

Great Bay group marks 100th conservation project with acquisition of 53-acre Brett family farm in Madbury

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MADBURY — The Great Bay Resource Protection Partnership celebrated the completion of its 100th conservation project Wednesday afternoon at the Brett family farm on Route 108.

The 53-acre property has brought the partnership's total number of conserved acres around Great Bay to 5,800.

Nick Brett said his parents bought the property in 1946, providing him and his siblings with the experience of growing up on a working farm. As a young boy, Brett said he realized what he was learning how to do on the farm was ultimately contributing to the well-being of the environment surrounding his family's property as well as the community as a whole.

It is this revelation that Brett said was the driving force behind conserving his family's property with the help of the partnership.

"To be able to continue to make this place available ... is a very wonderful thing," said Brett. "We hope to keep this going for a very long time."

The partnership, comprised of principal organizations including Ducks Unlimited, Inc., Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, New Hampshire Audubon, New Hampshire Fish and Game, Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, The Nature Conservancy, the Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service, has conserved acres in 13 communities around Great Bay, 1,655 acres of wetlands and 24 miles of shoreline.



John Huff/Staff photographer Nature Conservancy's Joanne Glode talks about a 200-year-old sugar maple tree during a site tour by the Great Bay Resource Protection Partnership, which marked its 100th conservation project with the addition of the Brett Farm property on Route 108 in Madbury Wednesday.

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