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The Legacy Trail is officially done. The newest recreational and nature-embracing asset in Weston crosses a portion of the Case Estates from the Community Center and up a hill where views of the sunset across the Case Estates can be absorbed. The trail connects with another pathway that takes visitors across the historic Hillcrest Corridor to Ash Street. The path is dotted with dedication pavers and benches, and all five trail-head markers and the two pillars at main entrance are made from historical granite repurposed from the old Sears Estate and the Field School.

The Legacy Trail is the result of many generous contributors during Weston's Tercentennial Anniversary in 2013. The Weston 300 (the Tercentennial Steering Committee) hosted a year-long celebration with events honoring Weston's history and community as it also raised the funds for this lasting gift. The trail was originally supposed to be located on the Case Campus but after the 10-year acquisition battle for the Case Estates concluded in 2016, the Legacy Trail was relocated so everyone could enjoy the spectacular views of this historic property. Town Meeting in 2019 approved additional funding through the Community Preservation Act fund to help the construction of the trail and connectors, which are ADA-friendly and has many resting spots for a leisurely stroll to embrace the natural surroundings. Dogs must be leashed at all times on the trail and fields, not only preserving the sensitive surrounding meadowland ecosystem but also making it friendly to those who are not so comfortable with a canine companion.

The Legacy Trail would not be possible without the volunteer power - and patience - of the Weston 300 team led by Dusty Rhodes, Dee Freiberg, and Marion Packs, and the Host Committee led by James Beams, Kelly Renner, Frank Kettle and Michelle King; the many contributors, whose names can be spotted along the trail; former Select Board Member Michael Harrity, and his tireless efforts to help Weston obtain this land and to see through the vision and support of Town Meeting voters from 2006; and Town staff working with the Conservation Commission and the Public Works Department to get it installed.

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