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## October Newsletter

Dear Catherine,

Welcome to another glorious October in Northwest Connecticut. NCLC is making the most of these clear, bright days to connect people to nature.

We started the month with our annual free picnic. This year, we gathered at Hadlow Preserve in Sherman. Kites were flying in the breeze, children were running around playing tag, and friends and neighbors joined together for good food, relaxed conversation, and a few laughs. It was the **best of times.**

We will close the month with another outstanding public program. On October 28, we are hosting a book talk by Leila Philip, author of NPR's Science Friday Book Club, *Beaver Land*--many thanks to Kent School for letting us use their auditorium for this event. Whether you think of beavers as a keystone species or an architect of unwelcome floods, come along to learn more about these ecosystem engineers. [Please register here.](#)

But it's not all picnics, **trail hikes, live birds of prey**, and book talks! NCLC staff continue to coordinate all the legal work, appraisals, environmental assessments, budget projections, and fundraising required to protect premier properties in our region. After all, that is the heart of our mission.

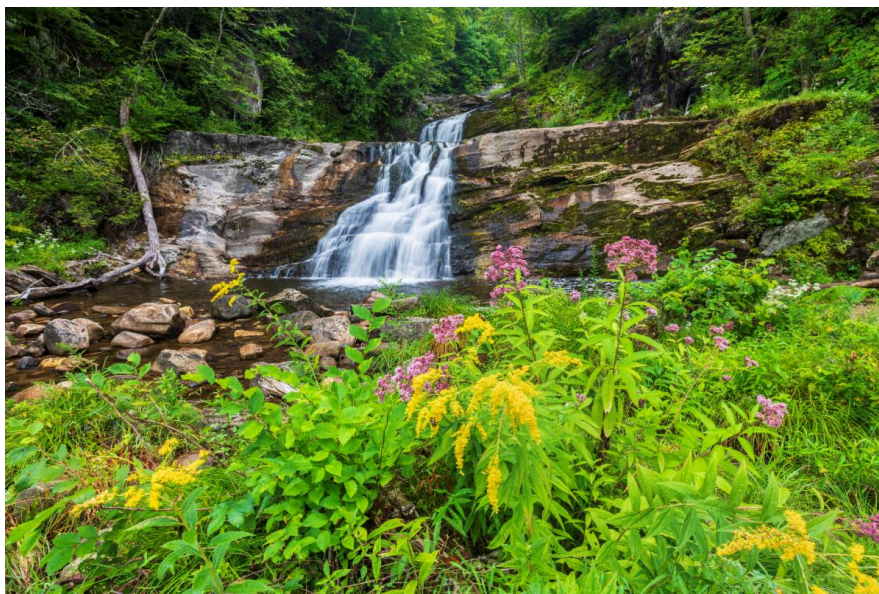
You may have read the recent story in the *Republican American* about an exceptional **670-acre forest and farm property** that we are conserving in Litchfield. I'll share more news about that and our other land acquisition projects in November. This month, I hope you will join me in thanking NCLC Board member, Philip Korsant, for his generous donation of 40 acres of land that expands protection for the Kent Falls watershed. This is truly a gift to us all.

*Catherine*

Catherine M. Rawson  
Executive Director



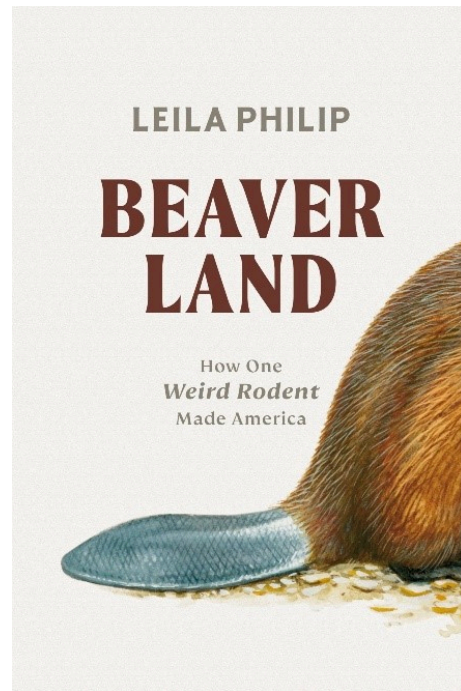
## Protecting the Kent Falls Watershed



Land use determines water quality and there is no better way to ensure that Kent Falls continues to dazzle generations of families than by protecting the essential watershed lands of Kent Falls Brook. NCLC Board member, Philip Korsant, recently donated 40 acres of land on Carter Road to NCLC which includes almost 1/2 mile of Kent Falls Brook.

