



Northwest Connecticut
Land Conservancy



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March Newsletter

Greetings!

March's lingering cold weather will soon give way to the warmer days of spring. This year especially, I am eager for the

return to warm weather and more time spent outside on the trails.

This month, all of us at NCLC are pleased to share our most recent **Impact Report**, which is available on our website. From our mergers with Brookfield Open Space Legacy and Naromi Land Trust to land acquisitions that affect the future of our region and people, this **Impact Report** is a testament to the good work that you make possible.



I am immensely grateful for the members, partners, and volunteers, all of whom share in the credit for NCLC's conservation success. I hope you will take a moment to read about the legacy of conservation that you are creating for generations to come.

With gratitude,

Catherine

Catherine Rawson
Executive Director



Upcoming Events



**Bears
of Connecticut**
March 18 at 7:00 PM
Zoom Event
[Register Here](#)



**Trees of Connecticut:
Identification for Beginners**
March 24 at 7:00 PM
Zoom Event
[Register Here](#)

Volunteer Spotlight: Justin Potter, Trail Camera Steward

You may have noticed NCLC is sharing more wildlife pictures and videos. We wouldn't be able to share these special images without NCLC volunteer Justin Potter who sets and maintains the cameras.

Justin says, "I've always had a keen interest in nature and wildlife, and I don't think there's any better way to get to know what's going on in an area than with a trail camera. I've been using them in the Adirondacks since about 2008." Justin has captured some **incredible footage**, giving us all a glimpse of who lives in our fields and forests. Skunks, bears, **a gaze of raccoons**, mink, and beaver



have all made appearances.

When asked how he decides where to set the camera Justin says, "Beaver dams are always great to monitor, as they are the easiest place for a lot of animals, like **bobcats**, to cross a wetland. **Deer trails** are another great wildlife feature too, and are used by more than just deer. One new discovery for me provided by the cameras is how animals other than deer, particularly rabbits, seem to be drawn to deer scrapes."

Thank you Justin for giving us all a glimpse into the life of the many species that depend on NCLC's conserved lands. Nature is wild!

Get Involved



Volunteering allows you to pursue your passion, while meeting a community of like-minded nature enthusiasts.

If you enjoy walking or hiking NCLC's trails, consider becoming a trail steward this summer. NCLC has 21 public hiking preserves and is looking for volunteers to "adopt" a preserve. Trail stewards walk trails periodically or after storms and report conditions to our stewardship team. If you're interested in learning more about becoming a trail steward, or other volunteer opportunities, click the link below or contact info@ctland.org.

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Climate Change and Connecticut

The science is clear, climate change is happening now. In Connecticut, we have summers that are hotter and **more humid, stronger storms**, and challenges for our **fruit farms, ski resorts, and coastal communities**. We live in an extraordinary time and the decisions we make today will have an significant effect on how prepared we are for the future.

That's why NCLC and Connecticut's environmental community are encouraging support for **HB 6441**, which includes several provisions to provide municipalities with funding tools to respond to climate change and support conservation locally. For more information, please see Connecticut Land Conservation Council's FAQs [here](#).

Northwest Connecticut Land Conservancy is a nonprofit 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, NCLC permanently protects 12,500 acres (and growing) of vast, connected natural areas in Litchfield and northern Fairfield Counties.

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