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May Newsletter

Dear Catherine,

This weekend marks Connecticut Trails Day, and we're thrilled to invite you to enjoy the spring weather with a guided hike celebrating the natural beauty of our region. **Please join us this Saturday, June 1 at 10 AM at Birch Rocks Preserve in Brookfield** for a woodland walk along the shores of Lake Lilinonah.

Summer is always bustling at NCLC, and this year is no exception. We continue to accept grant applications for our **Climate Smart Agricultural Grant Program**, host **Meet Your Greens** events, and are gearing up for the highly anticipated 18th annual **Midsummer Party for Conservation**,

which will introduce one of our most recent conservation projects, Milde Farm.

I hope you can join us at one of these upcoming events!

Warm regards,

Catherine

Catherine M. Rawson
Executive Director



Upcoming Events



Meet Your Greens
Thursday, May 30
5 PM to 7 PM



CT Trails Day
Saturday, June 1
10 AM to 12 PM



Meet Your Greens

Thursday, June 27

5 PM to 7 PM



Take a
Story
Walk!

Summer Story Walk

Monday, July 10

10 AM to 12 PM

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Midsummer Party for Conservation

Saturday, August 10


Litchfield

Join us for a delightful evening with friends at the Midsummer Party for Conservation, held at one of our most recent conservation projects, Milde Farm!

This annual fundraiser supports NCLC's conservation programs. It is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy delicious food and great company—all to benefit conservation in our community.

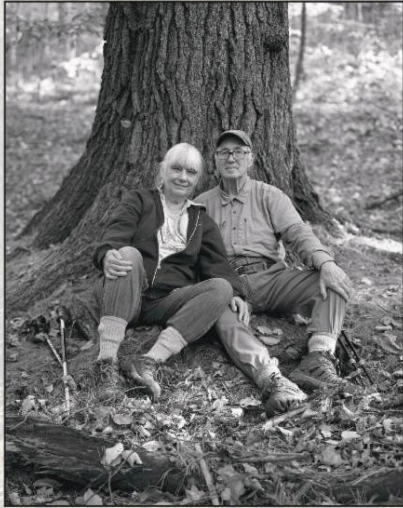
We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Partner Event



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Climate Change Old Forests, Big Trees!



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What are old growth forests, and why are they so important? Expert (and riveting speaker!) Bob Leverett will describe his discovery of these forests – thought by most to be extinct in New England – and their role as a powerful new tool against climate change.

Wine and cheese reception to follow talk.

Sunday, June 2, 3:30-5:30pm
Warren Town Hall, 50 Cemetery Road, Warren CT

Climate Change, Old Forests, Big Trees!

Sunday, June 2

Warren Land Trust

Register Here

A photograph of a rural landscape with rolling hills and a field of cows. The hills are covered in green trees and vegetation, and the sky is a soft, hazy blue. In the foreground, several black cows are grazing in a field of tall, golden-brown grass. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

Building Resiliency on Northwest Connecticut Farmland

ANNOUNCING NCLC'S CLIMATE-SMART AGRICULTURE GRANT PROGRAM

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

NCLC's *Building Resiliency* program provides farms across Northwest Connecticut with resources to enhance agricultural sustainability, increase productivity, and mitigate the effects of climate change. This includes:

- **Climate-Smart Agricultural Assessments.** NCLC is partnering with **Berkshire Agricultural Ventures (BAV)** to help producers identify weather and climate related impacts affecting their farm, and develop strategies to address and manage these risks. There are 7 assessments still available. To learn more, [click here](#).
- **Implementation Grants.** NCLC will award up to \$50,000 for the implementation of climate-smart agricultural mitigation activities. The application deadline is May 31. To learn more, [click here](#).

Direct all questions to Shelley Rose, Agricultural Program Manager, at shelley@ctland.org.

Spring Arrivals at Smyrski Farm



Earlier this month we were thrilled to have local birder Angela Dimmitt lead an early morning walk at the Smryski Farm Preserve in New Milford. The Smryski Farm Preserve is a working farm that NCLC leases to two local farmers, **Mayapple Hill Farm** and **Stuart Family Farm** and is not open to the public. However, each spring we welcome people for a guided bird walk of this extraordinary farm that showcases the benefits well-managed working land can provide for wildlife.

This year, the group spotted 49 different bird species. Among them, the cliff swallows who return each year to build their nests on the red barn, a solitary sandpiper on the banks of the West Aspetuck River, and a pair of orchard orioles who return to the same tree to nest each year.

What can you do to help birds? Choose native plants for your yard, turn off your outdoor lights at night, and support regional land conservation so birds have places to return to and raise the next generation.

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: **Senior Land Protection Specialist** and a **Communications Manager**. 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.**



Northwest Connecticut Land Conservancy is a nonprofit regional land trust.

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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