



# GOAT HILL TRAIL

As part of our efforts to conserve Goat Hill in Acton, Three Rivers Land Trust committed to creating a new trail that meets the Americans with Disabilities Act standards for accessible trails. This ensures that everyone in our communities will have access to the stunning views from the top without limitation.

We need to raise \$25,000 to complete work on the trail. Will you help?

## Why an accessible trail?

Nils Pearson of Acton uses a wheelchair. He shared his thoughts with us after a memorable trip out west where many state and national parks have accessible trails.

*"The ADA describes "disability" as a person having physical limitations that markedly restricts their ability to function. In today's nomenclature, "disability" is often mistakenly confused with "handicapped". When a person with a "disability" encounters an obstacle in their environment that prevents them from doing something, they become "handicapped".*

*Why the fuss over semantics? To live a full life when faced with significant, physical limitations you must focus on what abilities you have, not what is lost. **Being able to add to the "Can Do" list empowers someone like me to get up and fight another day. For Three Rivers Land Trust to recognize the missed opportunities to enjoy the outdoors for those of us who are disabled, is commendable. The willingness to take on the construction of an ADA accessible trail is life-changing.***

*I can't wait to add "Goat Hill Trail" to my "Can Do" list. When my family & I get to the top perhaps Three Rivers will change the "Handicapped Parking" sign to "Enabled Parking"!*



**Yes, I would like help make Goat Hill accessible to everyone in my community!**

I would like to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00 to help complete the new trail at Goat Hill. My gift will help pay for much needed labor and materials so construction can continue in 2019.

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*To make a gift of stock, or for any questions, please call Ruth Gutman at (207) 370-4191.*