

Prospective Waltham Land Trust Board Directors

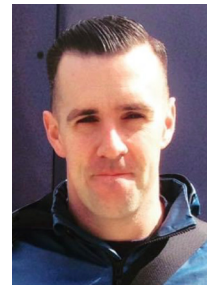
Dan Berlin Dan came to Waltham from Long Island in 1995 to attend Brandeis University, bopped around Metro Boston for a bit, then came back to attend Bentley University for grad school in 2006 and never left. As a user experience (UX) researcher for Mad*Pow, a design agency, he works to help make everyday experiences more intuitive, meaningful, and enjoyable. You'll often find Dan and his dog Shadow picking up trash at Beaver Brook North and the Waltham Dog Ranch.



Erika Bourne Erika has chosen Waltham as her home since 1986 although she grew up in NYC. She is a Registered Nurse and owns Myofascial Pain Treatment Center in Watertown. There she treats people with musculoskeletal pain. She is a board member of the Friends of Stonehurst and a trail steward with the Waltham Land Trust. Erika is an avid gardener with a special interest in native plants and how they support our local birds and wildlife. Her other hobbies include wood carving, metalwork and playing the upright bass.



Tom Geary Tom is a lifelong Waltham resident. A 2002 WHS graduate, he is a member of Carpenters Local 339 since 2005, in which he serves as a shop steward as well as an executive board member. In addition to helping with the WLT repair/replace boardwalk along trails, Tom enjoys volunteering with the Cat Connection. Day hikes, soccer, and snowmobiling in Northern New England are his favorite recreation.



Lesley Sneddon Lesley moved to Waltham from Newton in 2018, when she joined the Waltham Land Trust as a volunteer steward. She is a retired plant ecologist from NatureServe, an international nonprofit organization that provides scientific information to guide conservation. As a plant ecologist, she worked closely with ecologists from NatureServe and from the network of natural heritage programs in the northeastern states from Maine to Virginia. She is a regional editor of the US National Vegetation Classification, a standard classification of plant communities nationwide. She has served on the Boards of CAN-DO, an affordable housing organization in Newton, and of the First Unitarian Universalist Society in Newton. She is passionate about ecology and conservation, and is currently working on nature guides to Prospect Hill Park and the Charles River Greenway in Waltham.



Debbie von Rechenberg Debbie and her husband Moritz have been WLT members since moving to Waltham in 2005, hiking almost daily in the open space around their neighborhood. Both are WLT trail stewards; their beloved, departed dog Mica even pitched in, exchanging litter for cookies. Debbie also serves on the Development Committee. As a freelance medical writer, she enjoys using her writing skills in her volunteer efforts. Besides hiking in Waltham's many open spaces with their current dog Enzo, Debbie enjoys cooking and preserving local produce from Waltham Fields Community Farm and her small chaos garden, playing with sourdough, knitting, crocheting, and practicing and teaching tai chi.

