Boy Scouts hike Webster Preserve Lookout Trail in Vernon

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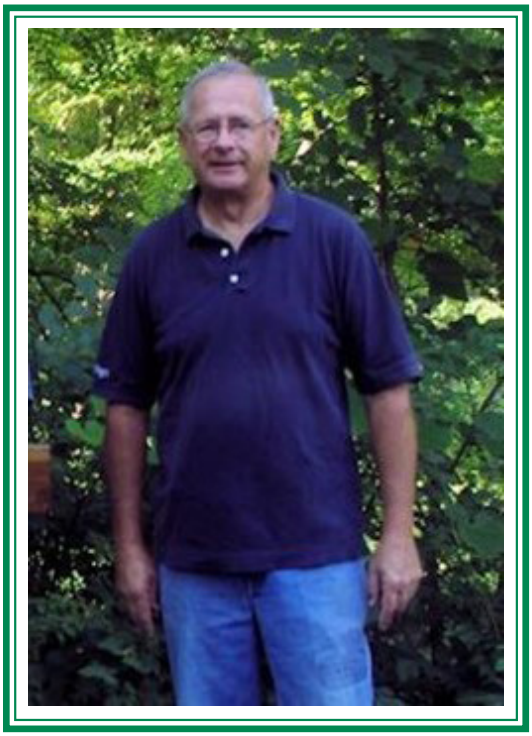
Annual Report
2020-2021

Farewell and Thanks to Two Land Trust Friends



Wesley Smith 1947-2021

Wes was a NCLT member for over 20 years and served on the Board of Directors and as Vice President for 6 years as well as co-chairing the Stewardship Committee. Wes was raised in Enfield, and settled in Somers with his wife and children and contributed to the Somers community thru Rotary Club, Republican Town Committee, and in the Air National Guard at Bradley Field. When he wasn't piloting various jets and helicopters he enjoyed hunting, fishing, cycling, hiking and bird watching on Trust properties and in Woodstock, CT.

Ingrid Aarrestad 1954 - 2021

Ingrid served on the NCLT Board of Directors for many years and was an avid Trust supporter. She was born in Hartford and resided in Stafford before moving to Florida. She was a graduate of University of Connecticut and a member of the Greater Hartford Association of Riding Therapy while enjoying gardening, cooking, reading and her dogs and horses. Ingrid also served as registrar of voters and chaired the Conservation Commission while in Stafford.

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

Thanks

The NCLT is very grateful for the legal services donated by our two pro bono law firms. They assist us in the real estate transactions when we acquire properties to be protected as open space.

The Northern Connecticut Land Trust, inc.

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To participate on a committee contact the Chairperson or any NCLT Director.
Further information can be found on the Trust website, www.northernctlandtrust.org

President's Letter

Warm Greetings to All Land Trust Members and Friends,

It has been a second strange year of trying to figure out what to do, how to do it, and taking care of ourselves and our neighbors. But there was one constant - what Land Trusts do to help preserve land and create opportunities for all people to enjoy the outdoors continued to be so important, once again confirming what we do is not only a love, but a need.

Although some normal thankfully creeped back into our daily lives, we still had to find ways to keep to ourselves and our families entertained and active. The great outdoors provides areas for that entertainment, education, and exercise. And we were very fortunate to start to be able to gather together and we were even able to begin to hold some of our guided trail walks again. I want to extend a very big thank you to all the volunteers who were able to help maintain our properties so people could continue to enjoy them. Thank goodness for Land Trusts and the people who volunteer their time and donate their property and money to support all that Land Trusts do.

There has been renewed interest and support for what we do. It seems as though people continue to use our properties and continue to discover the outdoors. The NCLT continues to accept donations of land for preservation, look after open space, and protect it for future use. As always we continue to accept monetary donations and would love to have more volunteers to help us in our efforts. Please contact us - we would love to have you join us.

I usually end this letter with thanking you all for your help. But it can't be said enough. I want to thank you all for what you do to help us in this mission, your monetary contributions as well as your contributions of time and service. We would not be the success we are without you.

