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Northwest Connecticut  
Land Conservancy



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**April Newsletter**

Dear Friend,

After more than a year of isolation, the warmer days of spring are welcomed by all of us at NCLC who care for our 12,500 acres of protected lands and waters. We look forward to more time spent in the field, including building a new trail extension at the **Mallory Schneckenburger Preserve** in Sherman. And, we have posted updated **trail maps** on our website to help you enjoy your time outdoors as well. **As always, if you would like trail recommendations or have questions, you are welcome to contact our staff anytime [here](#).**

This month, I am pleased to share the national Land Trust Accreditation Commission awarded NCLC renewed accreditation. **In addition, we have a number of upcoming in-person and virtual events, including an Earth Day roadside clean-up led by NCLC's Naromi Council.** You can read about all this and more below.

**Lastly, Give Local is one week away and it is a terrific opportunity to have your support of conservation enhanced.** On April 20 and 21, any contribution made to NCLC on the **Give Local website** will be boosted by matching funds from the Connecticut Community Foundation and local sponsors. If your NCLC membership has lapsed or you would like to give again, **I hope you will consider a gift, which is 100% tax deductible. Your support makes a tremendous difference.**

**Thank you for caring so much about conservation, our communities, and the lands and waters of Northwest Connecticut.** I am profoundly grateful for your support.



Catherine Rawson  
Executive Director



## **NCLC Receives Accreditation Renewal**



We are thrilled to announce the national Land Trust Accreditation Commission awarded NCLC renewed accreditation. Conservation is a promise to safeguard the lands and waters essential for your health and well-being forever. Land Trust Accreditation is awarded to land trusts that meet the highest national standards for excellence and conservation permanence.



Accredited land trusts now steward almost 20 million acres—the size of Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont combined. When our nation's lands, waters, and wildlife are healthy and thrive, so do our communities. Global warming and the pandemic have revealed the extraordinary value of protecting our lands close to home, the lands we love most. As an accredited land trust, we are committed and able to address the challenges of the present and future.

## **Ready, Set, Give Local!**

**GIVE LOCAL APRIL 20-21**

An aerial photograph of a vast, dense forest. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow and long, soft shadows across the tree canopy. The text "STAND FOR THE LAND" is overlaid in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters in the lower half of the image.

**STAND FOR  
THE LAND**



Give Local is a 36-hour fundraiser sponsored by the Connecticut Community Foundation that harnesses the generosity of our community and local businesses. **On April 20 and 21**, any contribution made to NCLC on the **Give Local website** will be **boosted by matching funds**. We hope you will stand for the land by making a donation of any size or sharing our emails and social media posts with friends who also love Connecticut's natural lands and waters. You can click these links to follow NCLC on **Instagram** and **Facebook**. Thank you for your continuing support for the land, conservation, and NCLC. We are humbled by the legacy of conservation you make possible.

## Upcoming Events



### Earth Day Sherman Town Clean-up and Other Local Clean-Up Events

April 24

**[Learn More Here](#)**



**Spring Story Walk  
at the Mallory Preserve**

April 10 - April 18

**[Learn More Here](#)**



**Saving Special Places: Land  
Conservation in Connecticut**

May 19 at 7 PM

**[Register Here](#)**



**Connecticut's Indigenous  
Communities and the Natural  
World**

May 27 at 7 PM

**[Register Here](#)**



**CT Trails Day**

June 5

Rain date June 6

**[Learn More Here](#)**

# Join the NCLC Team

Whooo wants to join the NCLC team? **NCLC is hiring two stewardship interns for the summer.** This is an exciting opportunity to join NCLC and help to implement strategic conservation priorities over 12,500 acres of protected land. We hope to hear from you!

**Click here for more information and to apply.**



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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**OUR TRAILS**

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