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December Newsletter

Dear Catherine,

A chill in the air and shorter days mark the beginning of nature's quiet time. This is the season when many animals hibernate, and plants become dormant. Humans, on the other hand, traditionally use this time to gather together to celebrate all that is good in the world. In that



spirit, I hope you will **join us on Sunday, December 10th** to celebrate land conservation at our Annual Meeting and Holiday Party.

If you prefer to celebrate nature out on the trails, you may be interested in reading our blog post about the **benefits of winter walking**. Many of our **22 public preserves** offer wonderful winter vistas. I look forward to seeing you on our trails!

Finally, please consider giving generously to NCLC this year. We are working to protect an additional 6,300 acres and establish three new public preserves that will connect you to nature. **We need your help**. Our annual appeal will arrive in your mailbox soon, and I hope you will respond. Your support makes land conservation possible.

With best wishes for a wonderful holiday,

Catherine M. Rawson

Executive Director

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Smyrski Farm Preserve Grows

NCLC proudly announces the permanent protection of an additional four acres of pristine pastureland within the Smyrski Farm Preserve. This expansion underscores NCLC's ongoing commitment to preserving the region's agricultural legacy and natural landscapes. "NCLC extends heartfelt gratitude to the community members whose unwavering support recognized the historic, agricultural, and ecological significance of preserving Smyrski Farm. This collective effort ensures that this treasured landmark will benefit the generations to come," said Catherine Rawson, Executive Director. Read more.



Annual Meeting and Holiday Party

Join NCLC's board, staff, and volunteers for a festive afternoon celebrating community and conservation at NCLC's Annual Meeting and Holiday Party. This is a great opportunity to learn more about NCLC's goal to safeguard 30% of Northwest Connecticut's natural lands and waters by 2030!

Date: Sunday, December 10

Time: 3 PM - 5 PM

Location:

Kent Community House 93 North Main Street

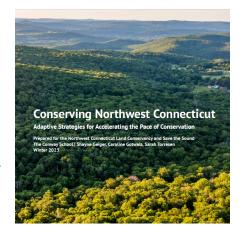
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Recording from Conserving Northwest Connecticut: Today and Tomorrow

Last month, NCLC joined a panel of experts from the Connecticut Land Conservation Council, Save the Sound, The Nature Conservancy, and the Housatonic Valley Association to discuss NCLC's new report, Conserving Northwest Connecticut: Adaptive Strategies for Accelerating the Pace of Conservation. If you're interested in the strategy that goes into land conservation, you will enjoy this webinar recording. As always, we are happy



to answer your questions about conservation. You can email info@ctland.org to continue the conversation.

Watch Video Here

Five Wonders of Winter Walking

Winter's days are shorter, and temperatures are dropping, but the good news is that we can reap the benefits of time in nature no matter the season. While it's true that your layering strategy and jacket selection may take more thought, winter walks are a refreshing and restorative way to enjoy some of your favorite places. Here are five



wonderful things about time in winter wonderlands. Read more.



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 13,300 acres (and growing) of vast, connected natural areas in Litchfield and northern Fairfield Counties.

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