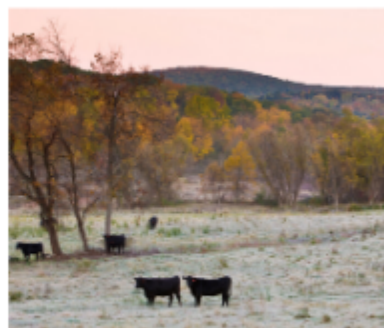


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JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Dear Friend of Weantinoge,

This week the United Nations unveiled a **draft plan** to protect 30% of the Earth's lands and waters by 2030. It is an urgent call to action to safeguard global biodiversity and slow the impacts of a warming climate.

The need for action is clear, but there is hope. Here in Northwest Connecticut **approximately 23% of the region** is already conserved. Weantinoge expands these natural lands by permanently protecting on average seven new conservation properties each year. Our proactive land conservation work prioritizes climate resilient landscapes (areas where plants and animals can move to adapt to climate change), and habitats for rare, endangered, and threatened species.



Throughout the year, I will share with you regular updates on Weantinoge's work to protect the lands and waters on which you depend. With your support, the future is ours to create together.

Sincerely,

Catherine M. Rawson

Executive Director



CONSERVATION NEWS



Kestrels Return

The American kestrel is a state-listed threatened species, due in part to the lack of information on its population, a decline in habitat, and a perceived decline in nesting and migrating numbers. With the help of volunteer, Art Gingert, Weantinoge has seen kestrels return. Read more [here](#).



Your Conservation Impact

With your support, Weantinoge protects 8,100 acres of forested land in perpetuity. Based on the climate sequestration potential of an average oak forest at 50-years of age, our forests offset the emissions of 22,113 cars each year. To see your other contributions at work, visit our new [website](#).



Surprising Bobcat Video

Bobcat's have a reputation as a top predator, but this [video](#) of a bobcat chasing deer surprised even us. Thank you to Weantinoge volunteer Jack Yeomans



Notes from the Trail

Weantinoge maintains 14 public nature preserves and more than 20 miles of hiking trails in Northwest Connecticut. We welcome your reports from the field. If you see a downed tree or encounter any

for sharing this video, filmed on his property in Durham.

issues on our trails, please report them to our stewardship staff [here](#) . Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS



**Wild Cousins of Our Best Friends:
Wolves, Coyotes, and Foxes**
Friday, February 14



Litchfield County Farmland Mixer
Thursday, February 20

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