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January Newsletter

Dear Friend of NCLC,

Happy New Year! Here at NCLC, we spent the first few weeks of January planning events that will connect you to the natural world -- from Owl Prowls and Frog Frolics to hikes, picnics, and lectures. We all look forward to seeing you in person at one of these events soon.

In the meantime, I am delighted to share NCLC's **2022 Impact Report** with you. The Impact Report is a summary of the critical conservation

efforts that your support makes possible. I hope you will read it from cover to cover.

Our most pressing work -- to accelerate the pace of conservation -- continues. In the last months of 2022, NCLC completed three important land acquisition projects in the Towns of New Milford and Washington. You can read about these special places below. With your support, we have started on our way towards tripling the pace of conservation for you, for wildlife, forever.

I'll see you outdoors soon!

Sincerely,



Catherine M. Rawson
Executive Director



2022 Impact Report

Our **2022 Impact Report** is online! You can read it online and learn about the people, land projects, and partnerships that make lasting land conservation possible.



2022 Land Acquisitions

NCLC protected 200 acres of land in the towns of New Milford and Washington in 2022. Celebrating the closing of these three separate projects is the best way to start the new year. We are grateful for the opportunity to work in Northwest Connecticut in a community excited about conservation. The protection of these lands would not happen without your support.

Easter Fields

Conservation Easement

New Milford

22.5 acres

Elizabeth and John Cipolla donated a conservation easement over 22.5 acres of their land in the Merryall area of New Milford. The wooded

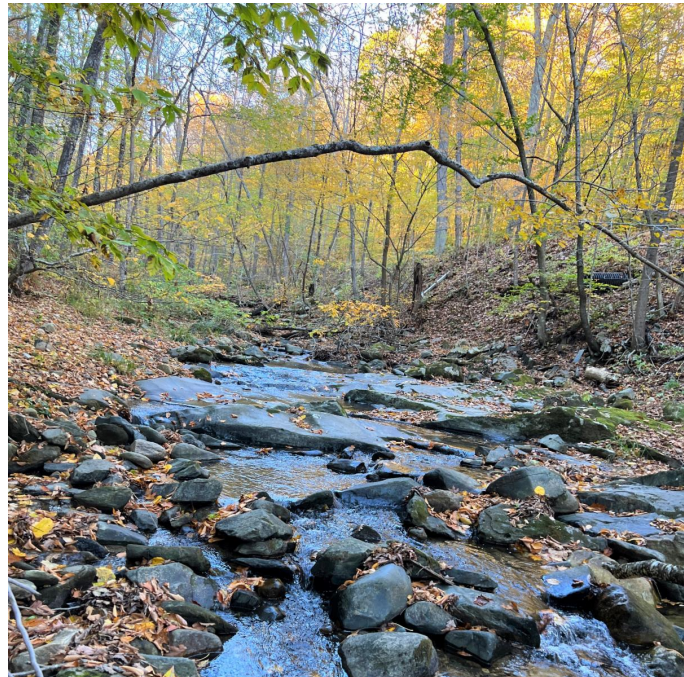
land is across the street from NCLC's Kahn Preserve which itself is contiguous with the Town of New Milford's Nostrand Preserve. The easement extends the protected lands surrounding Bear Hill, New Milford's highest point.



Chapin Ramanan Farm

New Milford and Washington
103 acres

Along the border between New Milford and Washington, 103 acres are now permanently protected as forest and farmland, thanks to the vision and commitment of its owner, Ramanan Raghavendran, who donated the land to create the Chapin Ramanan Farm.



Every farm protected in Connecticut is meaningful. Connecticut is losing farmland at an alarming rate. According to a recent study published by American Farmland Trust, the State's agricultural lands rank in the top three for most at risk of loss to development in the country. [Read More.](#)

Baldwin Hill Preserve

Washington
10 acres and 68 acres

Landscape-scale conservation

is a process that often unfolds over many years, but the collective vision of neighbors can create lasting protection that will safeguard water quality, habitat for wildlife, and farmland soils for future generations. In the Town of Washington, neighbors Robert Copen, Tal Fagin, David Faber, and Jenny Harris permanently protected hilltop land along Baldwin Hill in New Preston in a two-step process that



continues the legacy of the previous landowners. The result is that 78 acres on Baldwin Hill are permanently protected from development.

[Read More.](#)

Member Spotlight

We were delighted to learn that long-time NCLC member and land donor, Anthony Ficalora, works out regularly sporting his NCLC cap. At 100, he has seen many changes in the landscape and understands what is at stake. We wanted to know more about why he loves this part of Connecticut.



Q: What makes Northwest Connecticut a special place?

Anthony: In 1969, I first answered a "Land for Sale" ad in Bridgewater, Connecticut. My interest in Bridgewater goes back many years. Bridgewater was the perfect hide-away, with undulating land, charming farms, and interesting architectural homes with splashing ponds, an old-fashioned general store, a post office, and churches on two corners on

Upcoming Events



Owl Prowl
February 21



Frog Frolic
Spring 2023



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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