



**NORTHERN CONNECTICUT
LAND TRUST, INC.**

ANNUAL REPORT 2000-2001



Northern Connecticut Land Trust, Inc. is a private non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Our mission is to preserve the natural resources of the northern Connecticut region including agricultural land and other ecologically important open space.

Our 15 Directors are elected to staggered three-year terms by the membership at an annual meeting which takes place each year in September. We are an all-volunteer organization and have no paid staff; therefore our membership and friends are the backbone of our Land Trust.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To our members and friends:

I am pleased to report that your Trust has completed a very successful year. Our assets have exceeded a million and a half dollars, with no debt. Our membership has increased substantially, as have our land acquisition activities. Our Five Year Plan, now in its third year of implementation, provides goals and objectives for the Board.

The addition of the Swann Farm in Ellington to our holdings was the highlight of the past year. Enabling the Trust to purchase the farm were two significant grants: one from the State of Connecticut for \$182,500 and another for \$120,000 from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. It is gratifying to realize that the Hartford Foundation, one of the larger foundations in the East, considered our work worthy of its support.

Our Public Relations Committee, chaired by Karl Hasel, was instrumental in developing a web site for the Trust (www.nclt.icomm.ca). While still in its infancy, the web site has already yielded beneficial results. Two issues of our newsletter "The Landmark" were published during the past 12 months, providing the public with information and data relative to Trust activities. In the area of public information we found the media interested and helpful in our agenda, with numerous articles and listings appearing in the press.

In an endeavor to provide interesting programs for all segments of our membership, our Program Committee sponsored a number of lectures, films and seminars. Among the most successful have been the wildflower hikes led by Jerry Stage. Situated on the McCann Family Farm, the hikes have offered spring, summer and fall trips highlighting the variety of *flora* and *fauna* in our midst.

Last fall we honored one of our long-time Directors, Whitlock Davis, with a dinner and reception. Announced at the affair was the designation of a section of grasslands on the McCann Farm as the "Whit Davis Bird Sanctuary", recognizing his life-long association with our feathered friends.

As a non-profit organization we must rely heavily on volunteer support to conduct our activities. Under the guidance of Ginny Patsun our volunteer list has risen to 74 individuals who give freely of their time to brush trails, build bridges, lick stamps, fold mailers, and generally make our life better. We are most grateful for their assistance.

Last spring the Land Trust Service Bureau honored our Trust with the "Outstanding Stewardship Award" at its annual convocation for a detailed and astounding cataloguing of wildlife on the McCann Family Farm. Compiled by Jerry Stage and George Grant the report listed more than 300 trees, flowers, ferns and other plants found on the Farm as well as 88 species of birds, seven of which are on Connecticut's list of endangered species. Stored on a computer, the compilation is constantly upgraded as new data is discovered.

Our success has not gone unnoticed. We are frequently called by other trusts, foundations, and the State, to share information and to learn of new opportunities. Our Land Acquisition Committee is currently negotiating with several landowners who wish to preserve their lands. One of the rewards of my job, and that of the Board, is reflecting on

the preservation of another piece of Connecticut, and the accompanying satisfaction of its owner.

I wish to thank our Board of Directors for their time, assistance, and support during the past year. They give unstintingly of themselves, in a great cause, and I am in their debt.

Culver A. Modisette
President

Finance Committee Report Fiscal Year August 1, 2000 to July 31, 2001

The NCLT had a very successful 2000-2001 fiscal year. Our net assets increased by \$309,025 or 25% and we ended the year with a strong cash position and no debt.

We received two major grants this year, \$182,500 from the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection and \$120,000 from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, that enabled us to purchase the 56 acre Swann Farm in Ellington. Membership contributions, donations, land use fees, and interest added another \$9,166 of income.

The past year was the first time that the NCLT controlled expenditures based on an operating budget for all committees. This system proved to be very effective and the committees held their operating expenses to \$2,641 against a budget of \$2,930.

At the end of the fiscal year, we had \$1,012 in our checking account and \$24,199 in income producing money market funds. It is expected that the majority of these funds will be used for future land acquisition and for stewardship of the properties we own.

