

Northern Connecticut Land Trust Wins Two Awards

SOMERS—In the past month, the Northern Connecticut Land Trust has received two awards from other conservation organizations.

The first honor was from the North Central Conservation District. The award read: "The Conservation Organization Award of the Year for Dedicated and Innovative Efforts in Preserving Open Space in Northern Connecticut."

The Land Trust has preserved in excess of 400 acres and recently acquired 47 acres along the Scantic River in Somers.

Volunteers of the organization have recently cleared a walking path along the Scantic adjacent to Durkee Road, and cleaned up a lot of the debris in the river. Two

"Skyline" in the northern section of Somers and the "McCann Family Farm" just off Route 190, also in Somers.

The organization frequently holds outdoor events such as wildflower and moonlight hikes. The next event is hiking or snowshoeing on New Year's Day. Other properties owned by the Land Trust are in Enfield, East Windsor, Ellington and Vernon.

The second award was recently received from Connecticut Forest and Park Association Trails Committee. This was to the "Outstanding Organization for your dedication to the natural environment, to working to eradicate invasive plants from NCLT properties, and to creating habitats rich with native plant and

mental role in revitalizing the Scantic River Watershed."

The watershed involves an area approximately 90,000 acres in the towns of Hamden, Massachusetts, West Stafford, Somers, Enfield, East Windsor and South Windsor. Named after an Indian Tribe, the river is a little over 17 miles in length, but meanders almost 38 miles until it joins the Connecticut River in South Windsor.

The Scantic River Watershed Association will be holding events in the spring which will include kayaking, canoeing and flyfishing lessons.

Both organizations always welcome new members and volunteers. For further information, please contact Catherine McDiarmid.