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October Newsletter

Dear Friend of NCLC,

Fall is the season of changing colors. For my family and me, it is also the season of apple picking at the **Averill Farm** in Washington, carving pumpkins from **Maple Bank Farm** in Roxbury, and enjoying the many community fall celebrations here in Northwest Connecticut.

In September, NCLC was thrilled to host its own community celebration at our first Annual Picnic since the pandemic began. The Naromi Land Trust's Annual Picnic at the Hadlow Preserve was a special land trust tradition. All of us at

NCLC were excited to resume this community celebration and to see so many friends from the Sherman community and beyond. We are grateful to the many volunteers from the Naromi Council, NCLC's hunting program, and others who joined us in making this event a success.

If you missed the Annual Picnic but are still looking for opportunities to connect, we have a number of upcoming in-person and virtual events, including a very special **Common Ground with Jane Whitney, a book talk and signing at the Kent Memorial Library with **Douglas Brinkley, author of Silent Spring Revolution**, and **NCLC's Annual Meeting on December 10, which will be in-person at the Kent Community House.****

I hope you will be able to join us at one or more of these events. And, as always, thank you for your continuing support for the land, conservation, and NCLC.

Sincerely,



Catherine M. Rawson
Executive Director



Annual Community Picnic



On a breezy, blue-sky September day, NCLC celebrated its first community picnic since the pandemic began at the 45-acre Hadlow Preserve in Sherman. The event, held on one of the region's most beautiful scenic vistas, was a favorite annual Naromi Land Trust tradition. This year marked the first time NCLC hosted the event since Naromi Land Trust and Weantinoge Heritage Land Trust merged to form NCLC in 2020. **It was a joy to see so many of you there, and we can't wait for next year! [Read More.](#)**

Caring for the Land



New bridge railings at the **Kahn Preserve**



Summer Land Steward, Tyler Pilch, and Program Administrator, Heather Perrault



New looped trail at the **Alice McCallister Preserve**

Each year NCLC welcomes summer Land Stewards for a paid 10-week program to advance their education and career opportunities in conservation. Our Land Stewards care for our public nature preserves and working farms, provide stewardship support to partner land trusts, and participate in educational, technological, and scientific trainings and activities.

This year's extraordinary steward was Tyler Pilch of New Milford. Tyler

worked alongside NCLC's stewardship staff to complete critical field-based projects, including constructing a new looped trail at the **Alice McCallister Preserve**, building an extension to the **Wimisink Preserve's** southern boardwalk, installing new bridge railings at the **Kahn Preserve**, inspecting and maintaining trails at NCLC's 21 public hiking preserves, and assisting in monitoring and banding fledging American kestrels.

NCLC's paid summer internships are made possible by the Memorial Fund for Elizabeth de Lambert. Elizabeth was a dedicated board member of Brookfield Open Space Legacy, Inc., and a strong advocate for connecting young people to the natural world. **Our special thanks go to the de Lambert family for making our summer intern program possible!**

Upcoming Events

PRESENTED BY CONVERSATIONS ON THE GREEN

CAN THIS PLANET (STILL) BE SAVED?

**Bill Weir
Cindy McCain
Cristina Mittermeier**

**October 30, 2022
3PM EDT/12PM PT
WAMOGO REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, LITCHFIELD CT**

The poster features a central image of several hands of different skin tones forming a circle. The background is a collage of environmental and industrial imagery, including a landscape with a lake and trees, a large pile of plastic waste, industrial smokestacks, and a radiation symbol.

On October 30, join NCLC and Northwest Connecticut's leading conservation organizations for a very special **Common Ground with Jane Whitney discussion on the science, economics, and politics of climate change.** The distinguished panelists will explore what scientists say needs to be done to moderate an impending disaster and the political reality of what is possible.

Attend in person or virtually.

[Click here for more information and to register.](#)

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Christina Mittermeir

Renowned marine biologist, writer, conservationist, and photographer



Bill Weir

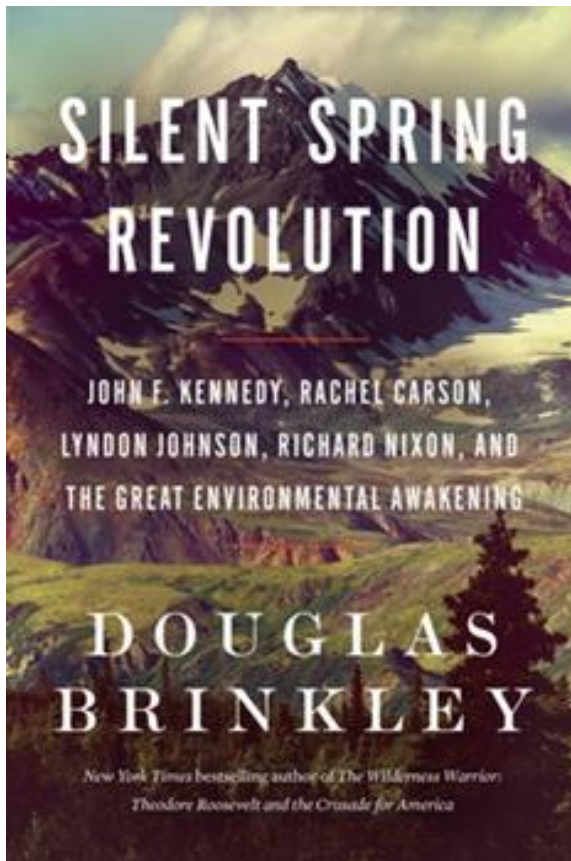
CNN correspondent and the creator of the global documentary series *The Wonder List with Bill Weir*



David Wallace-Wells

Journalist and author of the best-selling book *The Uninhabitable Earth*

***Silent Spring Revolution* Book Talk and Signing**



On **November 19, at 3 PM**, NCLC is delighted to co-sponsor a book talk at the Kent Memorial Library with Douglas Brinkley, an acclaimed presidential biographer and historian. Brinkley will share reflections on his latest book, *Silent Spring Revolution: John F. Kennedy, Rachel Carson, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, and the Great Environmental Awakening*.

This free community event is co-sponsored by Kent Memorial Library, Cornwall Land Trust, Housatonic Valley Association, Kent Land Trust, Northwest Connecticut Land Conservancy, Steep Rock Association, and Warren Land Trust. **Click here for more information.**



Holiday Party and Annual Meeting

December 10

Kent Community House

Event Recording ***The Nature of Oaks*** **with Doug Tallamy**

What do oak trees have to do with blue jays, fireflies, and early recorded history?

Watch online anytime to find out.

In this captivating presentation, Dr. Doug Tallamy takes us on a journey through a year in the life of an oak tree. Beginning with October and ending with September, Dr. Tallamy describes the stunning variety of life supported by oaks each

month. He also covers how to select the right oak tree for your yard. Landscaping with native plants has never been more enticing.



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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