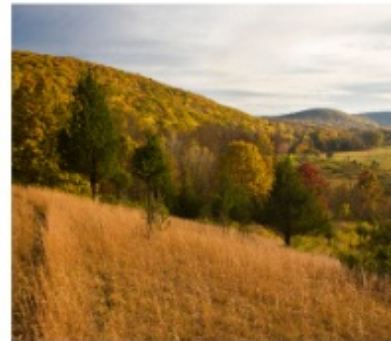


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# Northwest Connecticut Land Conservancy

PROTECTING LAND AND WATER FOR PEOPLE, FOR WILDLIFE, FOREVER.



## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Greetings!

At this time of year, I feel profoundly grateful for the members, volunteers, and partners that contribute to the success of conservation across Northwest Connecticut. Thank you for inspiring us, partnering with us, and saving the land you love for present and future generations to enjoy.

**This month, we are sharing a short survey on our events and public trails.** We value your feedback and will use it to develop our programs in 2021. I hope you will take a few minutes to tell us your experiences and suggestions. In addition, the recordings from our most recent virtual events are below, as well as updates on winter pollinator habitat and acoustic monitoring of bats at our Tory's Cave Preserve.



**This year has been challenging for us all, but I am glad to report that NCLC's work in 2020 proceeded with strength and resilience, in spite of the pandemic.** This year alone we:

- Permanently protected the Maple Bank Farm in Roxbury.
- Protected, or will protect prior to year's end, an additional 375 acres of natural lands in Cornwall, New Milford, and Salisbury.
- Devoted approximately 1,500 hours of our staff time to support our conservation partners.
- Performed annual inspections on 443 conservation properties in 17 communities.
- Maintained trails at 21 public hiking preserves.
- Merged with the Naromi Land Trust of Sherman and changed our name.
- Secured \$873,433 in funding from the Natural Resources Conservation Service for the protection of a keystone property in partnership with Warren Land Trust.
- Engaged in partnership with State of Connecticut to purchase farmland easements in seven communities.
- Received almost six months of work from our wonderful volunteers.

The list of accomplishments goes on because of you. Thank you for all that you do to support land and water conservation today, tomorrow, and forever.

With gratitude,

*Catherine*

Catherine M. Rawson  
Executive Director



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## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

We want to hear from you! From wildlife, to history, to culture, land conservation is work that connects many stories. One of the joys of this work is sharing these stories with you. Please take a moment to take a brief survey to help us plan for 2021 events.

[Click here to take a quick survey.](#)



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## EVENT RECORDINGS





**NCLC Annual Meeting**  
[Watch Online](#)



**Reptiles with Christine's Critters**  
[Watch Online](#)

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## SAVE THE LANDS YOU LOVE

### You Make Land and Water Conservation Possible

Natural and working lands sustain our communities and enrich our lives. Despite the challenges that 2020 presented, the work of conserving these lands continues just as strongly. I know some of you cannot support our work this year. For those who can, **your gift** is essential to helping NCLC reach its \$180,000 year-end fundraising goal. [Click here and save the land you love today.](#)



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## CONSERVATION NOTES



**Pollinators in Winter**



**Little Brown Bat at Tory's Cave**

The world as we know it depends on pollinating insects and many of us have heeded calls to increase native plants in our home gardens. We often think of pollinators in the spring and summer, as we watch bees and butterflies travel from bloom to bloom. However, pollinators can be impacted by our land use decisions year-round. The good news is that supporting winter habitat for pollinators doesn't require too much effort. Leaving vegetation and leaves in your gardens and yards provides a place for caterpillars and cocoons to overwinter.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Audio records at the Tory's Cave Preserve have confirmed the presence of a little brown bat, *Myotis lucifugus*. State biologist Brian Hess reports, "This is a notable recording of a rare species. Little brown bats used to be quite common, but they are now rare and on our endangered list. They have lost between 90-95% of their population by our best guess, and we only have a couple remaining known maternity colonies in the state." That devastating population decline began in **2008** when white-nose syndrome arrived in Connecticut. [Read more.](#)

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Founded in 1965, **Northwest Connecticut Land Conservancy** is the state's largest land trust. As a guardian of natural and working lands, public recreation areas, and drinking water resources, NCLC permanently protects 12,000 acres (and growing) of vast, connected natural areas in Litchfield and northern Fairfield Counties.



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