



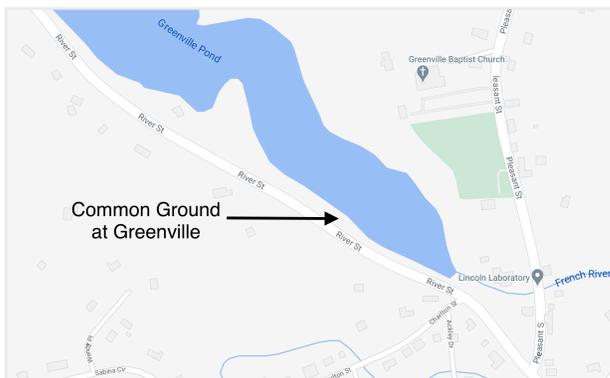
# NEWSLETTER

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## *Introducing Common Ground at Greenville Pond*



Furthering our mission to provide public access to water and open spaces, CGLT has acquired a small strip of land on Greenville Pond in Leicester. The property was a tax taking that the Town of Leicester voted by town meeting vote to transfer to CGLT. Planned uses include a picnic area, a small boat launch for canoeing and kayaking, fishing, and ice skating.



Unfortunately, like many water bodies in our towns, Greenville Pond has become infested by the non-native invasive plants Water Chestnut, making it almost unusable for part of the year. CGLT is working with the Town of Leicester for grants and other funding sources to clear the pond of invasives to protect it and its downstream water bodies including French River and Rochdale Pond.

## CGLT's Mission

As an all-volunteer, non-profit organization, our mission is long-term preservation of natural resources in Leicester & Spencer for natural ecosystem services, food security, recreation and educational benefits for town residents and the region.

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## President's Message

Dear Members,

Here we are, a year since we sent a Newsletter, by snail mail!

As our lives came to a screeching halt, in the spring, many searched for physical and mental health in green spaces and blue spaces. (Look at our logo!)

Everyone has seen very clearly that our mission is needed.

We are currently working on 4 parcels that will be gifted to us. Most are not suited for trails, but wetlands, wildlife habitat and public access to a water body are a big win. Some projects can take several years to complete, but we press on.

*Jan Parke, President*



CGLT's new trail from Spencer's Depot Trail to Bixby Rd has been reconstructed after extensive erosion damage washed out the original trail. Sunshine Landscaping rebuilt the trail using trail building best practices to prevent further erosion and channel runoff. The new trail looks great!