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Land Conservancy**



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## **May Newsletter**

Dear Catherine,

Working on land conservation at a regional scale is like doing a 3D puzzle. All of the pieces -- large-scale planning, complex negotiations, appraisals, surveys, legal agreements, and funding need to click into place in the correct sequence and at the right time.

This month, another piece of the puzzle clicked into place for a property we have been working to protect. I am delighted to announce that the **State of Connecticut awarded NCLC \$325,000 toward the purchase of The Ledges**, a 45.31-acre nature preserve in Brookfield. The funding will come from the state's Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program. When NCLC successfully raises the remainder of the purchase price, **the Ledges Preserve will become our 22nd public hiking preserve**. In addition, the Ledges abuts two town-owned preserves, including Burr Farm, and will expand natural land protection and recreational opportunities in a densely developed area.

**In the meantime, we continue to work with a range of partners on strategic long-range conservation planning for the region.** I am pleased to announce the publication of a report, **Conserving Northwest Connecticut: Adaptive Strategies for Accelerating the Pace of Conservation**, which we produced with Save the Sound. The innovative report written by students from the Conway School of Landscape Design details strategies for accelerating the pace of conservation as part of the global effort to conserve 30% of the Earth's lands and waters by 2030, **an initiative known as 30x30.**

These are just some of the projects that we are working on here at NCLC. **Of course, we are also planning hikes and lectures, parties, and annual picnic. I look forward to seeing you at one of our events this summer.**

Sincerely,



Catherine M. Rawson  
Executive Director



## Upcoming Events



The Naromi Council of Northwest Connecticut Land Conservancy invites you to the Sherman Spring Fling. Join us **Saturday, June 3**, for live music, food, and time with friends and neighbors. Your ticket purchase protects the lands you love in Sherman and beyond.

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 3

**TIME:** 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**WHERE:** Jewish Community Center, 9 Connecticut 39 Sherman, CT 06784

**COST:** \$65

## Purchase Ticket



### Celebrate CT Trails Day at Birch Rocks Preserve

June 3  
Brookfield

[Register Here](#)



### Grand Opening at Alice McCallister Preserve

June 17  
Kent

[Register Here](#)



**MEET  
YOUR  
GREENS**

**JULY 20**  
5:00 - 7:00 pm

**Hopkins  
Vineyard**  
25 Hopkins Rd,  
Warren

Light Refreshments will be provided.

**Co-hosted by**  
*The Kent Land Trust, Steep Rock Association,  
and Warren Land Trust*

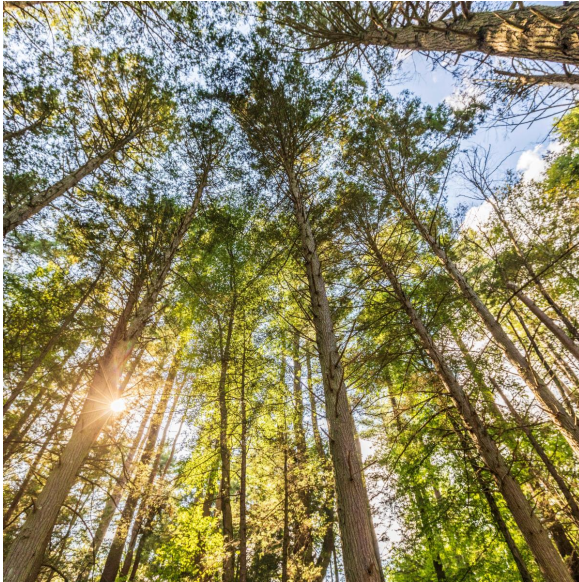
This casual event is free, open to the public, and an excellent opportunity to get to know others working or volunteering in the conservation field.

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**Bird Watch and Hike at Hauser  
Nature Preserve**

July 15  
Litchfield

[Register Here](#)



**Explore the Forests of the  
Mount Tom Preserve**

August 5  
New Milford

[Register Here](#)

**Meet Your Greens**

July 20  
Warren

[Learn More](#)



**Midsummer Party for  
Conservation**

August 12  
Bridgewater

[Purchase Ticket](#)



*Save the Date*



Mark your calendars, the NCLC Annual Picnic will be Saturday, September 16 at the Hadlow Preserve in Sherman from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. This picnic is free, family-friendly, and an opportunity to soak up the beautiful views. We hope to see you there.

## **Prairie Warblers Sing at Cobble Brook Vista**

While at Cobble Brook Vista to check the trail camera for **fresh wildlife footage**, Public Lands Manager, Zach Adams, heard the bouncing,

ascending notes of the prairie warbler. Zach describes this bird's song as, "Like a sunrise in an old western movie," [click here to listen](#).

Although called the prairie warbler, these striking yellow and black striped birds live in shrubland habitats such as overgrown pastures and regenerating woodlands. **In Connecticut, prairie warblers are in steep decline due to habitat loss.** Visitors to Cobble Brook Vista may have noticed a sign noting that the preserve is managed for these birds. Encountering this songbird is a reminder that when people protect land, wildlife can thrive.



## On the Trails with the New Milford Senior Center

This summer, NCLC is leading a series of hikes with the New Milford Senior Center's Movers and Shakers Club. The first hike of the season was at the Mallory Preserve in Sherman. Heather Perrault, NCLC's Program Administrator pictured second from the left, led the group along the preserve's white loop trail. All enjoyed the marsh marigolds blooming along the boardwalk. Plan your trip to the [Mallory Preserve](#).



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 13,200 acres (and growing) of vast, connected natural areas in Litchfield and northern Fairfield Counties.

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