Stay well. All the best.

Patrice L. Carson

Patrice L. Carson
NCLT President

Treasurers Report
Fiscal Year Ending July 31, 2021

The net worth of the NCLT increased by $251,558 in the past year due to a grant from the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) and contributions from our members and friends.

This year, the NCLT purchased a 118-acre parcel located on Webster Road in the Town of Ellington, bringing the total acreage owned by the land trust to 1850 acres. The parcel contains upland forest, brooks, wetlands, hayfields, and a watershed. The property abuts the Shenipsit State Forest and will serve as a trailhead and connection to a network of state forest trails. Purchased from John and Gloria Wraight through a bargain sale, funds for the $265,000 parcel were provided by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), the Town of Ellington, the Bafflin Foundation, the Fields Pond Foundation, and friends of NCLT. At the request of its former owners, the property has been named The Bird Field Conservation Area, reflecting the historical land use of John Wraight's father.

Also, this year, the NCLT received a $20,000 member contribution to improve our Scantic River Riparian Area (SRA) property. The NCLT has owned the 48-acre Scantic River Riparian Area in Somers, CT for 18 years. The SRA is in the flood plain of the Scantic River and significant flooding over the years has washed away our original trail system. We now plan to build a robust trail with durable boardwalks, bridges and a viewing station that will provide access for hiking, fishing and wildlife observing. This will be an expensive project, but is made possible by a $20,000 challenge contribution from a former Somers resident, John Sherman. Contributions made by the NCLT's members and friends will be matched from the Scantic River Riparian Area Trail Fund to provide the money needed to construct this trail.

As you may have noticed, I am the NCLT's newly elected Treasurer after succeeding longtime Treasurer Jim Gage following his retirement last year. It is my pleasure to assume Treasurer duties and look forward to serving in this position and interacting with our members for many years to come. I joined NCLT as a Board Member in 2018 and am registered as a Certified Public Accountant in the State of CT.

With the support of our members and friends, your all-volunteer NCLT has accomplished a great deal since its beginning in 1987.

Bryan Jambard, CPA
Treasurer

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Northern Connecticut Land Trust
Balance Sheet
July 31,2021

ASSETS	July 31, 2020	July 31, 2021	Change
Cash	$ 140,337	$ 18,564	$ (121,773)
Money Market	100,282	100,292	10
Whit Davis Stewardship Fund	52,043	53,397	1,354
Scantic River Riparian Area Trail Fund	-	19,967	19,967
Sub-total	292,662	192,220	(100,442)
Properties			
McCann	177,600	177,600	-
Skyline	159,070	159,070	-
Brandy Hill	134,200	134,200	-
Leaska	90,525	90,525	-
Indian Trail	172,500	172,500	-
Joy	310,300	310,300	-
Scott	800	800	-
Hatch Hill	72,100	72,100	-
Bacon	12,000	12,000	-
White	6,790	6,790	-
Grant	6,520	6,520	-
Echo Ridge	25,200	25,200	-
Eckers Pond	11,290	11,290	-
Swann Farm	340,000	340,000	-
Wapping Bog	1,190	1,190	-
Scantic River Riparian Area (Lipton)	5,000	5,000	-
Scantic River Riparian Area (Wright)	10,000	10,000	-
A. K. Webster (Knapp)	94,000	94,000	-
Sunset Hill	55,000	55,000	-
Whitaker Woods	1,176,426	1,176,426	-
Schlaf Farm	478,000	478,000	-
White Farm (development rights)	225,000	225,000	-
Kent South Nature Preserve	600,000	600,000	-
Ernie Boothroyd Nature Preserve	185,000	185,000	-
Bald Mountain Nature Preserve (Bridge-Koenigsberg, Galbraith, Trappe)	854,410	854,410	-
Talcott Ravine	87,000	87,000	-
Shenipsit Woods (Lee/Webster Rd)	105,000	105,000	-
Stevenson Woodland	152,000	152,000	-
Myers Farm	115,000	115,000	-
Satkowski Farm	110,900	110,900	-
Culver Pond Nature Preserve	560,000	560,000	-
Hegarty Hollow	551,600	551,600	-
Nipmuch Woods	203,395	203,395	-
Bellane preserve	96,000	96,000	-
The Bird Field Conservation Area (Wraight)	-	352,000	352,000
Sub-total	7,183,816	7,535,816	352,000
Total Assets	**$ 7,476,478**	**$ 7,728,036**	**$ 251,558**
Total Liabilities	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**
Net Worth	**$ 7,476,478**	**$ 7,728,036**	**$ 251,558**

