



I've been on the Conservation Commission for 5 years, I'm a Justice of the Peace, and I served on a committee to update the City Charter several years ago. My husband and I were very involved with trying to keep Berlin Pond free of recreation, but to no avail. I like to be involved with my community - it's something I grew up with and have always tried to do.

My favorite place is out in the woods somewhere, although as I get older the somewhere tends to be more civilized, like the parks. I love to birdwatch in Hubbard Park - there are several species I don't hear often on my side of the North Branch (I'm on North St.) So frankly, I'm hoping to preserve some quiet

areas in the parks where people can walk, birdwatch, contemplate, and perhaps encounter wildlife, without looking over their shoulder for bikes, or even loose dogs. There is a lot of habitat connectivity between the northern portion of Hubbard including the two new parcels, and the forests that extend to the Worcester Range, so the chance of encountering wildlife - fox, fisher, coyote, bear etc - is pretty good if one is quiet and there at the right time. I think the two big parks (Hubbard and North Branch) combined are certainly big enough to allow for many different uses without conflict - something for all needs, as much as possible - and it's exciting to think about being part of the process of developing the master plan for those parks.