

# THE CAMPAIGN TO CONSERVE NOBSCOT RESERVATION: PROJECT FACT SHEET

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At 452 acres, The Nobscot Scout Reservation in Sudbury and Framingham represents **one of the largest unprotected pieces of open space in the Metro West area**. The natural resource values of the Nobscot Scout Reservation are myriad. The property has been identified by the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program as **estimated rare habitat for two State-listed species**. It also represents **a critical link in a complex of protected lands** that includes Callahan State Park and the Town of Sudbury's Tippling Rock and Nobscot Conservation Areas.



Artwork courtesy of Gordon Morrison

The Knox Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America has owned Nobscot Reservation for 80 years and has now presented Sudbury Valley Trustees and the Town of Sudbury with a unique **opportunity to protect 303 acres** of the camp in Sudbury from future development. The Council will sell a permanent conservation restriction on the property which will be co-held by Sudbury Valley Trustees and the Town of Sudbury. The bargain sale price for this conservation restriction (CR) is \$8.6 million dollars.

At Town Meeting in April, Sudbury residents overwhelmingly voted to support the purchase of the CR with approval of a \$7.5 million appropriation from Community Preservation Funds. Using this funding source means no new taxes will need to be levied for the purchase. The Town will apply to the state for a grant to reimburse up to \$500,000 of the purchase price.

Sudbury Valley Trustees is leading the private fundraising component of the project, with a goal of raising **\$1.25 million** in private contributions. Funds donated will contribute towards the purchase price of the conservation restriction, will endow the long-term care and oversight of the protection, and will support the efforts of SVT to conserve the Nobscot Reservation. The tremendous outpouring of support is a true testament to the importance of conserving Nobscot Reservation.

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