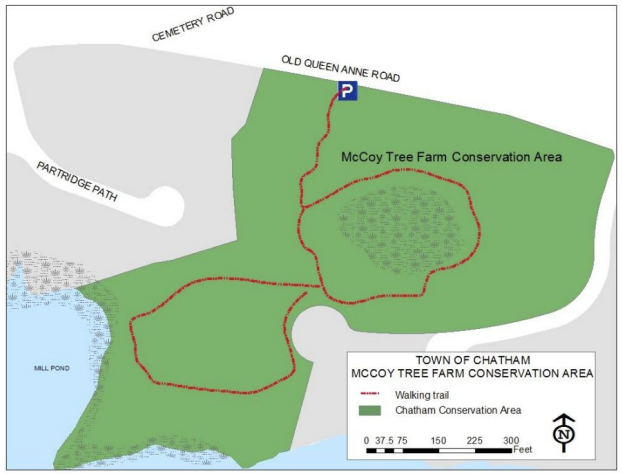
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POETRY WALK

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A WALK WITH WORDS

Promoting literacy, learning and a deeper appreciation of and connection with the natural world.

Historically, man has attempted to describe and define the natural world — its diverse landscapes, its changing seasons, and its remarkable inhabitants — through poetry.

The *Poetry Walk* is a collaboration between the Eldredge Public Library, The Town of Chatham, and the Chatham Conservation Foundation.

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The McCoy Family operated the 11-acre woodland as a working tree farm, planting 1,500 seedlings in a 20 year period. Once boasting the tallest pines in the state, it was purchased by the Town of Chatham in 2006. A key figure is Dick McCoy, who not only helped plant the farm's hundreds of trees but continues to share the history and stories of the land during trail steward events.

Today, McCoy Tree Farm offers a half-mile trail loop through woodland habitats, an abundance of wildlife, and is home to a cherished community natural space.

Managed thoughtfully by the Town of Chatham's Conservation Commission, with support from the Chatham Conservation Foundation, with habitats including pine/oak forest, conifer stand, a vernal pool, and wetland remnants—reflecting a transition from working farmland to conserving natural ecosystems.



The Poems

Trees
Joyce Kilmer
A Tree
Shel Silverstein

Bloom
Emory Hall
Things to Do If You Are a Flower
Elaine Magliaro

On Mindfulness
CCooXooEii Black
Now Close the Window
Robert Frost

Seed
Naomi Shihab Nye
Little Seed
Khalil Gibran

Dragonfly
Ted Hughes
A Dragonfly
Eleanor Farjeon

The Up Side
Ron Padgett
Falling Up
Shel Silverstein

The Garden
Anne Brontë
The Garden
A.A. Milne

A Quietness
William H. Davies
Bed in Summer
Robert Louis Stevenson

The Peace of Wild Things
Wendell Berry
Who Has Seen the Wind?
Christina Rossetti

Summer Song
Sarojini Naidu
The Spider and the Fly
Mary Howitt

Blackberry Picking
Seamus Heaney
Bumblebees
Valerie Worth

July
Mary Oliver
Summer
Douglas Florian

The Bird
Emily Dickinson
Birds
Aileen Fisher

