

The Conservancy Cleans Up!

On Saturday, May 15th, members of the Swampscott Conservancy joined together to clean up the wetlands and open spaces around the Swampscott Middle School and playing fields. Organized by Conservancy members Colleen Hitchcock and Gerri Falco, 21 adults and children picked up litter, trash -- even discarded furniture!

“Volunteer clean-up efforts are an important step in not just beautifying our neighborhoods but also improving the health of local ecosystems,” said Hitchcock. “Living things live in these natural areas and human pollution can be harmful to them.”

Within one hour, the group had collected 12 contractor bags of trash, a pipe, a school desk, a few chairs, and 212 baseballs. But trash wasn't everything they found. The clean-up was also a time to discover a little bit of nature in our neighborhood as 5-year-old Emmett Muñoz found out when he came across a pair of Lady Slippers in full bloom.



The Conservancy is grateful for the support of the Town of Swampscott Conservation Commission and DPW for permission to do the clean-up and support in disposal of materials.