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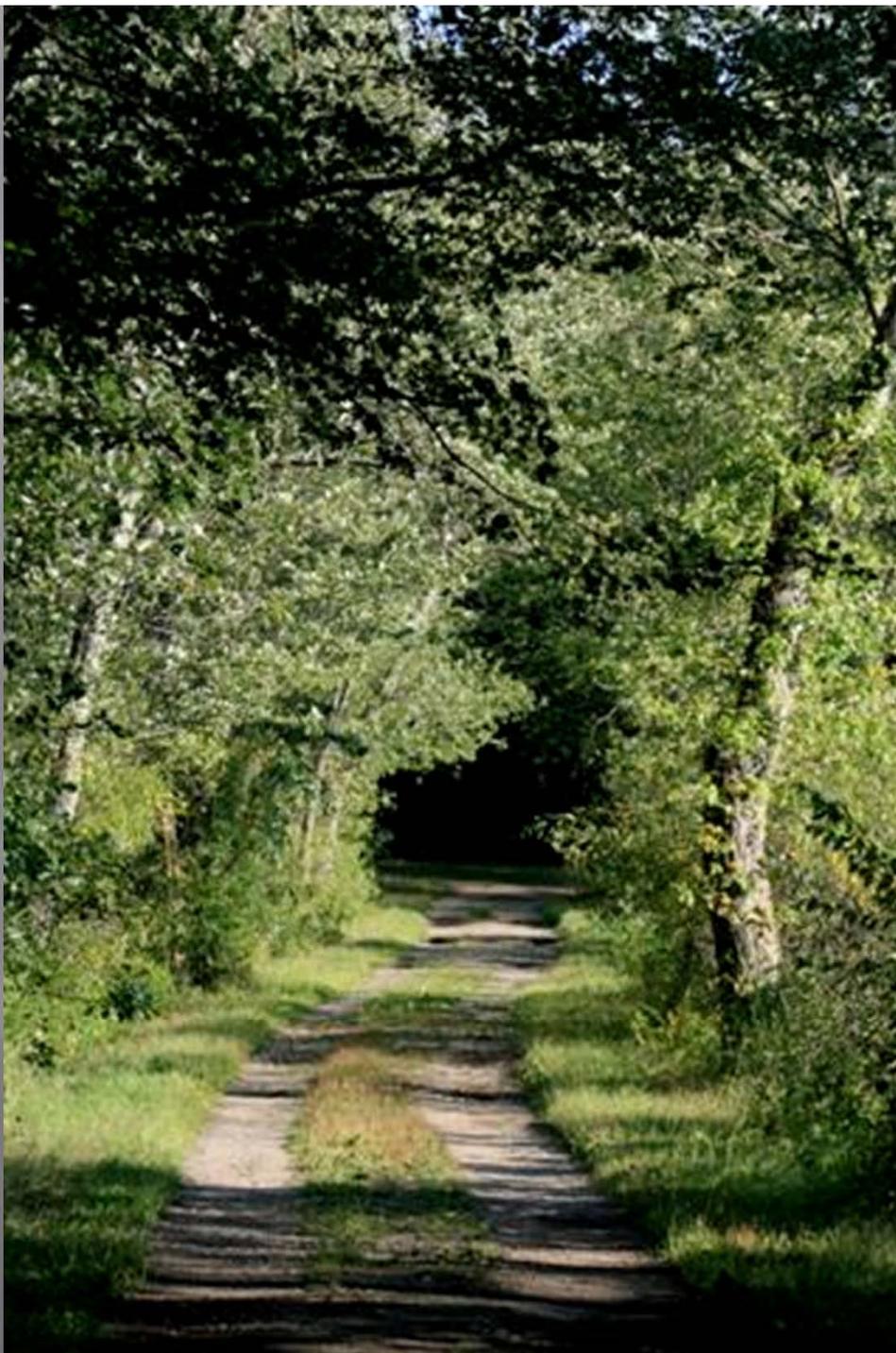
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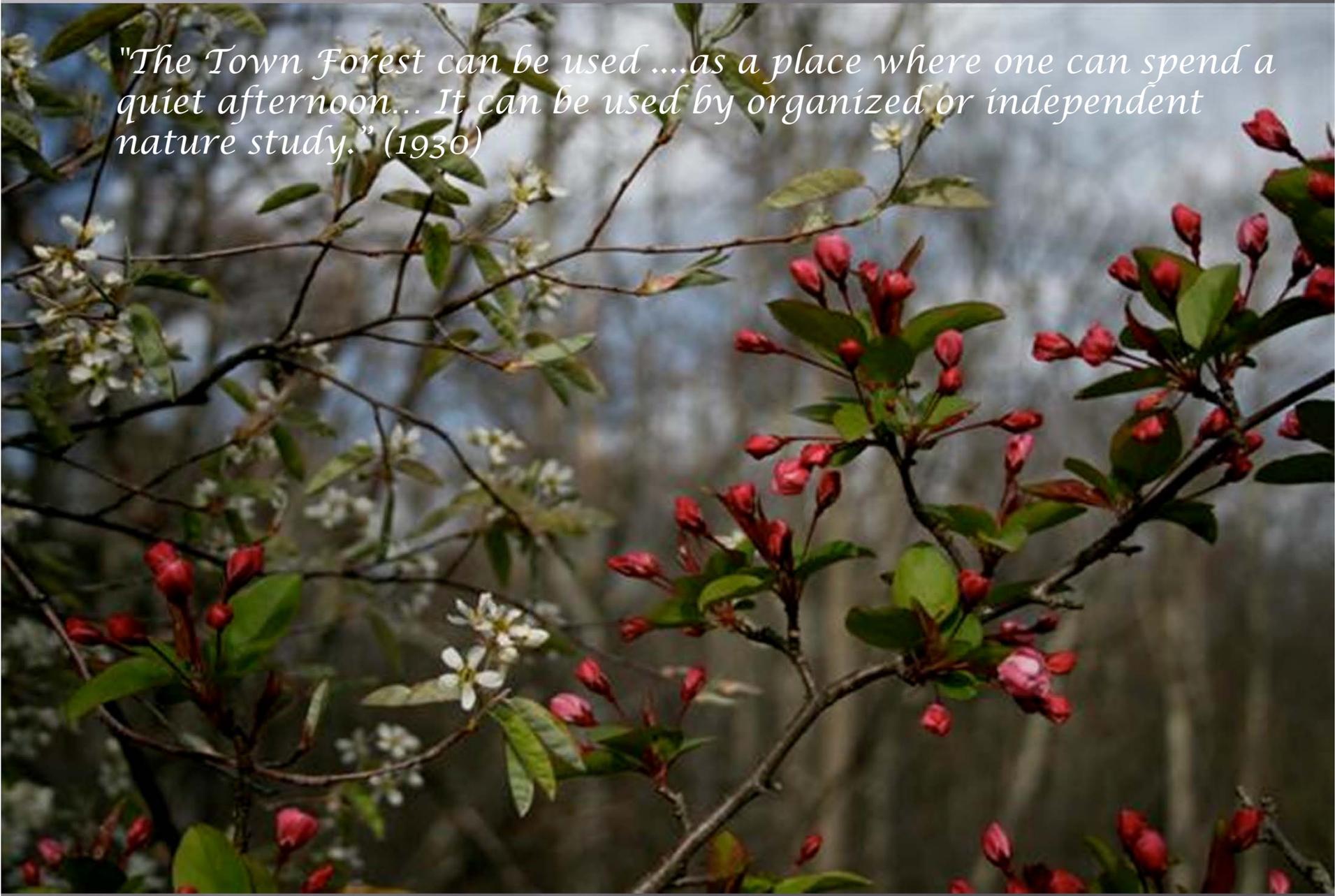
“...a coming generation might enjoy (the) great out of doors and reap the benefit that patience and care alone can bring.” (1930)



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A close-up photograph of a tree branch. The branch is covered with small, delicate white flowers and numerous bright red buds. The leaves are a vibrant green. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue and grey, suggesting a sky or a distant forest. The overall mood is serene and natural.

