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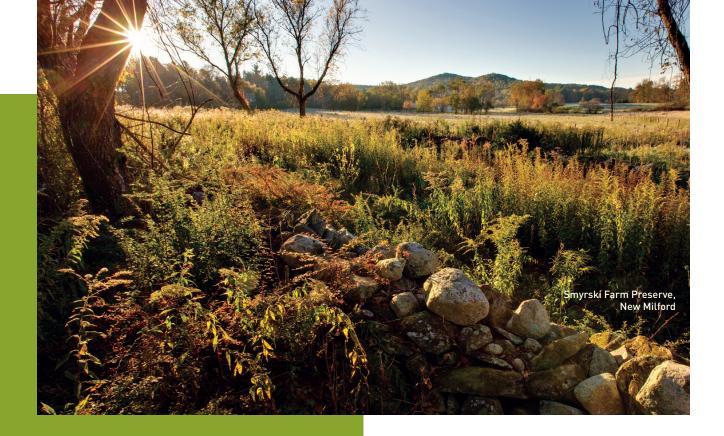
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MISSION

Founded in 1965 to benefit the general public through the preservation of natural areas, fish and wildlife, and working farmland, Weantinoge Heritage Land Trust is now the largest land trust in Connecticut and the 18th largest in the United States by the number of lands we protect.

Over our 50 year history,
Weantinoge has permanently
protected more than 9,000 acres
in 17 communities throughout
Northwest Connecticut. The
organization's protected lands
include designated wilderness
areas, 15 working farms,
streambelts, viewsheds, critical
watershed lands, and 12 nature
preserves open to the public
with 18 miles of hiking trails.





ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

Happily, this year has given us many reasons to celebrate.
Not only is this Weantinoge's 50th Anniversary, but also we are pleased to announce Weantinoge was awarded accreditation from the Land Trust Accreditation Commission.

Accreditation recognizes land trusts that meet or exceed national land conservation standards. It is a rigorous evaluation of Weantinoge's operations, from governance and recordkeeping, to land management and easement stewardship. For an organization of Weantinoge's size—18th largest land trust in the United States by the number of lands we conserve—accreditation reflects substantial investments in stewardship, staff, and technology. Accreditation also demonstrates our commitment to permanent land conservation that benefits all of Northwest Connecticut.

After our years of hard work, it was gratifying to hear from the Commission that our application was one of the best ever received and, because of its high quality, our Executive Director, Catherine Rawson, was asked to join the Commission in reviewing future applications.

Yet, even while working on our accreditation application, we remained focused on our core work of stewardship, education, partnerships, and land protection. For example, this year Weantingge is investing \$50,000 in improvements to the Smyrski Farm. Grants from the Diebold and 1772 foundations are helping to cover repairs, installation of new gutters, repainting, and other structural improvements. Greyledge Farm is assisting with barn and fence repairs, and we have received generous in-kind work from Linda and Nick Pouder, Bill Stuart, Jr., and other tenants. Weanting a long-term habitat improvement project to remove invasive species like multiflora rose and autumn olive while encouraging native plants like dogwoods, willows, alder, and wildflowers like Joe pye weed, milkweed, and goldenrod. These native species provide excellent forage and habitat, and the wildflowers are especially beneficial to honey bees. Our education and partnership programs have also resulted in a number of success stories. 2015 is the second and



Cobble Brook Vista Preserve, Kent



final year of our project, "Restoring the Still River Preserve Through Place-Based Learning," a partnership between Weantinoge, the New Milford Youth Agency (NMYA), local botanists, and the Institute for American Indian Studies, which has been funded by the Connecticut Community Foundation. This year's objectives were to restore the habitat of Weantinoge's Still River Preserve in New Milford while engaging NMYA students in educational activities. One of the highlights of the students' summer was the chance to contribute to an archaeological dig at the Hopkins Vineyard, dated to approximately 4,500-years old. Students participated in every step of the dig from removing soil, screening for artifacts, and documenting their findings. The students found bone and a rare dentate pattern on pottery shards that had not previously been found at the site.

We also have been honored to work closely with and provide stewardship and conservation services to a number local land trusts, including Bethlehem Land Trust, Brookfield Open Space Legacy, Inc. (BOSLI), and Naromi Land Trust. Our partnership work has included: building a new parking area with BOSLI to serve our adjoining nature preserves, providing stewardship and technology training to Bethlehem and Naromi Land Trusts, and creating digital property boundaries for Bethlehem and a stewardship manual for Naromi. And, we are thrilled to announce we are now working with the CT Department of Agriculture on farmland protection projects throughout Northwest Connecticut.

