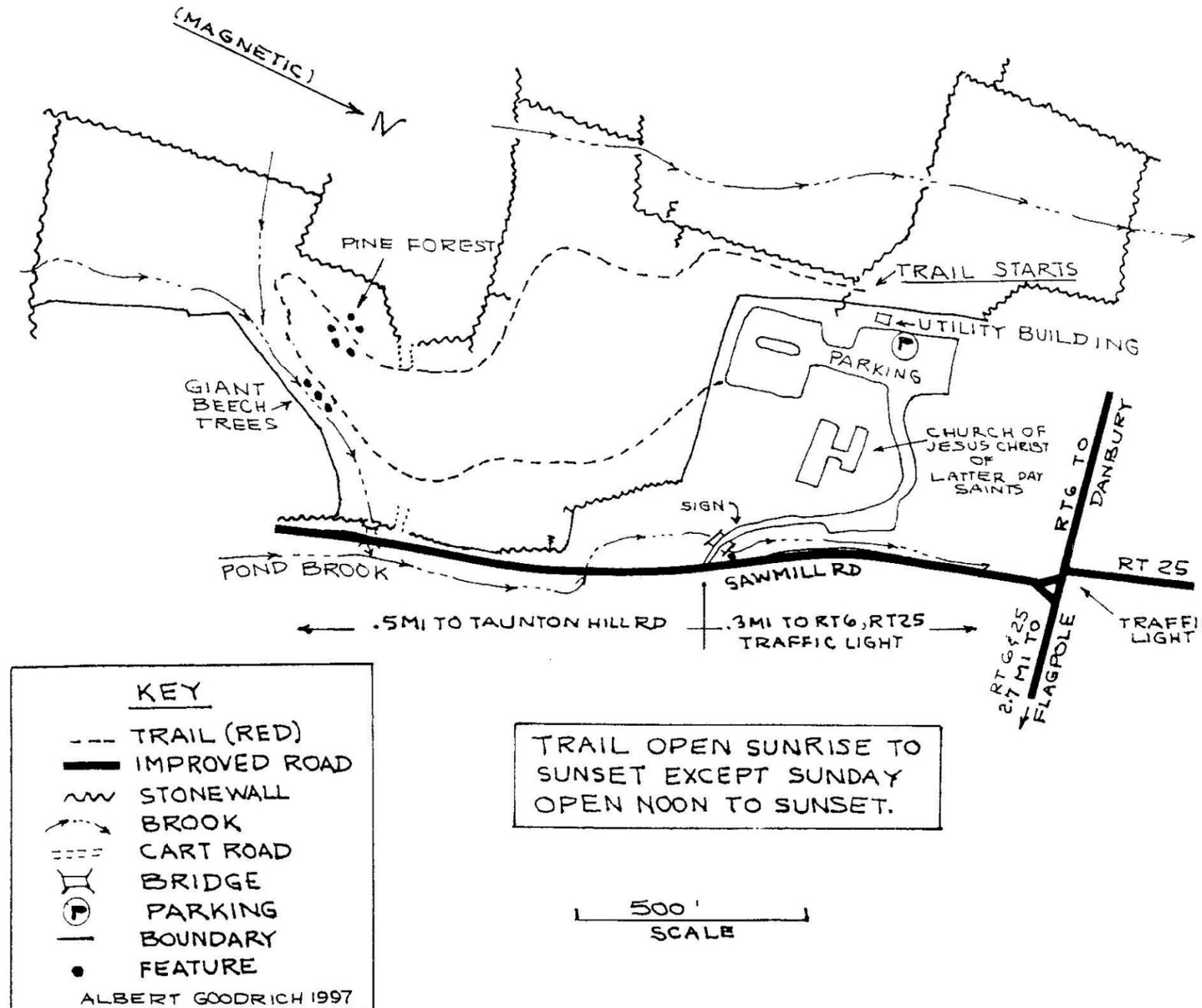


WEANTINOGE HERITAGE LAND TRUST

Henry Preserve, Newtown, 28 ac



OVERVIEW:

Pleasant, easy walking on well-defined trail.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Elliott Henry, a civil engineer, cared for this preserve for many decades before he trusted it with permanent preservation with Weantinoge Heritage Land Trust. He told of the land's previous owner, Ed Camp, who worked the land during the early 1900s. The Camp family bought the land directly from the Fairchild estate, one of the first plots of land laid out in colonial Newtown. Seeing this thriving forest, it is hard to believe it had once been cleared and Camp grew corn here. Eventually, he gave up corn and started grazing sheep. The parcel later reverted to forest and was gifted to Weantinoge in 1989.

Today the forest has many beautiful features. Tall tulip poplars and beech predate 1900. Inside the Preserve is a major tributary of Pond Brook that drains the Great Hill area of Newtown. Before heavy development of the area, the stream supported brook trout. But, as homes were built, runoff increased, causing lower flow during dry spells, and the stream's creatures became vulnerable to raccoons. In the northern section are oak stumps five feet in diameter. The forest is home to over 15 neotropical migrant birds that depend on an unbroken forest canopy to help their nests survive.

Along with Weantinoge's first preserves manager, John McNeely, Andrew George, member of Troop 41 chartered by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints of Newtown, earned his Eagle Scout Award after creating the Pond Brook Trail through the Preserve.

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