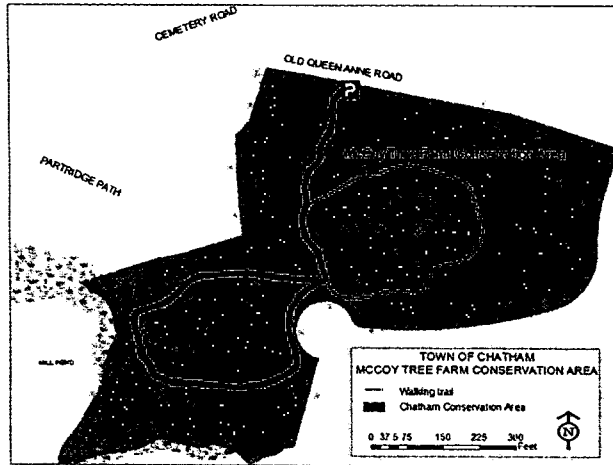


McCoy Tree Farm
1575 Old Queen Anne Road



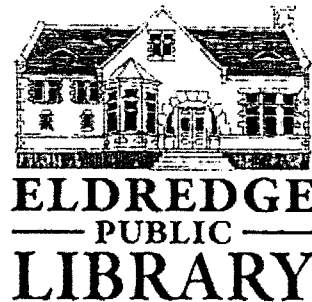
**CHATHAM
CONSERVATION
FOUNDATION**

The Chatham Conservation Foundation preserves land for the benefit of the people, plants, animals, and ecosystems of Chatham. It is a non-profit organization dedicated to the purpose of acquiring land, by gift or purchase, to be preserved in its natural state in perpetuity.

Chatham Conservation Foundation, Inc.
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**ELDREDGE
PUBLIC
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The Eldredge Public Library strives to meet the informational, recreational, and cultural needs of Chatham residents and visitors, and it continues its historical tradition as a free public library, providing professional and exceptional customer service, exemplary materials, resources and programs, current technologies, meeting space, academic support and opportunities for community connection and public discourse in a safe, inclusive and neutral setting.



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A WALK WITH WORDS

Promoting literacy, learning
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of and connection with the
natural world.

Historically, man has attempted
to describe and define the natural
world — its diverse landscapes,
its changing seasons, and its
remarkable inhabitants —
through poetry.

The *Poetry Walk* is a
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The McCoy Family operated the 11-acre woodland as a working tree farm, planting 1,500 seedlings in a 20 year period. Once boasting the tallest pines in the state, it was purchased by the Town of Chatham in 2006. A key figure is Dick McCoy, who not only helped plant the farm's hundreds of trees but continues to share the history and stories of the land during trail steward events.

Today, McCoy Tree Farm offers a half-mile trail loop through woodland habitats, an abundance of wildlife, and is home to a cherished community natural space.

Managed thoughtfully by the Town of Chatham's Conservation Commission, with support from the Chatham Conservation Foundation, with habitats including pine/oak forest, conifer stand, a vernal pool, and wetland remnants—reflecting a transition from working farmland to conserving natural ecosystems.



The Poems

Trees

Joyce Kilmer

A Tree

Shel Silverstein

Bloom

Emory Hall

Things to Do If You Are a Flower

Elaine Magliaro

On Mindfulness

CCooXooEii Black

Now Close the Window

Robert Frost

Seed

Naomi Shihab Nye

Little Seed

Khalil Gibran

Dragonfly

Ted Hughes

A Dragonfly

Eleanor Farjeon

The Up Side

Ron Padgett

Falling Up

Shel Silverstein

The Garden

Anne Brontë

The Garden

A.A. Milne

A Quietness

William H. Davies

Bed in Summer

Robert Louis Stevenson

The Peace of Wild Things

Wendell Berry

Who Has Seen the Wind?

Christina Rossetti

Summer Song

Sarojini Naidu

The Spider and the Fly

Mary Howitt

Blackberry Picking

Seamus Heaney

Bumblebees

Valerie Worth

July

Mary Oliver

Summer

Douglas Florian

The Bird

Emily Dickinson

Birds

Aileen Fisher