Fitting like a puzzle piece into a network of 1,170 acres of protected lands, this new preserve abuts Wyantnock State Forest, Kent Falls State Park, and the Appalachian Trail. The property is in an area of exceptional value to birds, a VIB, or "Very Important Bird" area. Expanding the area of protected lands within this important watershed is a gift to the region and to all of us who depend on natural systems to keep our water clean.

## **Book Talk with Leila Philip, Author of *Beaver Land***



Did you know that the return of beavers to North America is one of the greatest conservation comeback stories? Or that beavers have built dams so large that they are visible from space? Join us on October 28 as author Leila Philips introduces us to the animals that played a pivotal role in American economic and natural history.

*BEAVER LAND* is a **New York Times Editors' Choice** and **NPR Science Friday Book Club Selection** and offers a "fascinating portal for readers to enter into the mysteries of that world themselves" (*The Washington Post*) in a book that's "as full of charm and wonder as its beguiling protagonist" (*The Wall Street Journal*). **Read more.**

## **Blue Skies for the Annual Picnic**



Blue skies and crisp fall weather prevailed for Northwest Connecticut Land Conservancy's (NCLC) picnic on October 1. The picnic drew over 100 visitors, including members, neighbors, and conservation partners to the 45-acre Hadlow Preserve in Sherman, one of the most beautiful vistas in the area. Picnickers enjoyed a barbecue lunch, flew kites, and played lawn games. After lunch, people took time to enjoy the surrounding woods and fields and soak up the autumnal splendor. [Read More.](#)



## **Busy Beavers at Cobble Brook Vista**



A trail camera captured this terrific footage of an industrious beaver using some muscle to **grab a branch** for its dam. This beaver lives at our **Cobble Brook Vista Preserve** in Kent. Plan a visit to walk the meadow and get a glimpse of their dam.

## Upcoming Events



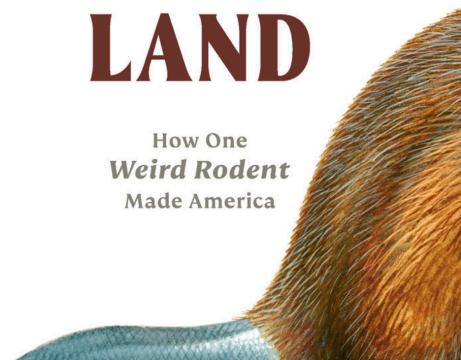
**Fall Foliage Hike at the  
Herrick Preserve**  
**New Date October 21**  
Sherman

[Register Here](#)

LEILA PHILIP

## BEAVER LAND

How One  
*Weird Rodent*  
Made America



**Author Talk**  
**Leila Philip of Beaver Land**  
October 28  
Kent

[\\$5 Tickets Here](#)



**Wingmasters Presents Live  
Birds of Prey**  
November 4  
Washington

**More Information**

**MEET  
YOUR  
GREENS**  
November 9  
5:00 - 7:00 pm  
White Hart Inn  
15 Under  
Mountain Road  
Salisbury

*Light refreshments will be provided.*

Co-hosted by Cornwall Conservation Trust, Salisbury  
Association, Sharon Audubon Center, and  
Sharon 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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**Author  
Talk**  
Author Amy Brady  
**ICE**  
November 3  
6 pm - 7 pm  
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SKATING SINKS—  
A COOL HISTORY  
OF A HOT  
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**Amy Brady of Ice**  
November 3  
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**Annual Meeting  
and  
Holiday Party**

**Annual Meeting and Holiday  
Party**  
December 10  
Kent

**More Information**



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

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