Northern Connecticut Land Trust
Statement of Activities
Fiscal Year 2021
Ending July 31, 2021

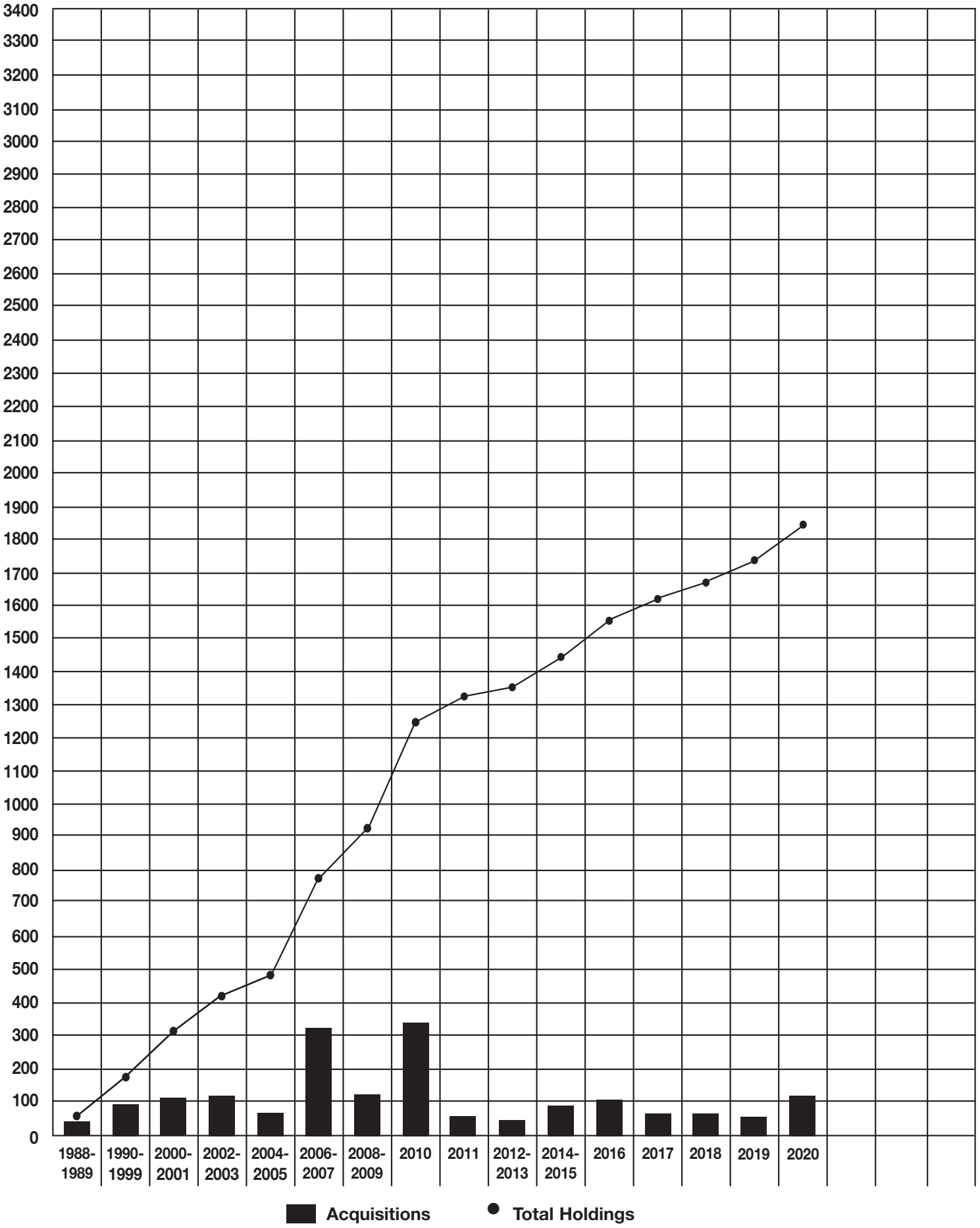
Net Asset Value July 31, 2020		**$7,476,478**	
Income			
Contributions	$	118,289.00	Note 1
Grants	$	133,500.00	Note 2
Farmland Lease Income	$	8,050.00	
Interest	$	1,364.00	
Total Income	**$**	**261,203.00**	
Expense			
Land Acquisition (surveys, appraisals, closing costs)	$	2,020.00	
Printing and Postage	$	2,203.00	
Insurance	$	2,162.00	
Land Stewardship	$	1,762.00	
Memberships (CLCC, LTA)	$	1,025.00	
Misc. (State Filings, Safe Deposit Box, P.O. Box, etc.)	$	323.00	
Website	$	150.00	
Total Expense	**$**	**9,645.00**	
Change in Net Assets	**$**	**251,558.00**	
Net Asset Value July 31, 2021		**$7,728,036.00**	

