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Leovich Landing Cleared and Dedicated



Following a work day on October 10 during which volunteers cleared the front portion of Leovich Landing of invasive knotweed and erected a sign, the site was dedicated to public use in a celebration by the river October 24. The event was attended by approximately 30 people, including State Senator Richard T. Moore and members of the Oxford Board of Selectmen. A tent was supplied by the Army Corps of Engineers and desserts was provided by Elaine Parker, Sandy Peterson, and Russ Cohen.

Sandy Peterson, Dudley Conservation Land Trust President, and Keith Kirkland, Treasurer, thanked the many donors who made acquisition of the site possible, and especially previous owner Peter Leovich for accepting a bargain sale. Ken Parker thanked all who had worked on clearing the property and explained future plans for a boat launch and a parking lot for a trailhead on the [French River Greenway](#). Senator Moore remarked that the visibility of the site would be an important factor in promoting protection and public use of additional locations.

Mark Smith, Mike Branniff, Sandy Peterson, Keith Kirkland, George Martin, and Tom Ayau pose in front of their handiwork October 10. Not shown are Marcia Wagner, Gerry Frank, and Ken Parker.

Thanks to Gerry Frank for building the sign, Ron Rheault for hauling away the knotweed, Jean Hixson and the USACE for filling a large hole on the property, and Bruce Gobi, Barbara Day, and Ken Butkiewicz for trash removal during an earlier workday.



Explaining the Greenway route



Fellowship under the tent



The cleared land

Water Quality Monitoring News

Audubon conservation land, contributing to a green corridor. Purchase of this property is the latest project of the Dudley Conservation Land Trust, our partner on Leovich Landing. The organization is seeking \$25,000 to purchase the property, and already has grants for \$15,000. Tax deductible donations may be addressed to the Land Trust, PO Box 14, Dudley MA 01571.



[Here's a flyer](#)

In closing.....



We still have notecards for sale. \$2.00 for a pack of four tied with a ribbon. Nice stocking stuffers.



Did you know we have a [blog](#) for breaking news? Check it out.

Our meeting schedule for 2010: January 13, April 14 (annual meeting), June 9, November 10

If you like what we are doing, please [visit us on the web](#), and if you're not a member, please consider [joining](#).

French River Day on September 12 may have been a bit gloomy, but we got undercover at Buffumville and had a great time.

Have a safe and joyous holiday season !!

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