Bartholomew’s Cobble
The Future is Bright

Tuesday, May 13, 2014
10:00AM - 12:00PM   Ashley Falls, MA

$15.00 ELA Member and $25 Non-Member

Join tour guides Julie Richburg and Bridghe McCracken to learn the design and conservation considerations for the floodplain forest restoration at Bartholomew’s Cobble, a Trustees of Reservations (The Trustees) property. The importance of the original 60-acre property has been described as having the same biodiversity as 60,000 acres of Mount Desert Island in Maine. Bartholomew’s Cobble is a National Natural Landmark that provides critical habitat to more than 30 state-listed species.

Over the years, the Cobble’s floodplain forests had been cleared for agricultural fields, became overrun with non-native invasive plants, and was losing crucial habitats for native plants and animals. This multi-year Floodplain Forest Restoration and Habitat Improvement Project featured:

- Restoration of 10 acres of floodplain forest
- Improvements to an additional 75 acres of state-listed priority habitat and elimination of non-native invasive plants
- Planting of more than 1,800 trees, including Silver Maple, Box Elder, Cottonwood, Sycamore, Tulip Tree, Hackberry, and seven varieties of disease-resistant Elms
- Site monitoring for two years after completion to ensure long-term success

After learning about the restoration project, you will be free to tour the 300-acre property of cobbles, forest (rich with understory plants such as maidenhair ferns), the river’s edge, open fields, transitional forest, and freshwater marshes with beaver ponds.

Registrations are limited - Use This Link to Register Online Now
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The tour will be jointly led by Julie Richburg, Regional Ecologist at The Trustees of Reservations and Project Manager for the Bartholomew’s Cobble restoration. And Bridghe McCracken, founder of Helia Land Design and Chief Landscape Designer at Project Native.

CEUs are being sought for this presentation.