Note 1 Includes $87,000 bargain sale contribution for the purchase of The Bird Field Conservation Area (Wraight) and $20,000 member donation for the Scantic River Riparian Area Trail Fund

Note 2 Includes $132,500 grant from CT DEEP for the purchase of The Bird Field Conservation Area (Wraight)

NCLT Acquisition History

and predecessor organizations

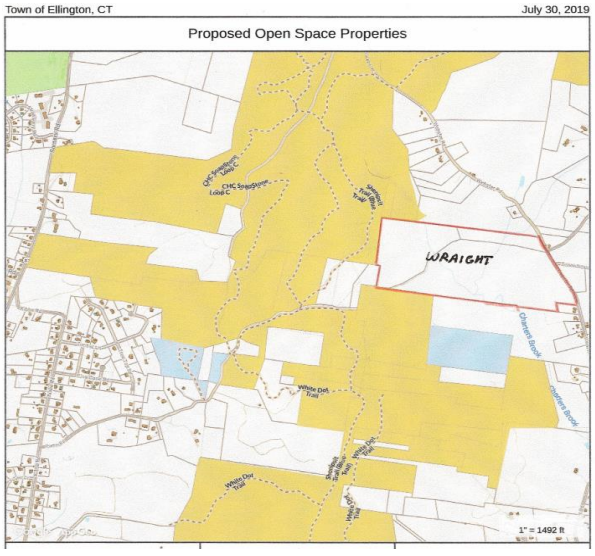


The Bird Field Conservation Area

John Wraight was an active member of the NCLT for many years. He was an expert with a chain saw and helped build and maintain trails on land trust property. John and his wife Gloria owned a large property on the west side of Webster Road in Ellington that had been purchased by his father. The property was used for farming and as a source of wood. In one of the small fields, John and his father raised pheasants and partridges that they sold to the state to be stocked for hunters.

The Wraights decided that they would like to preserve this picturesque property instead of having it subdivided and turned into a residential development, so they offered to sell it to the NCLT. In order to help with the acquisition, they agreed to a bargain price of 75% of the appraised value.

The 118 acre property consists of upland forest, brooks, wetlands and several acres of hayfields. It abuts the Shenipsit State Forest and is watershed for Shenipsit Lake Reservoir. Charters Brook, a primary feeder stream for the reservoir, runs through the length of the property. The Shenipsit Lake Reservoir provides drinking water for Ellington and surrounding towns so it is important to protect the purity of the water and to minimize development in this watershed.



