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August Newsletter

Dear Friend of NCLC,

Summer feels like it is winding down, but here at NCLC, we are still going strong. In this newsletter, we share **six upcoming events that allow you to connect with friends and nature**, from guided hikes to social networking opportunities. In addition, the return of an in-person **Annual Picnic** on September 24 in Sherman is not to be

missed.

In addition, we share a new **video**, a Midsummer Party update, four recent conservation publications, and **employment opportunities** here at NCLC.

I hope to have the opportunity to see you at one of our upcoming events. And, as always, please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have questions about our work or would like to become more involved.

Thank you for your support of the land, conservation, and NCLC.



Catherine

Catherine M. Rawson
Executive Director



Midsummer Party for Conservation

Celebrating a Bold Vision

On August 13, NCLC, its members, the partners and communities that



work with us, and the leaders who champion conservation in Connecticut and beyond joined together to celebrate a bold conservation vision.

Together, we raised over \$580,000 to protect 13,000 acres of land and water and to ambitiously accelerate the pace of conservation going forward.

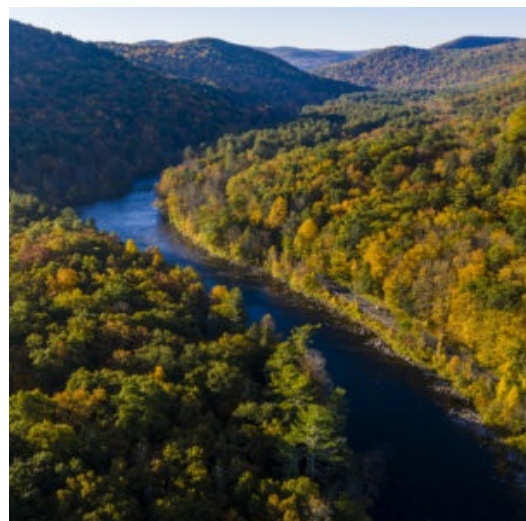


You can view our new **video** here and more photos on NCLC's **Facebook** and **Instagram** pages. **And if you would like to sign up for the Midsummer Party mailing list, email events@ctland.org and we will be sure to add you!**



Thank you to all those that joined us and celebrated conservation in Northwest Connecticut!

In the News

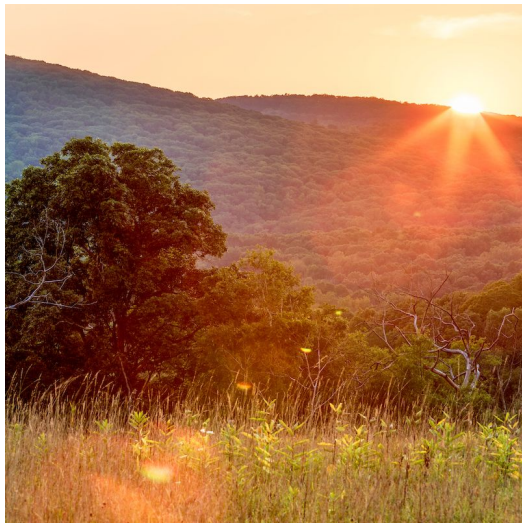


Connections to the Land

NCLC's **Hauser Nature Preserve**, a 90-acre public hiking preserve in Litchfield, was a feature in the July issue of Connecticut Magazine. It's author and neighbor, Troy McMullen, writes: **"Moving next to a nature preserve unlocked a longing for open spaces, and showed why protecting them is so vital."** [Read the full article.](#)

Path to 30 x 30 in Connecticut

NCLC and the **Connecticut Land Conservation Council** are pleased to share a new report entitled *"A Path to 30 x 30 in Connecticut,"* developed by Yale School of the Environment graduate students Annie Miller and Shannon Bell. [Read the report here.](#)



CT Council on Environmental Quality 2021 Annual Report on the Environment

The annual CEQ report assesses Connecticut's natural environment during the 2021 calendar year. It reports that while Connecticut has set a goal of protecting 21% of its land area by 2023, **at its current pace of conservation, it will take approximately 65 more years to achieve this goal.** [Read the report here.](#)



Land Conservation's Impact on Property Taxes in New England

Researchers from Harvard University, Amherst College, and Highstead Foundation assessed the impacts of new land protection on local property tax rates in more than 1400 municipalities in New England between 1990 and 2015. Their report finds the average impact on local property tax rates is small. Read the report here. [Read the report here.](#)

Upcoming Events



Kent Memorial Library Carnival
Main Street, Kent
September 3



Housatonic Heritage Hike
Cobble Mountain
September 10



Meet Your Greens
Norbrook Farm Brewing
September 21



Annual Picnic
Hadlow Preserve
September 24



Doug Tallamy - The Nature of Oaks
Virtual Event
October 6

Meet Your Greens
Mine Hill Distillery
October 20

Nature Notes

Red-headed Woodpecker

An NCLC member shared this terrific photo of an adult **Red-headed Woodpecker**, which is endangered in Connecticut. Interesting fact: Four of the 23 woodpecker species in North America store food, but only the Red-headed woodpecker covers its stash with wood or bark. These birds will stash insects, seeds, and acorns into cracks in trees, fence posts, and even shingles. They are also strong fliers and able to catch insects in flight. **Litchfield County is home to more than 320 rare animals and plants species. [Read More.](#)**





Job Opportunities

NCLC is hiring and we hope you will join our team. NCLC welcomes people of all backgrounds, identities, and beliefs to join us in achieving our mission to protect the lands and waters of Northwest Connecticut forever. **To apply for an open position, please visit our Job Opportunities page.**

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 13,000 acres (and growing) of vast, connected natural areas in Litchfield and northern Fairfield Counties.

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