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APRIL NEWSLETTER

Dear Friend of Weantinoge,

The past month has been filled with profound change. COVID-19 has touched our lives in ways we never expected. As I write, I am thinking first and foremost of you and your loved ones. I hope you are healthy and well, and that continues.

While Weantinoge's offices are temporarily closed and April events postponed, our dedicated staff is busy planning virtual events, protecting and managing our natural and working lands, and supporting our partners. **For a complete overview of our programming, please see our most recent [Impact Report](#).**



Despite the recent challenges, I have found reason to be hopeful and grateful. **Natural lands are invaluable sources of comfort. I feel such appreciation for the lands and waters you have saved and help steward.**

Around us in Northwest Connecticut, spring is resurgent. The herons are returning to their nesting grounds along the wetlands at our [Alice McCallister Preserve](#) in Kent. Wood frogs are calling out in vernal pools at our [Mount Tom Preserve](#) in New Milford. And, Weantinoge's agricultural lands, like our [Smyrski Farm Preserve](#), have seen their first spring lambs. I have taken renewed pleasure in these observations and the solace our

natural lands provide. I hope you are able to find time outdoors too, whether that is in your backyard or at one of our properties.

There are still significant challenges ahead. Everyone has been touched by the pandemic. **As with most non-profits, we are anticipating reduced public support this year. If you are able, I hope you will consider a special gift as part of Give Local on April 21 and 22 .** There is more information about this once-a-year matching gift opportunity below.

The land you save is here for you today, tomorrow, and for the years to come. Thank you so much.

With gratitude,

Catherine

Catherine M. Rawson
Executive Director



GIVE LOCAL

Your Gift Goes Farther During Give Local

Give Local is on April 21 and 22 and is a great way to support Weantinoge during these unprecedented times. **Gifts made to Weantinoge through Give Local will be matched by the Connecticut Community Foundation.** Together we can safeguard the natural lands, clean waters, and working farms of Northwest Connecticut.



FEATURED PROPERTIES



James Morrissey Preserve



**Cobble Mountain and
Macedonia State Park**



Alice McAllister Memorial Sanctuary



Mount Tom Preserve

Weantinoge Heritage Land Trust is Northwest Connecticut's regional land trust and the largest land trust in the state. As a guardian of natural and working lands, public recreation areas, and drinking water resources, Weantinoge permanently protects 10,500 acres (and growing) of vast, connected natural areas in Litchfield and northern Fairfield Counties.

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