Funds for the $265,000 purchase of this property were provided by the CT DEEP, the Town of Ellington, the Bafflin Foundation, The Fields Pond Foundation and friends of the NCLT. We sincerely thank the Wraights for agreeing to the bargain sale that made this project possible. The sale was completed in April 2021. The NCLT plans to provide a trailhead parking area off Webster Road and a connecting trail to the extensive network of trails in the Shenipsit State Forest.

At the request of the owners, the property will be named the Bird Field Conservation Area. This will reflect the historical use of the land. It is also is appropriate since every spring, pairs of woodcock are spotted along the marshy lower edge of the field.

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Supporting Membership List

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Dominic Wilson
John & Gloria Wraight
Donna Wright
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Robert & Melinda Zielfelder

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Enfield Conservation Commission
Stafford Conservation Commission
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Edward Bridge-Koenigsberg
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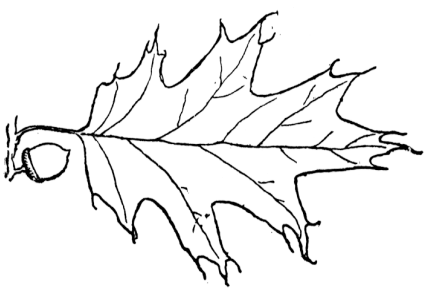

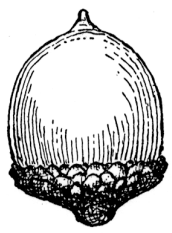

Northern Connecticut Land Trust Properties

ACQUIRED	PROPERTY NAME	TOWN	ACRES	SOURCE	TYPE	PURPOSE
1988	Skyline Scenic Area	Somers	65	Bovarnick	mixed forest	nature preserve
1991	Indian Trail	Vernon	7	George Risley	mixed forest, brook	nature preserve
1991	Joy Property	Ellington	7	Joy Family	wetland, forest	open space
1992	Scott Property	Stafford	2	Barbara Scott	riverbank	open space
1993	Hatch Hill Property	Vernon	1	Town Vernon	wooded	open space
1994	Grant Property	Somers	1	George Grant	stream border	open space
1994	Leaska Property	Enfield	17	George Leaska	marsh	nature preserve
1995	White Property	Somers	1	C. White	wetland	open space
1997	McCann Family Farm	Somers	84	McCann Family	farm & mixed forest	farming, preserve
1997	Bacon Property	Stafford	1	Bacon	forest	open space
1997	Brandy Hill Property	Vernon	12	Roy Conyers	mixed forest	nature preserve
1999	Echo Ridge	Vernon	14	Anonymous	mixed forest, cliffs	nature preserve
2000	Eckers Pond	Vernon	11	E. Delson, L. Keil M. Schwartz	forest	
2001	Swann Farm	Ellington	56	Joan Swann	farm, mixed forest	farming preserve
2002	Bridge Property	Somers	64	Bridge Family	mixed forest	passive recreation
2002	Wapping Bog	E. Windsor	14	Gallagher Co.	black spruce bog	open space
2003	Webster Preserve	Vernon	30	Knapp Family	mixed forest	passive recreation
2003	Wright Property Scantic Area Riparian	Somers	30	E. Wright	Scantic riverfront	Scantic riverfront
2003	Lipton Property Scantic Area Riparian	Somers	18	S. Lipton	Scantic riverfront	Scantic riverfront
2005	Sunset Hill	Ellington	14	Ellington Cong. Church	Forest	open space
2005	Galbraith Property	Somers	22	Arthur Galbraith	mixed forest	open space
2006	Whitaker Woods	Somers	266	Whitaker Family	forest, pasture	nature preserve
2007	Schlaf Farm	Somers	38	Mr. & Mrs Schlaf	farm, mixed forest	farming preserve
2008	White Farm	Stafford	181	Robert & Carol White	farm	conservation easement
2009	Kent South Preserve	Tolland	84	Lee, Lamont Realty	streams, wooded	open space
2010	Ernie Boothroyd Preserve	Ellington	58	Mr. & Mrs. Mosley	wooded	open space
2010	Bald Mountain Property	Somers	138	Trappe Family	mixed forest	open space
2011	Shenepsit Woods	Ellington	30	Lee, Lamont Realty	forest	open space
2011	Talcott Ravine	Vernon	20	Talcott Family	park	open space
2012	Stevenson Woodlands	Somers	30	Stevenson Family	streams, wooded	open space
2013	Myers Farm	Ellington	70	Myers Nurseries	farm, forest	farming preserve
2013	Satkowski Farm	Stafford	20	Katherine Satkowski	pasture	farming preserve
2016	Culver Pond Nature Preserve	Stafford	118	Chris Modisette	wooded, stream	passive recreation
2017	Hegarty Hollow	Stafford	83	John Hegarty will	forest, pasture	farming preserve passive recreation
2017	Nipmuck Woods	Stafford	79	Stafford Fish & Game	forest	passive recreation
2019	Bellante Preserve	Ellington	36	Mr. & Mrs. Bellante	forest	passive recreation
2019	Pearl Property	Ellington	11	Dora Pearl Estate	forest	passive recreation
2021	Wraight Property	Ellington	114	Wraight Family	forest	passive recreation
	TOTAL PROTECTED ACREAGE		1845			

