What is your role within the Hopewell Big Woods Partnership?

Pam: I've been attending Partnership meetings since 2004 when Jim Thorne was Director of the program. In 2019, Natural Lands, which had been administering the program, reached out to French & Pickering to take over the role and I was given the task of becoming the Coordinator of the Partnership. This involves collaborating with dozens of organizations and agencies to conserve this space and increase awareness of the environmental, recreational, cultural, and historic resources within the geography.

What are your hopes for the Hopewell Big Woods Story Map?

Pam: After inheriting this role, I wanted to highlight the Hopewell Big Woods further. I also wanted to honor Jim's legacy, work towards achieving extra protection through zoning and municipal conservation plans, and put a spotlight on the Hopewell Big Woods Protection Plan.

How can viewers best interact with the Story Map & what can they learn?

Pam: The Story Map provides individuals looking to get outdoors with a great overview of the different resources of the woods, all in one place. The map also links to partners, where you can find additional information.

Is there anything else you'd like readers to know about the Partnership?

Pam: I want to give credit to Kelsey Boyd and Megan Boatright over at Natural Lands who assisted in the creation of this resource!

We hope you visit the Hopewell Big Woods soon and take in the amazing qualities of this one-of-a-kind open space!

