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Reading Open Land Trust, Inc.

The Reading Open Land Trust, Inc. (ROLT) was founded in 1979 by a group of private citizens motivated by the conviction that conservation of our natural resources must be a concern for all citizens and not solely dependent on government action and tax revenues.

A valuable feature of the Trust is to facilitate the timely and inexpensive tax-deductible transfer of property ownership, especially from donors confronting deadline issues, yet requiring the permanent continuation of open space usage.



Rolt Parcels

- Currently owns ten parcels in Reading.
- Largest is Fairbanks Marsh, approximately thirty acres.
- Boyd property off West Street is second largest at almost 18 acres.
- Other sizeable properties include Goodale Marsh, Finneman Ice Pond, Sledge Wood and Swamp Island.
- Smaller parcels at Randall Road, Bear Hill, Collins Avenue, Kylie Drive.

Goodale Marsh in Reading



Fairbanks Marsh



Fairbanks Marsh bordering Ipswich River and North Reading



Fienemann Ice Pond



Board Members

- President – Joe Cloonan
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How can town help Rolt?

- Assist us in stabilizing parking area adjacent to Route 28 at Fairbanks Marsh
- Site has potential for locating a raised observation platform to facilitate wildlife and bird watching for the public's enjoyment