

Land Stewards

Open Space Commission



The Open Space Commission employs land stewards to assist in managing and maintaining town owned open space and privately held lands that have a conservation easement in favor of the town.

Peter J. Norris works part-time across various properties to keep their trails “hiker friendly” and to protect their natural resources.

If you happen to see Peter on a trail, say hi; feel free to share your observations and comments; or ask a question.

If you have general inquiries; wish to report trail issues; or are interested in volunteering for work parties to improve trails in Old Lyme, please [contact the commission](#).

Land Steward Responsibilities Include:

- Hike open space trails on a set, rotating schedule,
- Further trail safety by removing hazards; arranging for removal of downed trees; maintaining trail markers and signs; maintaining gates, bridges, barriers; arranging for maps to be as accurate and current as possible,
- Protect wildlife by monitoring habitat health, noting improper use of town land, and removal of trash,
- Identify, remove and/or map invasive species,
- Identify and implement restoration projects, and
- Promote safe use of open space and respect for nature through contact with the public encountered on trails.