Financial details are shown on the Income Statement and Balance Sheet that follow.

The Finance Committee:

Jim Gage
Albert Grant
John Maulucci

Northern Connecticut Land Trust
Income Statement
Fiscal 2000/2001
Ending July 31, 2001

Income

Membership Contributions	\$3,605
Donations	3,410
DEP Grant	182,500
Hartford Foundation Grant	120,000
Land Use	1,420
Interest	731
Total Income	\$311,666

Expenses

Legal Fees	\$496
Supplies	113
Telephone	33
Printing	641
Postage and Shipping	354
Speakers & Facilities	80
Memberships & Registrations	125
Insurance	550
Land Maintenance Materials	121
Misc.	128
Total Expenses	\$2,641

Net Income **\$309,025**

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**Northern Connecticut Land Trust
Balance Sheet
July 31, 2001**

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>July 31, 2000</u>	<u>July 31, 2001</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Cash	\$4,421	\$1,012	(\$3,409)
Money Market	2,583	24,199	21,616
Total Current Assets	\$7,004	\$25,211	\$18,207
Properties			
McCann	\$177,600	\$177,600	0
Skyline	159,070	159,070	0
Brandy Hill	134,200	134,200	0
Leaska	42,600	42,600	0
Indian Trail	172,500	172,500	0
Joy	310,300	310,300	0
S&S	78,400	78,400	0
Scott	800	800	0
Hatch Hill	72,100	72,100	0
Bacon	12,000	12,000	0
White	6,790	6,790	0
Grant	6,520	6,520	0
Finley	4,340	4,340	0
Echo Ridge	25,200	25,200	0
Eckers Pond	11,290	11,290	0
Swann Farm	0	290,818	290,818
Sub-total	\$1,213,710	\$1,504,528	\$290,818
Total Assets	\$1,220,714	\$1,529,739	\$309,025
LIABILITIES	\$0	\$0	\$0

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2001-2002 Northern Connecticut Land Trust Budget

As Adopted June 28, 2001

EXPENDITURES

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Land Stewardship Misc	\$300
Volunteer Coord. Misc	100
Land Acquisition Misc.	500
Public Relations Newsletters	\$300
Misc. mailings	100
Pub. & Press	<u>100</u>
Sub-total	\$500
Membership Stamps	\$110
Copies, printing, etc.	50
Display case	<u>50</u>
Sub-total	\$210
Programs Rent, speakers, food	375
Finance Insurance	\$550
Supplies	30
Land Trust Serv. Bur.	200
Sec. of State	<u>20</u>
Sub-total	\$800
Fund Raising Postage & Supplies	300
Secretary Postage & Supplies	80
President Postage & Supplies	60
Holiday gifts for legal and auditing services	<u>400</u>
Total	\$3,625 (1)

REVENUES

Memberships	\$3,000
Donations	1,000
Interest	400
Farm Lease	<u>4,400</u>
Total	\$8,800

(1) Total Operating Budget: This does not include funds for special projects such as land acquisition. Project funds will be approved by the Board of Directors on a project by project basis.