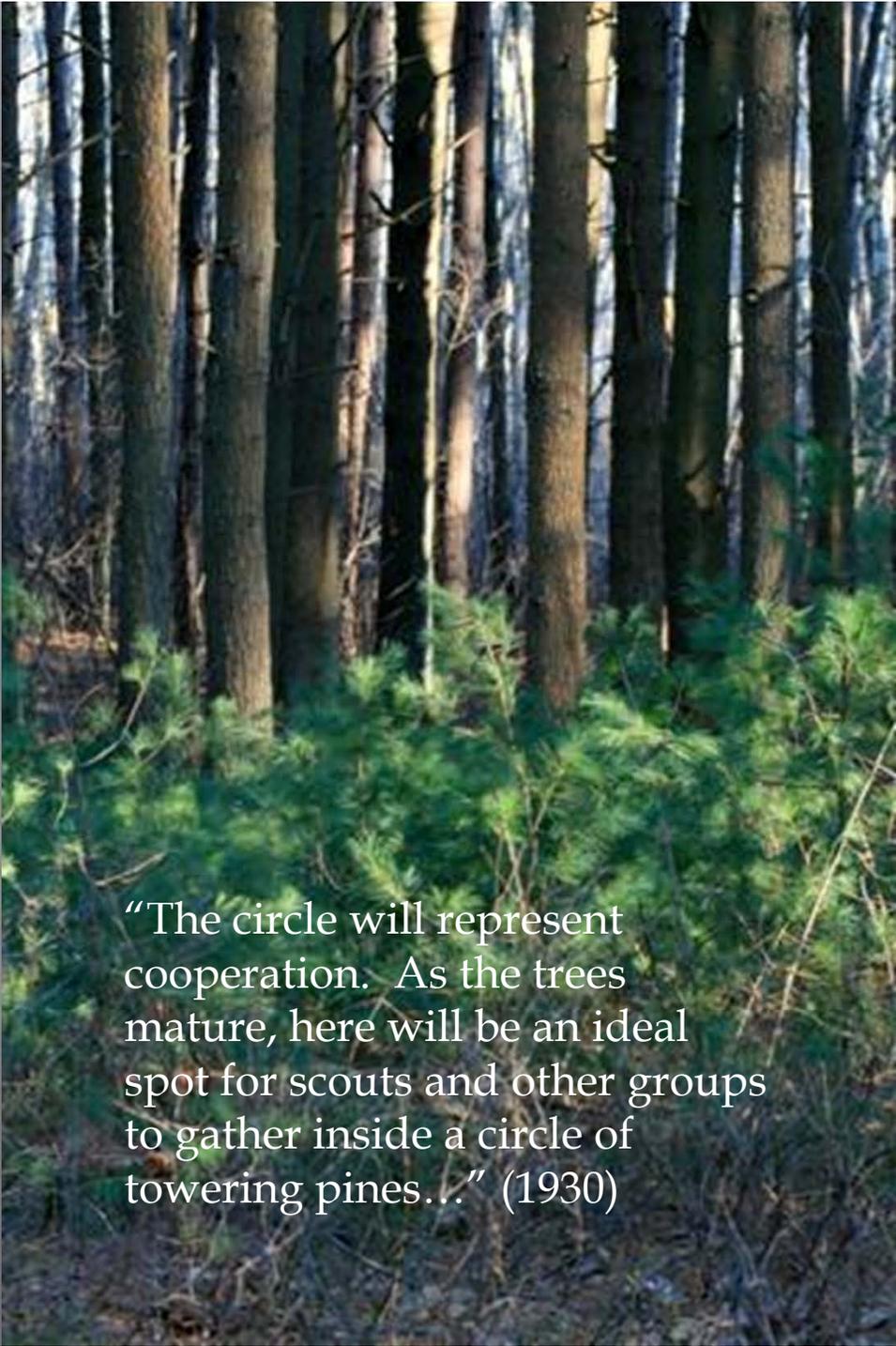
"The Town Forest can be usedas a place where one can spend a quiet afternoon... It can be used by organized or independent nature study." (1930)



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“The circle will represent cooperation. As the trees mature, here will be an ideal spot for scouts and other groups to gather inside a circle of towering pines...” (1930)





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"Our town receives multiple benefits from our Town Forest in the fields of watershed protection, educational activities and recreational activities."
