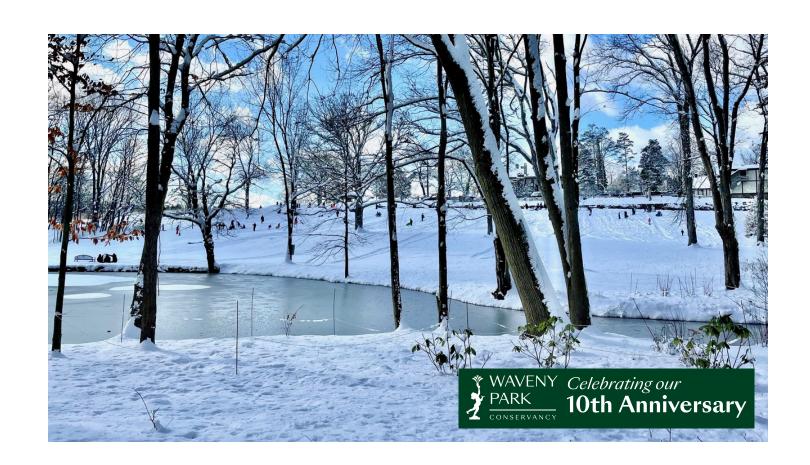






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### Dear XXXXX.

As autumn unfolded across Waveny, I hope you had the opportunity to stroll through its meadows and winding trails. This season's foliage was beautiful, and followed a latesummer showcase in the pollinator meadows. The meadows are a truly wonderful addition to Waveny that we are all fortunate to enjoy.

This year marks the Conservancy's 10th Anniversary—a milestone that fills us with pride and gratitude. We celebrated in September with a memorable gathering in the Park, delighted by the many community members who joined us. The tremendous achievements of the past decade have been made possible through your steadfast



support. Without you, many of the impactful projects we have completed-and those we continue to pursue—would simply not be possible.

# 2025 Highlights and Future Plans

Last winter, we cleared the invasive underbrush in the woodlands adjacent to Jeniam Meadow. Our vision is to restore these woodlands with native plantings, ensuring invasive species are carefully managed. Our next step is to monitor which species reappear, allowing us to treat them effectively and plan for the restoration of this beautiful habitat. The health of these managed woodlands is essential, for our Park visitors and for the wildlife that calls Waveny home. This new planting project will require patience and we hope to begin in 2026.

Over the past two years, the Conservancy has partnered with Heritage Landscapes LLC, experts in Olmsted-designed parks, to re-envision the trail along the Merritt Parkway. Our shared goal is to improve visitor experience while diminishing the impact of the Merritt Parkway. We presented a schematic design for the renewed trail to New Canaan's Town committees this Fall. Any proposed changes will unfold gradually, with funding provided by both the Conservancy and the Town.

At the time of writing, the Town is completing installation of the new "Western Parking Lot" at Waveny, on the Lapham Road side of the house. Once this project is finished, we look forward to designing and planting thoughtful landscaping to border the lot and wrap around the side porch–supported in part by generous donations already received.

## Why Your Support Matters

None of these efforts would be possible without your generosity. Your continued support empowers us to ensure Waveny remains a thriving oasis for the entire community. Please consider making a donation today. By investing in the Conservancy, you help secure Waveny's welcoming character–for yourself, your family, and future generations.

With deepest gratitude,

Board Chair, Waveny Park Conservancy



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