Our acquisitions during the course of the last 18 months have also been tremendously exciting. All told we protected 200 acres of land in Canaan, Kent, New Milford, and Sherman. Notably, the land in Sherman protects over 1000 feet of the Naromi Brook, and the lands in Canaan and Kent contribute to the protection of more than 65 endangered, threatened, and special concern species!

Lastly, our staff are using their expertise to advance conservation issues of local, state, and national significance. Catherine Rawson joined the Land Trust Accreditation Commission as a Commissioner this year, and serves as Vice-Chair of the Connecticut Land Council Steering Committee, and is a member of the Greenprint Steering Committee. Director of Land Conservation, Paul Elconin, facilitated a statewide roundtable on stewardship and was a panelist for a statewide seminar on risk management for land trusts.

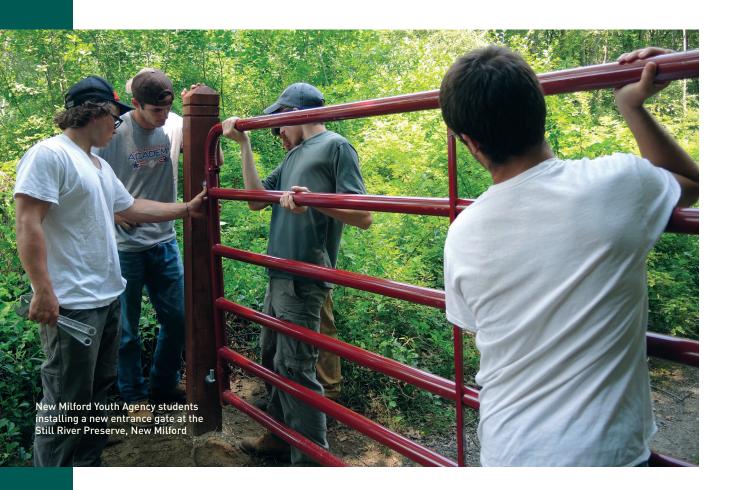
You make this good work possible! Weantinoge has the best members, volunteers, and supporters. And, it is because of you that we have been so successful this past year. Whether you contributed your volunteer time, expertise, or made a donation—we thank you!

2014 FINANCIAL REPORT

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW Results for Weantingge Heritage Land Trust in the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014 show total operating revenues, including contributions, grants, and investment income increased from \$669,185 in FY13 to \$3,018,767 in FY14. This strong growth was due to land acquisitions valued at \$1,185,627, as well as marked gains in contribution and special event revenue amounting to \$1,185,627. Total operating expenses also increased from \$497,594 in FY13 to \$729,074 due to accreditation requirements and the addition of a new staff member, which enabled us to increase the pace of our conservation work and grow our stewardship, outreach, and education programs. Weantinoge's net assets include a Stewardship Reverse Fund for the long-term care, maintenance, and defense of our easement and fee land properties of \$1,027,470.

Consolidated Statement of Financial PositionDecember 31, 2014

Total Liabilities and net assets	\$33,622,174
Net assets	33,321,718
Liabilities	300,456
Totals Assets	\$33,622,174
Other Assets	2,469
Receivables and Prepaid Expenses	26,272
Cash and investments	1,965,237
Land and easements held for preservation	31,628,196



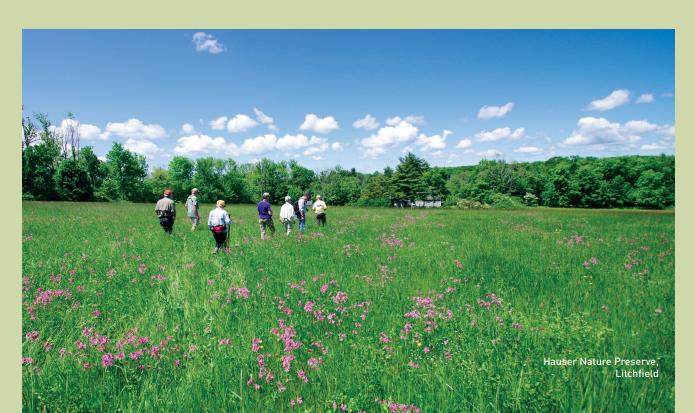
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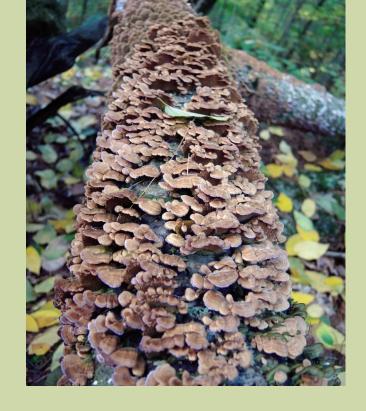
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Each moment of the year has its own beauty... a picture which was never seen before and shall never be seen again.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