(1965)



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"It is good to preserve scenic beauty for its own sake." (1965)



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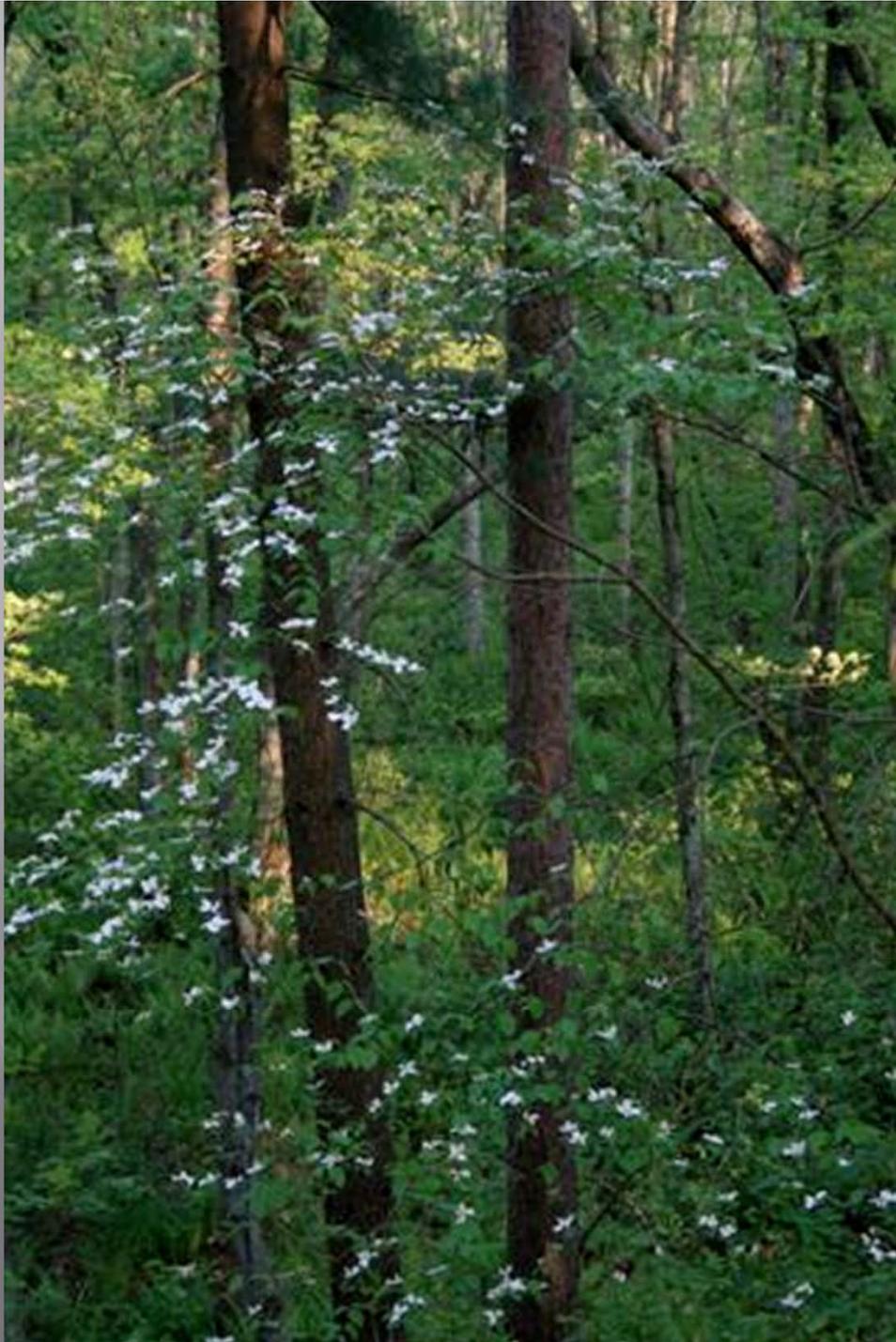
"The Improvement and management of the Town Forest is probably Reading government's least publicized project, and for value received, its least appreciated." (1966)