NCLT HOLDINGS

Date Acquired	Property Name	Location	Area	Source	Type	Purpose	Monitor
97.10.01	McCann Family Farm	Hwy 190 Somers	84 acres	McCanns	farm & mixed forest hilly, two brooks	farming, timber & nature preserve	Whit Davis & Ernie Boothroyd
88.12.20	Skyline Scenic Area	Stafford Rd Ext Somers	65 acres	Marianne Bovarnick	mixed forest hilly	nature preserve	Wes Smith
01.05.??	Swann Farm	Reeves Road, Ellington	56 acres	Joan Swann	farm, mixed forest	farming, preserve	George Grant
00.04.17	Finley- Bolton	Skinner Rd. Bolton	26 acres	William Finley, Ruth Bell	mixed forest, wet hilly, cliffs	nature preserve	John Maulucci
99.08.15	Echo Ridge	Echo Ridge Drive Vernon	13.5 acres	anonymous	mixed forest hilly, cliffs	nature preserve hiking trails	Edward Dresner
97.07.15	Brandy Hill Property	Brandy Hill Road Vernon (adj Indian Tr. Prop)	12 acres	Roy Conyers	mixed forest	preserve with hiking trails	Karl Hasel
00.06.01	Eckers Pond Property	nr VC Middle School Vernon	11 acres	Eleanor Delson, Lois Keil, Miriam Schwartz	forest	open space	Edward Dresner
94.12.20	Leaska Property	Weymouth Road Enfield	8 acres	George Leaska	marsh flat	nature preserve	Albert Grant
91.01.19	Indian Trail Preserve	Indian Trail & Bolton Rd Vernon(adj Brandy Hill)	7.3 acres	George Risley	mixed forest small brook	preserve with hiking trail	Karl Hasel
91.09.24	Joy Property	Lanz & Deborah Rds Ellington	7 acres	Richard & Joyce Joy	wet forest flat	open space	Jim Gage
00.04.17	Finley- Andover	Shoddy Mill Rd., Bolton Andover	5+/- acres	William Finley, Ruth Bell	forest	nature preserve abouts town open space	John Maulucci
94.12.20	S & R Realty	Windermere Road Ellington	1.74 acres	S & R Realty	weedy scrub flat	surplus	Ernie Boothroyd
92.10.13	Scott Property	Grant Ave Extension Stafford	1.5 - 2 acres	Barbara Scott	forest steep riverbank	open space	George Grant
93.12.06	Hatch Hill Property	Hatch Hill Road Vernon	1.4 acres	Town of Vernon	wooded wetland	open space	Pat Settembrino
97.07.24	Bacon Property	Handel Road Stafford	1 acre	Louise Bacon-Ogden & Richard Bacon	young forest flat	open space	Jerry Stage
95.07.07	White Property	Colorado Road Somers	1 acre	Charles White	wetland	open space	Don Smith
94.09.06	Grant Property	Gulf Road Somers	1 acre	George Grant	forest creek border	open space	Jerry Stage
		Total acres protected:	302				

NOTE NOT ALL PROPERTIES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Northern Connecticut Land Trust

Committees

Finance

Chair: Albert Grant

Creates the organization's annual budget, files taxes and other necessary documents with local, state and federal governments. Manages the Trust's financial assets.

Fund Raising

Chair: Culver Modisette

Coordinates fund raising activities which include writing grant applications and conducting solicitations.

Land Acquisition

Chair: Don Smith

Focuses on the development of leads and necessary follow up for donation and purchase of property. Determines which properties are the highest priority for the Trust to acquire, negotiates transactions, responsible for all aspects of acquiring land.

Land Stewardship

Chair: Jerry Stage

Handles all manner of property management including creates and maintains trails, monitors all properties and resolves any related problems. Also sponsors work parties on Trust properties as well as various hikes such as bird and wildflower walks for all skill levels.

Farming Subcommittee Chair: George Grant Establishes policies and guidelines for farming practices on Trust properties.

Membership

Chair: Fay Dresner

Administers the membership database, including mailings, collection of dues and membership drives.

Programs

Chair: Judy Snyder

Sponsors events on a regular basis throughout the NCLT region. These presentations are open to the public to encourage awareness of open space and related topics.

Public Relations

Chair: Karl Hasel

Produces the NCLT's newsletter *Landmark* and other Trust awareness materials and brochures. Issues press releases related to Trust activities and promotes the awareness and public image of the Land Trust.

The Northern Connecticut Land Trust

Fiscal Year 2001 Membership

Board of Directors

<u>President</u>	Culver Modisette, Stafford
<u>1st V. President</u>	Karl Hasel, Vernon
<u>2nd V. President</u>	Lois Osier, Enfield
<u>Treasurer</u>	Jim Gage, Ellington
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<u>Corresponding Secretary</u>	Fay Dresner, Vernon

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Joyce & Richard Joy

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Lois Keil
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Margaret H. Leary
Ann Letendre
Harold Leutjen
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Bruce Marvonek
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