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The Conservation Commission of the Town of Arlington and the Arlington Land Trust are very pleased to announce the establishment of the

Arlington Conservation Stewardship Fund

The Fund will support the work of volunteer Arlington Land Stewards in maintaining, monitoring and improving the publicly owned natural areas of the Town of Arlington. Through voluntary tax-deductible contributions to the Fund, residents who value our conservation lands can provide financial support to the Arlington Land Stewards who are doing the on-the-ground work of caring for these resources.

Arlington Land Trust (ALT), as the local non-profit corporation established to promote and support land conservation, will serve as the manager of the Fund. Contributions to the Fund are tax-deductible. In addition, the ALT and the Conservation Commission will work together to explore other sources of funding including foundation and government grants.

The Conservation Commission will review and approve the stewardship projects that will be supported by the ACS Fund. Among the range of activities that the stewards may initiate are: erosion control, invasive species control, improvement and stabilization of pathways, planting of native species, and general cleanup.

Donations to the Fund should be payable to Arlington Land Trust Inc., specified for the ACS Fund, and sent to ALT at Box 492, Arlington MA 02476. Donors, if they wish, can specify which conservation area of the Town they would like their contribution to support. They can also specify support for a particular project, subject to the project's approval.

For more information about the Arlington Conservation Stewardship Fund, please contact Cori Beckwith at the Conservation Commission (781-316-3012 or cbeckwith@town.arlington.ma.us) or Ann LeRoyer at Arlington Land Trust (781-646-7254 or ACSFund@arlingtonlandtrust.org)