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“Protected as it will be, (the Town Forest) will constitute as fine a sanctuary as can be found anywhere. It will be a ‘thing of beauty and a joy forever.’ (1930)



*“...the citizens of Reading
in the year 1930 -
Tercentenary Year -
planted a ‘forest primeval’
that a coming generation
might enjoy.” (1930)*



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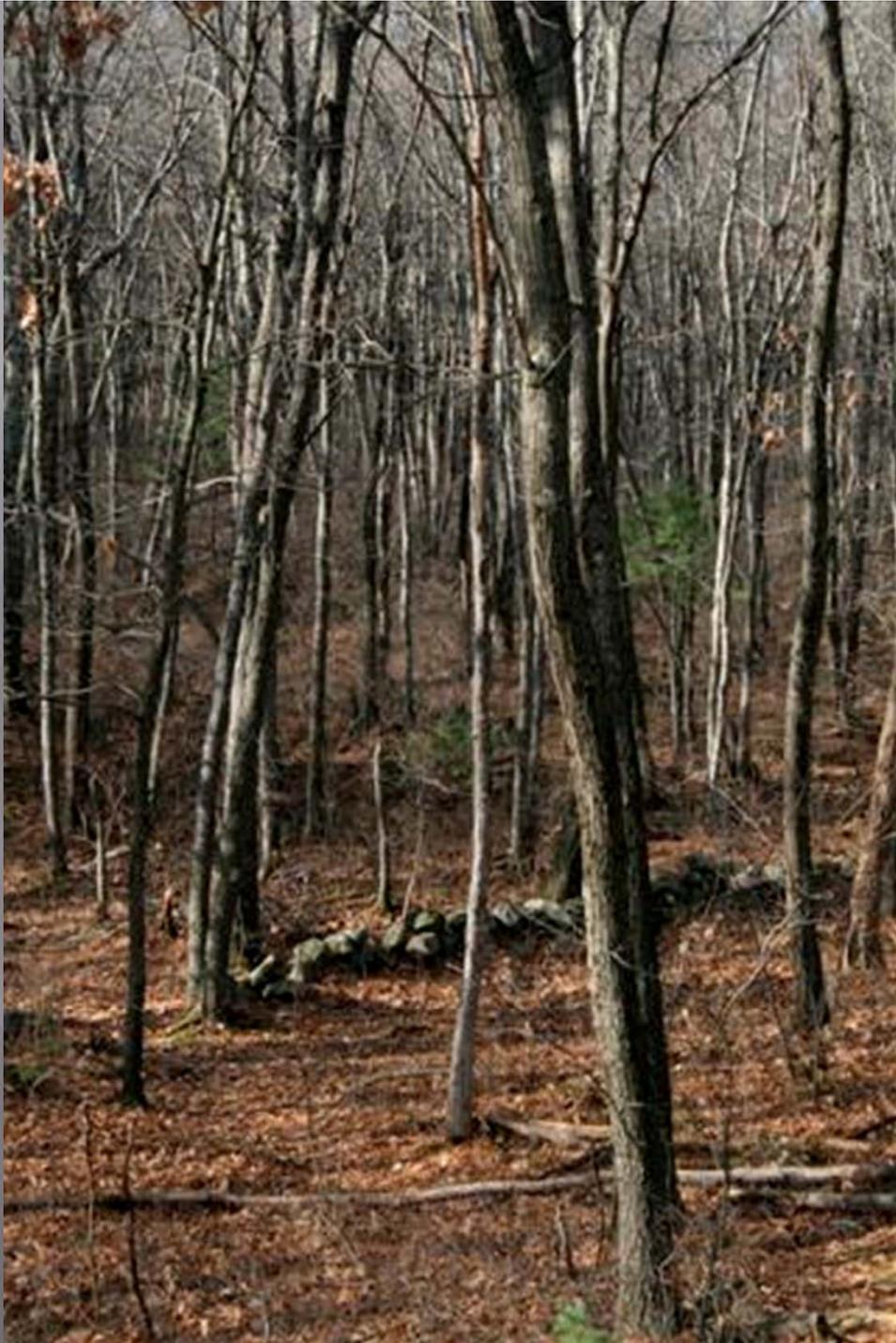
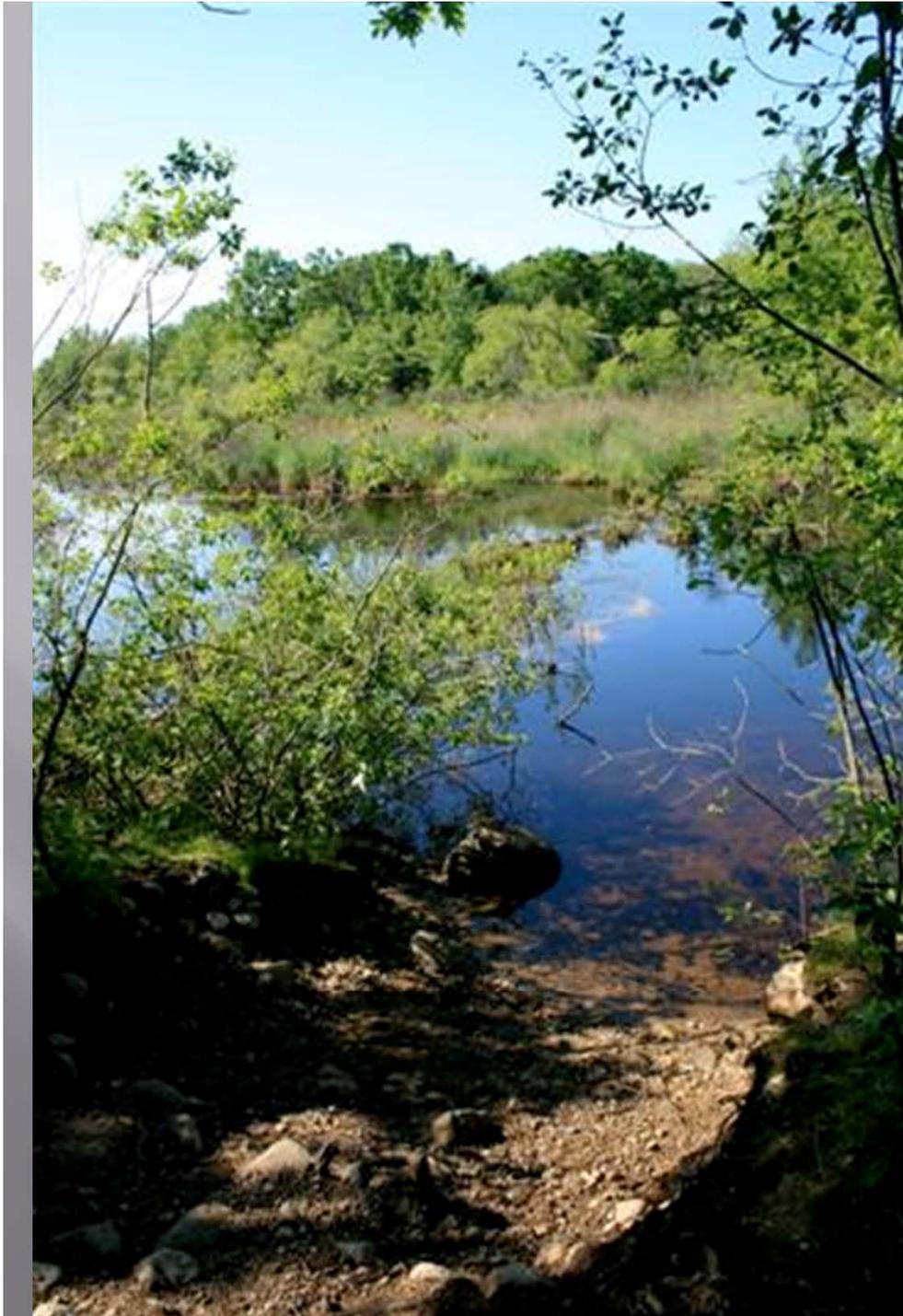


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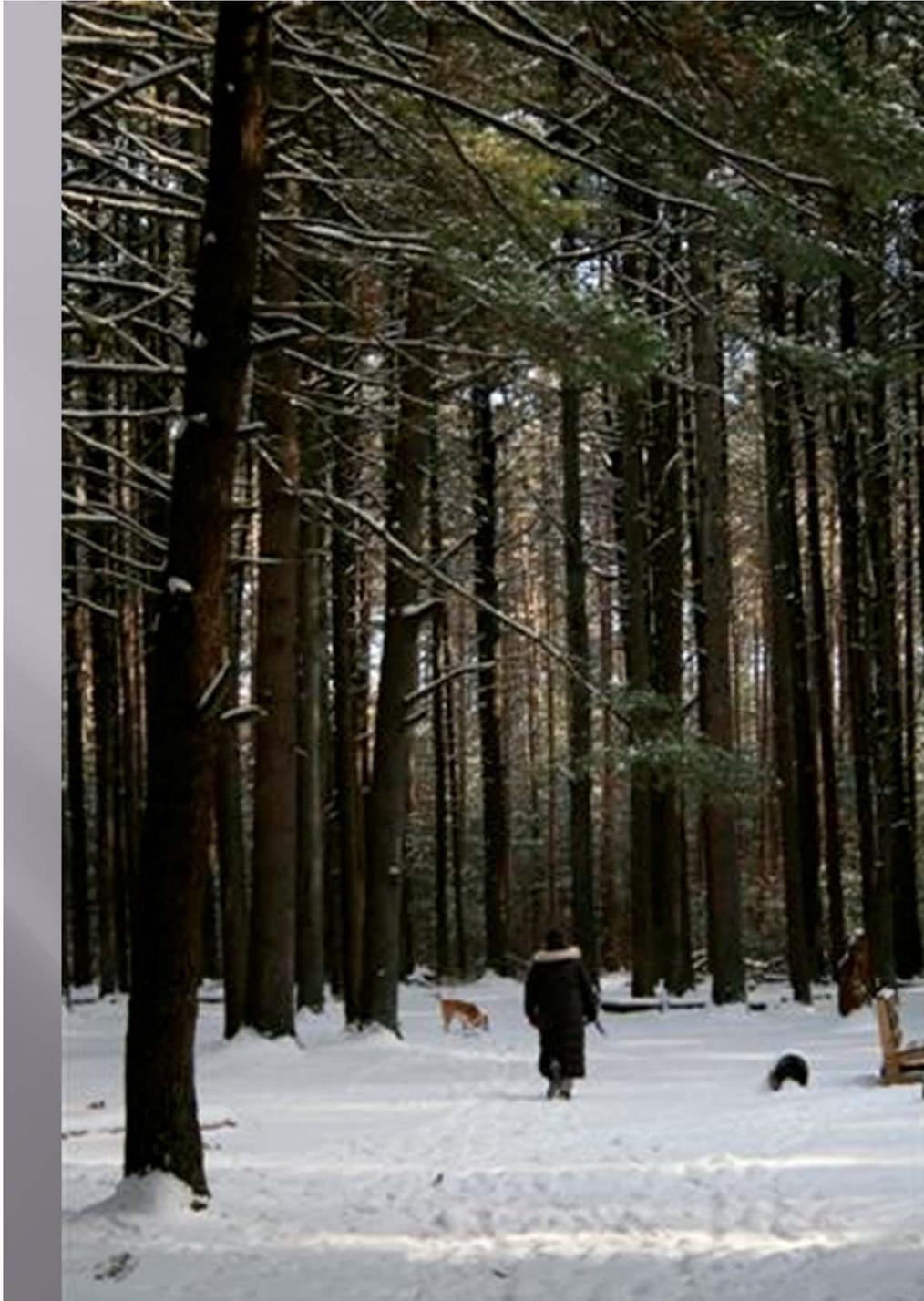


“In a relatively short time Reading will no longer be a suburb of Greater Boston; instead it will be in the core of Greater Boston. At that time our children will deeply appreciate the work being done by our Town Forest Committee today.” (1966)





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(The forest is)... "more peaceful than the sea, more enduring than any landscape which bears the marks of cultivation, and is a perpetual source of wonder to those whose lives are spent in the urgency of the cities or the self-sufficiency of the suburbs." (1966)