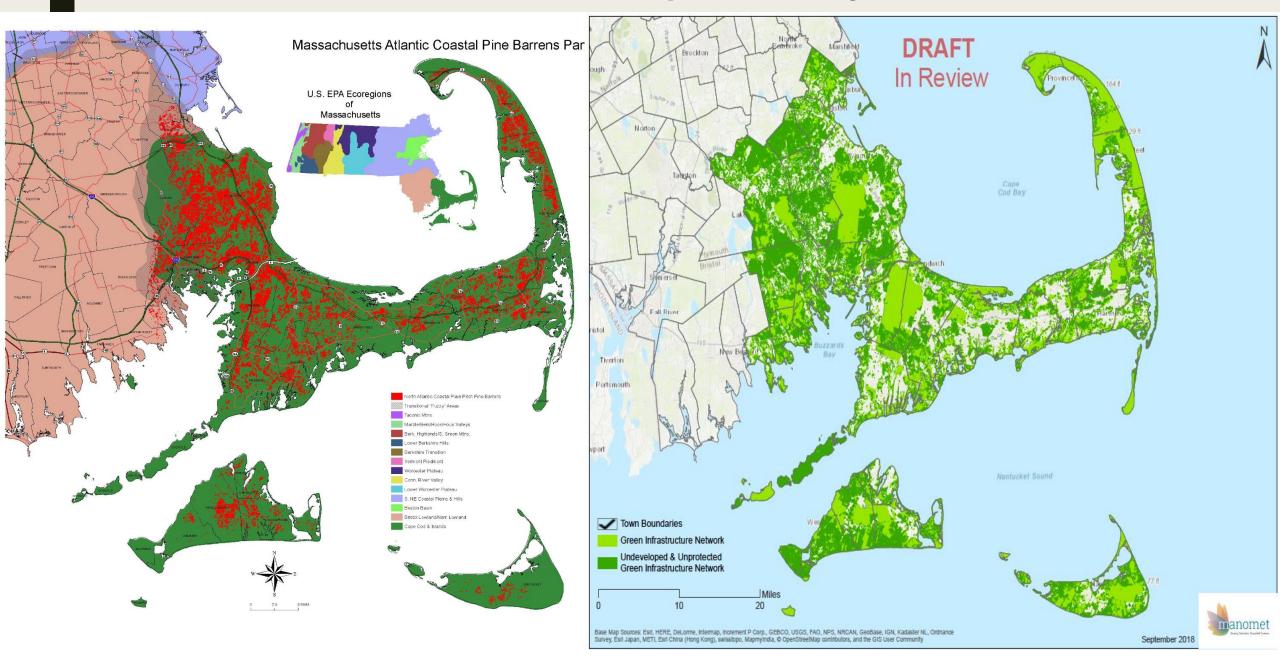
Modern Marketing Misconceptions

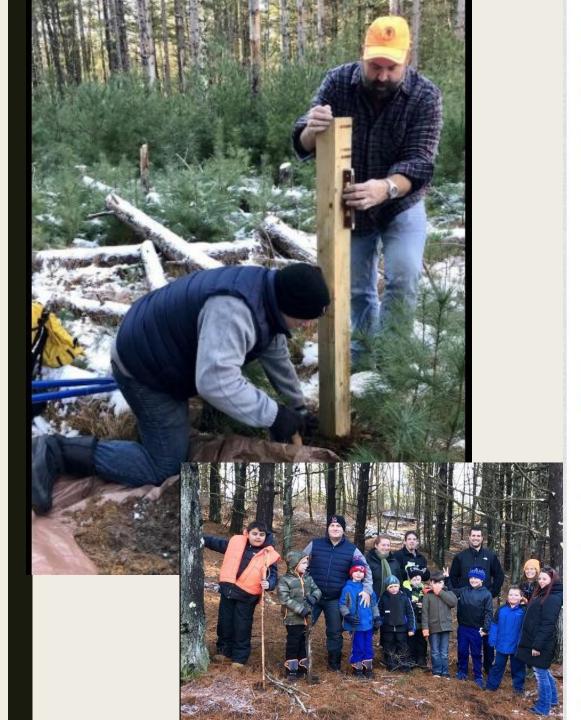
Social media is an effective tool for non-profits

- Ubiquitous
- Expensive
- Time Consuming



Pine Barrens Partnership Survey





Picture Post









Sponsoring Organization:

University of New Hampshire

State:

Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York

Commitment:

Ongoing, Seasonal

Program Website

Picture Post is a part of the Digital Earth Watch (DEW) network. DEW supports environmental monitoring by citizens, students and community organizations through digital photography and satellite imagery.

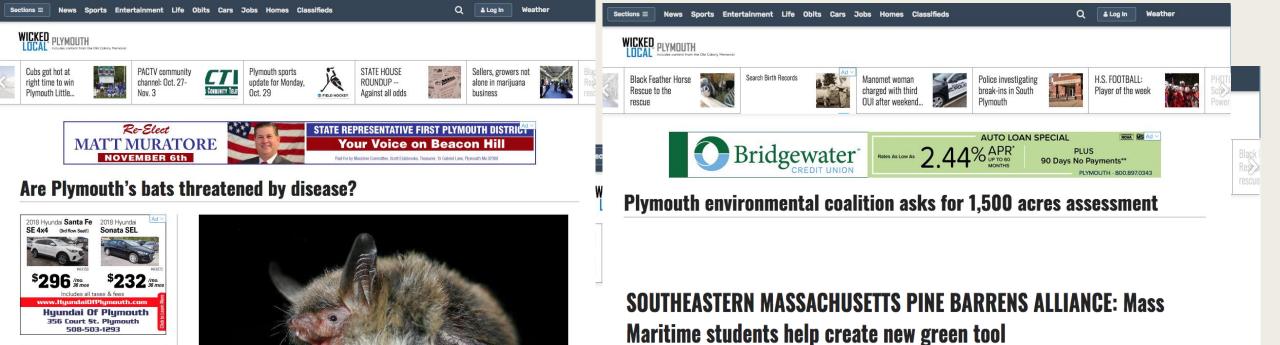
You can...

- · contribute photographs to any Picture Post
- · add your own Picture Post
- · measure environmental change in your neighborhood, and
- · contribute to science networks.

Topics:

Citizen Science & Research, Land Management

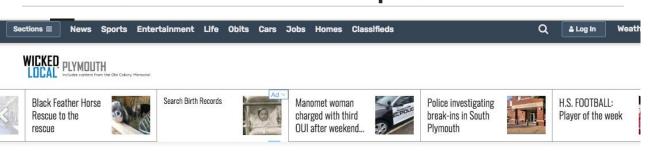




SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS PINE BARRENS ASSOCIATION: Environmentalist celebrates elimination of plantations

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MOST POPULAR



Taste over 100 wines & sample from over 20 local restaurants. Information

Fourth annual Pine Fest happening in Plymouth

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Plymouth students witness dramatic life cycle of cecropia moth



The 365-day effort to protect Plymouth's environment



Closing Thoughts

- Mix human values with science
- Inexpensive, resource-efficient communications methodologies must be part of the mission not just a strategy of nonprofits
- Value of conservation must be seen and communicated in language that reflects the broadest possible audience, using common, non-scientific language

Thank You!



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