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## March Newsletter

Dear Catherine,

The growing season has begun at farms across our region. Thanks to **a grant from the Connecticut Department of Agriculture**, NCLC is offering free climate-smart assessments to farmers and farmland owners in Northwest Connecticut. In addition, this April we are launching a new grant program to fund the **implementation of climate-smart solutions**, which you can read more about below.

I am pleased to announce that Carol Flaton, of Sharon, has joined NCLC's board of directors. We all look forward to working with Carol, particularly as we update NCLC's multi-year strategic plan. As part of this process, many of you shared your thoughts and insights in the members' survey. **Thank you**

for taking the time to contribute feedback. We protect and steward the land for you, and your input is essential.

**We are expanding our team and hiring full-time acquisition and communications positions, as well as part-time paid summer internships. I encourage you to take a look at our open positions and share them with others who may be interested.**

Lastly, NCLC's stewardship staff and dedicated volunteers have cleared trails and repaired stream crossings for your spring hikes. **We have several free, upcoming events to help you enjoy the outdoors and engage with your community**, including the opening of our second office space in Kent. **I wish you many happy hours outside connecting with nature as we head toward the vernal equinox.**

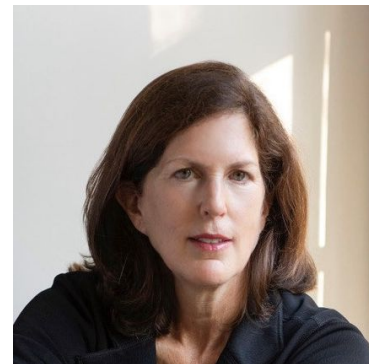


Catherine M. Rawson  
Executive Director



## **NCLC Welcomes New Board Member**

NCLC is thrilled to welcome Carol Flaton as a new board member. Carol currently serves as an independent director for public and private companies. Her career in banking and finance was primarily working with companies and constituencies undergoing substantial transformation and financial turnaround. She is a resident of Sharon, Connecticut, and an elected member of the town's Board of Finance. She currently serves on the board of the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, a public charity supporting the four rural counties where Connecticut, Massachusetts & New York intersect. Carol has an MBA from the International Institute of Management Development, Lausanne, Switzerland, a BSBA from the University of Delaware and is a member of



the Kandahar Ski Club. **You can read more about NCLC's board of directors and community advisory councils on our website [here](#).**

## **Apply Now to NCLC's *Building Resiliency on Northwest Connecticut Farmland* Agriculture Grant Program**

NCLC is currently accepting applications for climate-smart agricultural assessments on a rolling basis. For more information on the assessment program, view the information session recording, slides, and FAQs [here](#).

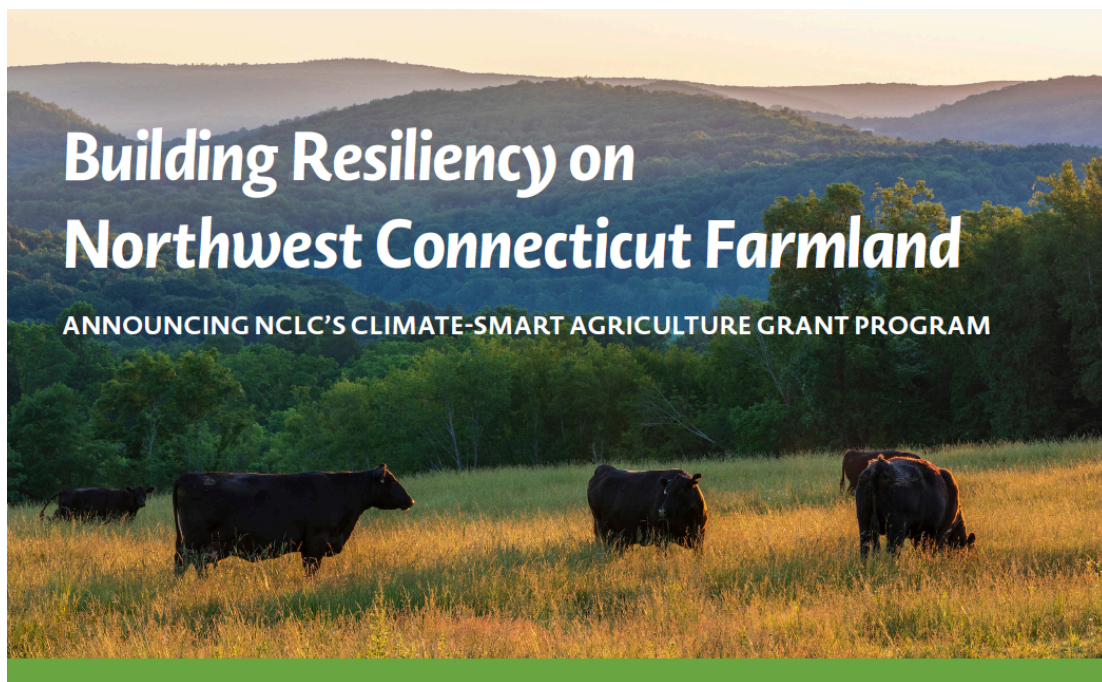
Beginning April 1, NCLC will accept applications for grants to implement climate-smart solutions on farms in Northwest Connecticut. Join our March webinar to learn more.

### **Online Information Session**

**Date: Wednesday, March 27**

**Time: 6-7 pm**

**Register: [Click here to register](#).**



***We're Hiring!***  
**Join the NCLC Team and  
Save the Land You Love**

NCLC is growing and we are actively seeking to fill two full-time and two part-time positions: **Senior Land Protection Specialist**, **Communications Manager**, and two **Summer Land Stewards**. NCLC is an equal opportunity employer and we welcome 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.**



## Upcoming Events



### **Woodbury Earth Day**

Saturday, April 20

10 AM to 4 PM



### **Meet Your Greens**

Thursday, April 25

5 PM to 7 PM



### **Smyrski Farm Bird Walk**

Saturday, May 4  
7 AM to 9 AM



### **New Office Open House**

Thursday, May 9  
4 PM to 6 PM



### **Meet Your Greens**

Thursday, May 30  
5 PM to 7 PM



### **CT Trails Day**

Saturday, June 1  
10 AM to 12 PM

## **Stewardship Spotlight**

### **Mallory Bridge Restored**

We are thrilled to announce the successful reinstallation of the bridge over the Sawmill Brook at the **Mallory Preserve** in Sherman, which washed out in last summer's flooding. Visitors can once again enjoy uninterrupted access to more than three miles of hiking trails in the center of Sherman, providing opportunities for exploration,



recreation, and enjoyment of the diverse flora and fauna in this pristine natural area.

## Whooo Hoots For You?

Owls are out and about hunting and even nesting at this time of year. An evening walk down a quiet street or your backyard is a great way to catch a few hoots.

**Read more.**



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As a guardian of natural and working lands, public recreation areas, and drinking water resources, NCLC permanently protects 13,300 acres (and growing) of vast, connected natural areas in Litchfield and northern Fairfield Counties.

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