NCLT PROPERTIES, STEWARDS & MANAGERS

ENFIELD			
Leaska parcel	Property Steward, Albert Grant	860-623-5487	albert_grant@sbcglobal.net
SOMERS			
Bald Mountain Preserve: (Bridge+Galbraith+Trappe parcels)	Team Leader, Jack Kertenis	860-749-7754	jackjin13kertenis@att.net
Grant parcel	Property Steward, Paul Lagel	860-749-4044	pelagel@snet.net
McCann Family Farm & Whitaker Woods	Team Leader, Wes Smith Farm Manager: George Grant	860-763-3310 860-749-3282	flyingwes@cox.net landgrant@cox.net
Scantic Riparian Area: (Lipton+Wright parcels)	Property Steward, Ginny Patsun	860-763-4047	gpatsun@yahoo.com
Schlaf Farm Cornfields	Team Leader, Harold Worcester Farm Manager, George Grant	860-749-9793 860-749-3282	hworcester@cox.net landgrant@cox.net
Skyline Scenic Area Stevenson Woodlands	Property Steward, Doug Metivier Steward, Rick Gauvreau	860-745-2867 860-253-9009	doug_metivier@yahoo.com
White Parcel	Property Steward, Don Smith	860-749-9550 863-439-2606	dnsmith103@aol.com
Skyline Scenic Area	Property Steward, Doug Metivier	860-745-2867	doug_metivier@yahoo.com
STAFFORD			
Bacon Parcel	Property Steward, Rusty Moody	860-875-1459	waltmoody@comcast.net
Scott Parcel	Property Steward, Rob Zielfelder	860-454-8788 860-684-5781	n1nug@comcast.net
Satkowski Farm	Property Steward, George Grant	860-749-3282	landgrant@cox.net
Culver Pond Nature Preserve Hegarty Hollow Nipmuck Woods	Property Steward, Chris Modisette		
EAST WINDSOR			
Wrapping Bog	Property Steward, Arend Knuttel	860-749-7928	bge103@netzero.net
ELLINGTON			
Bellante Preserve	Property Steward, Rob Zielfelder	860-454-8788 860-684-5781	n1nug@comcast.net
Ernie Boothroyd Nature Preserve	Property Steward, Rob Zielfelder	860-454-8788 860-684-5781	n1nug@comcast.net
Shenipsit Woods	Property Steward, Jim Gage	860-875-6971	jameswgage@sbcglobal.net
Sunset Hill Preserve	Property Steward, Elise Bennett		ebennett@hotmail.com
Joy Parcel	Property Steward, Jim Gage	860-875-6971	jameswgage@sbcglobal.net
Swann Farm	Farm Manager, George Grant	860-749-3282	landgrant@cox.net
Chestnut Orchard	Orchard Manager, Richard Bailey	860-749-0061	dweezle-ct3@att.net
Myers Farm	Property Steward, George Grant	860-749-3282	landgrant@cox.net
VERNON			
AKW Preserve, Echo Ridge, Ecker's Pond, Brandy Hill, Indian Trail Preserve and Hatch Hill	Team Leader, Karl Hasel	860-878-7406 860-882-7537	karl.hasel@cox.net
Talcott Ravine	Team Leader, Gail Faherty	860-872-9367	gfaherty@sbcglocal.net
TOLLAND			
Lee Property	Property Steward, Jim & Dylan Norton	860-875-6115	norton_jm@sbcglobal.net

