

## Cumberland Land Trust adds another 52 acres to inventory - The Valley Breeze, 3-29-2018



From left are Paul Vanasse of Seminole Development, Land Trust President Randy Tuomisto and board member Joe Pailthorpe. Seminole has donated 52 acres of land to the Land Trust.

CUMBERLAND – The Cumberland Land Trust added a 52-acre tract of land to its inventory in March thanks to a donation by the Seminole Development LLC.

Open now to area residents, the land is described by Trust President Randy Tuomisto as “pristine woods with a rolling topography and walking trails connecting to existing 150-acres of town-owned open space that includes the Blackall Family Preserve on Old West Wrentham Road.” Tuomisto says there are 3 miles of hiking trails crossing this wilderness area nestled between the Highland Corporate Park and rural West Wrentham Road in Cumberland Hill. The total tract has three ponds, a year-round flowing stream, wetlands, and vernal pools, he said. Also featured are many miles of old farm stone walls. The link to existing open space lands, as well as the property’s intrinsic beauty, make this donation especially valuable to residents of the Cumberland area, Tuomisto noted. “We are grateful for the generosity of this development company,” he said in a statement.

Access is on Old West Wrentham Road and hikers will find trail maps at the two ends of the roadway. A downloadable map will also be available soon on the Cumberland Land Trust website, [www.CumberlandLandTrust.org](http://www.CumberlandLandTrust.org) . It will be updated as new trails are opened.

Seminole Development LLC, the donor, is owned and operated by northern Rhode Island residents Paul Vanasse and John Somyk. The company is currently constructing two of 10 approved homes of 2,400-3,200 square feet on nearby America Street. Those homes are expected to have occupants by June.

Land trust member Joseph Pailthorpe is noting that the trust is looking for historical maps of the area or ownership information dating back in the mid-late 1800s. The trust often names trails in honor of previous land owners. Call Pailthorpe with historical insights or suggestions about naming these new trails at 401-374-7857 if you can help with some family history.