

THOREAU FARM TRUST
BIRTHPLACE OF HENRY DAVID THOREAU

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The beautifully restored Henry David Thoreau Birth House at 341 Virginia Road.

Thoreau Farm Trust is a nonprofit whose original mission was to restore the house in which Henry David Thoreau was born. In an increasingly virtual world, people who had been informed and inspired by the works of Thoreau came together to preserve a physical space, one they intended would eventually serve as a living legacy to his ideas which remain vitally important in the 21st century. The house, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, was meticulously restored and rehabilitated by historic architect Larry Sorli in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's

Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. Most of the original interior elements survived and the exterior of the house was returned to its 18th-century appearance using physical evidence and historic photographs provided by Special Collections at the Concord Free Public Library. The birth house and surrounding property continues to attract visitors from around the world and serve as a model of environmental sensitivity in historic restoration having integrated green materials and systems into the project while maintaining the historic integrity of the structure.

The mission thus evolved into one of effecting social change, primarily by challenging both our members and visitors in a call to action – one application of Thoreau's dictum "to live deliberately." So in addition to acting as steward of this historic property, the mission of Thoreau Farm Trust is to help people – individually and collectively – change, improve, and enrich the world we live in through the writing and legacy of Henry David Thoreau.

The house is open May through October and this season's opening will introduce a digital application as a way to explore the property and connect both with Thoreau and the stories of those who, influenced by his ideas, have changed our world.

VETERANS SERVICES

Richard Krug
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The Veterans' Services program is mandated by Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 115 and administered under State guidelines to provide information, advice and assistance regarding benefits to veterans and their families. Every city and town in the Commonwealth is required to have a benefits program for its resident veterans and their dependents, as well as a full-time Veterans' Services Officer. The Veterans' Services Officer must be a war-era veteran and be available full time to provide assistance. The Town is reimbursed by the State for 75% of benefits paid under this mandated program. With the support of the Commonwealth's House, Senate and Executive Office, Massachusetts is now recognized as having one of the most comprehensive veterans' programs in the nation.

The Office of Veterans' Services, located at 105 Everett Street, provides critical services to those who have worn