Whitaker Woods Trail System

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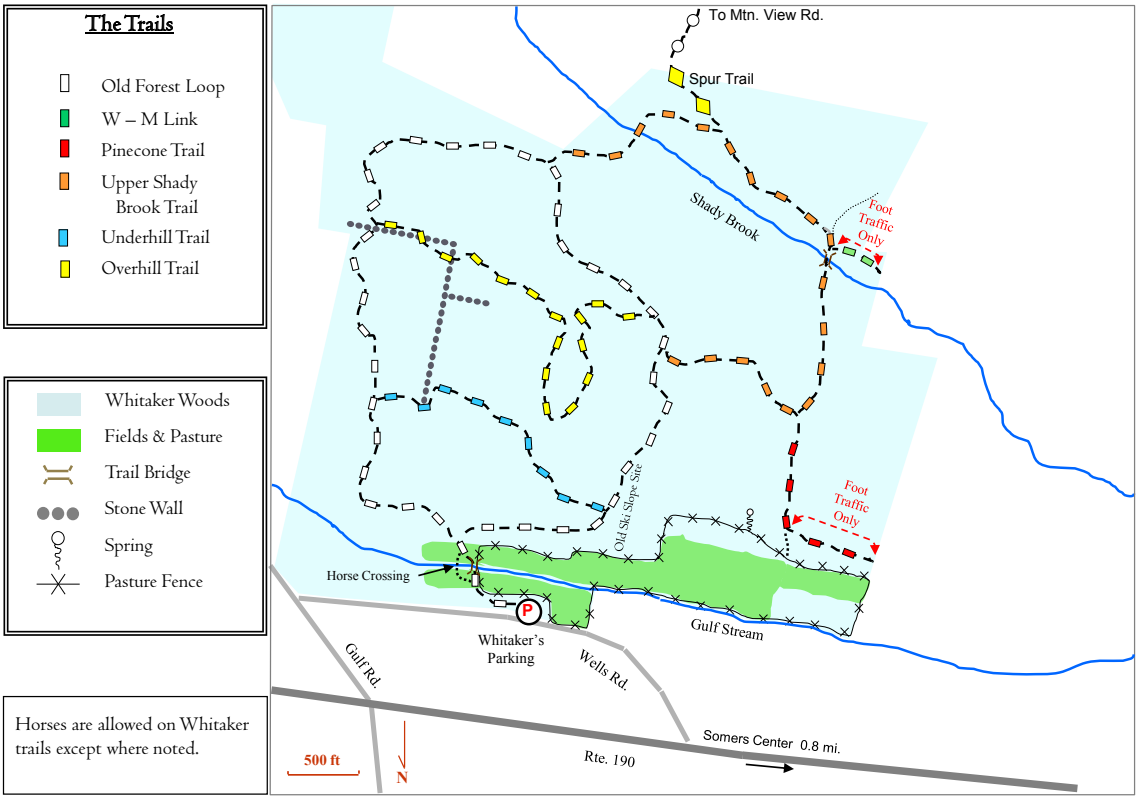
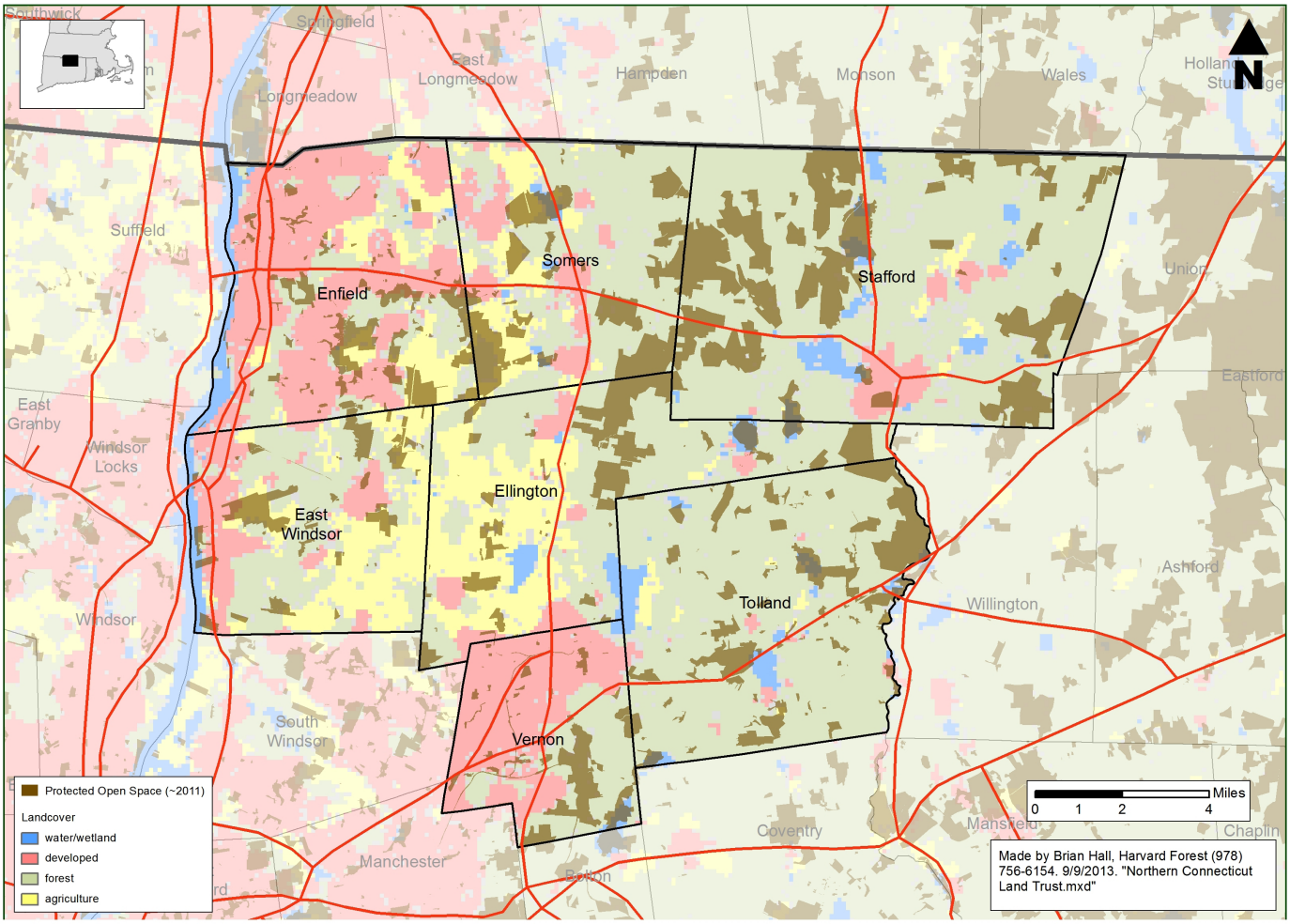


Open Space in the Northern CT. Land Trust Region



Boyscouts gather to blaze trails on Trust properties

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