



# LITTLE RIVER BOARDWALK

*Creating a 2-mile walk through nature and history*

Thanks to a string of successful land conservation projects in the **Little River watershed** over the past 10 years, DNRT is in a position to create a **trail connection** between its Frank Knowles/Little River Reserve on Potomska Road and The Trustees of Reservations' Cornell Farm on Smith Neck Road.

Trail users would be able to walk **more than 2 miles** (one way) between parking areas on Potomska Road and Smith Neck Road, across the head of Little River, passing through a scenic landscape of upland oak forests, red maple swamps, salt marsh, meadows, and active farm fields. Signs of historical land use are abundant, including the cellar of a 19<sup>th</sup> century farmhouse, a 10-foot high stone barn foundation, and miles of stone walls that once surrounded farmland.

In order to build the connection, however, several long **boardwalks** will need to be constructed, including a 200-foot section over the saltmarsh between Cornell Farm

and Jonny Point, a 220-foot section over the saltmarsh between Jonny Point and Little River Reserve, and several other sections, totaling approximately 300 feet, crossing streams and wetlands on Little River Reserve. These boardwalks will not only connect existing trails to one another, but will also be a significant attraction themselves, allowing visitors close views of beautiful wetland areas that would otherwise be inaccessible. To further enhance the experience for visitors, we also plan to install several benches and interpretive signs along the trails and boardwalks.

The total cost of this project is \$75,000 and our goal is to begin permitting and construction of the boardwalks in the fall of 2012.

**For information on how you can contribute toward the creation of this exceptional trail, please call DNRT at 508.991.2289**



Looking down Little River from Cornell Farm. A section of boardwalk would cross this salt marsh to the Jonny Point Reserve, seen here on the far right.



A freshwater stream enters the salt marsh on Little River Reserve



Example of boardwalk similar to our plans for Little River

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