



Marge's Barn is an 8.5 acre parcel of land that the Avon Land Trust received as a bequest by the late Marge Kubik-Dubiel in 2022.

Wildlife Habitat:

The Marge's barn parcel has a mix of mature hardwood and conifer forest, plus a meadow habitat, and is bordered by Hawley Brook on the east. Among the wildlife observed on the property are whitetail deer, black bear, bobcat, red tailed hawks, pileated woodpeckers, barred owls, bluebirds and tree swallows, brook trout, and a rare blossoming tulip tree.

Improvements:

The Marge's Barn parcel has a circa 1820 barn. Thanks to a very generous grant from the Richard P. Garmany fund in 2023, the Avon Land Trust was able to make some substantial improvements to the barn. A concrete floor was poured in the lower level, and the two open bays were secured with doors. An electrician wired the barn for lighting. As a result of these improvements, the lower level of the barn can now be used for nature-related activities, and also as a workshop for scout projects.

In the summer of 2023, girl scout Makena Logan made a number of improvements to the Marge's Barn parcel, as part of her Gold Award project. She cleared a trail thru invasive barberry in "Cow Alley", and connected our parcel to the Town of Avon trail. Organized hikes can now stop at the barn. Makena also installed a pollinator garden, a screech owl nest, a bat house, several bluebird nest boxes, planted several mulberry trees, and installed signage.

In the fall of 2024, boy scout Aaron Mukherjee further improved the raised walkway in "Cow Alley", by making it wider and longer. He also installed a kiosk that was funded by Eversource.