

Now, more than ever, Mount Grace needs community support to protect cherished local landscapes. *We invite you to support Mount Grace through a legacy gift.*



PHOTO: DAVID BROTHERS

Mount Grace's work to protect Tully Mountain and the surrounding landscape began thanks to a bequest by Eleanor Whitmore. *We invite you to leave a lasting legacy.*



MOUNT GRACE LAND  
CONSERVATION TRUST  
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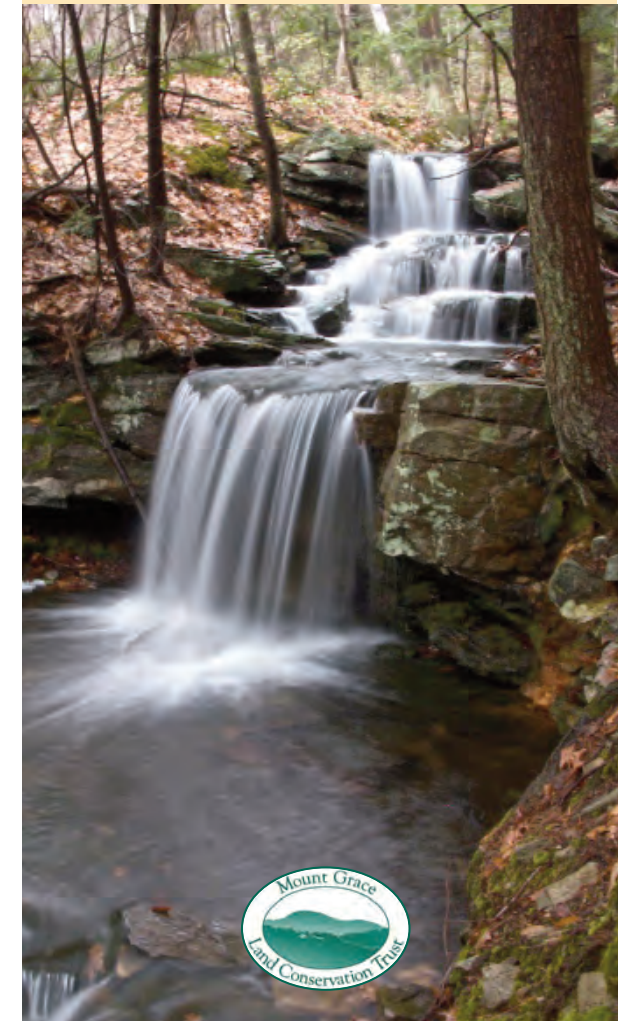
Established in 1986, Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust is a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization headquartered at 1461 Old Keene Road, Athol, Massachusetts.

Mount Grace's federal tax ID number is 04-2938967.

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Create a  
Lasting Legacy  
for the Land





### LEGACY GIVING MEANS FOREVER

Legacy gifts can help you:

- ~ Reduce taxes on your income and capital gains
- ~ Take care of your family's financial needs
- ~ Reduce taxes for your heirs
- ~ Make a larger charitable gift than you thought possible to protect the land

If you are thinking of making a bequest to Mount Grace, please let us know. We are available to talk through the numerous possibilities that benefit you, the region, and Mount Grace for a lasting legacy.

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~ JULIA RABIN



#### DAN LEAHY & JULIA RABIN

Julia and I have a beautiful life, living in a place that is quiet, has abundant wildlife and a dark night sky. We are embedded in a landscape of small towns, productive farms and forests, and warm loving friends.

~ DAN LEAHY

Protecting the uniqueness of this place takes a lot of resources. That is why we made the decision to include Mount Grace in our will. We have a special opportunity to truly shape our region's landscapes. We hope you will join us in considering a legacy with Mount Grace. ~ JULIA RABIN

#### ELEANOR WHITMORE

Eleanor Whitmore enjoyed walking in the woods and meadows near her home in Athol. She asked Mount Grace to use the proceeds from her estate to protect the land she loved. Thanks to Eleanor's bequest, Mount Grace established the Eleanor Whitmore Fund and began the work of conserving more than 9,000 acres of land in the Tully River Watershed.

Today, the neighborhoods that surround Tully Mountain are home to public trails, thriving farms, and resurgent wildlife, thanks to Eleanor Whitmore's generosity.



### BEQUESTS WORK FOR YOU TODAY AND TOMORROW

There are several planned giving options that can help you support Mount Grace's ability to conserve land while meeting your own financial needs.

Making a bequest in your will is the most straightforward planned giving option. Regardless of age or financial status, a will is essential to ensure your property is distributed according to your wishes. You can bequeath *cash, stocks, bonds, specific assets, a house or other real estate, or a percentage of your remaining estate*. You can also name Mount Grace as a beneficiary of an insurance policy or an IRA. Making a bequest has no out-of-pocket costs. Bequests are tax deductible and can reduce your taxable estate.

**Sample bequest language:** *"I give, devise, and bequeath to Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust, Inc. the sum of \$\_\_\_ [or a description of the specific asset], for the benefit of Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust, Inc. for its general purposes."*

This information is general, and is not intended as legal advice. We recommend you consult an attorney or financial advisor when considering a planned gift.



#### MARGARET POWER-BIGGS

Margaret Power-Biggs created an enduring legacy with her bequest of Skyfields Arboretum and a significant gift to Mount Grace. Since her donation, thousands of visitors have enjoyed Skyfields, which is now Mount Grace's headquarters. Pictured at left are school children visiting Skyfields with Mount Grace staff and volunteers.

*A place to learn and study— whether trees, stars, birds or butterflies— for people of all ages... Skyfields will be truly for and by the people.*

~ MARGARET POWER-BIGGS