



Exciting Major Land Acquisition Update

The Land Trust has signed an agreement to purchase a large, forested tract abutting one of our established preserves. Although we have worked on this project for about four years, several steps remain before the acquisition is complete, including raising funds that supplement those already given to us by our generous donors. Even so, we are gratified that the parcel is now one step closer to permanent protection.

This acquisition will secure a crucial wildlife corridor, safeguard the land from future development, and protect a boisterous stream flowing through a rocky gorge. We plan to connect the parcel's existing trails with those in our abutting preserve, providing a wealth of passive recreation opportunities for local residents. Visitors will be able to enjoy a sanctuary dedicated to passive recreation including hiking, walking, nature study, cross-country skiing, and horseback riding.

Stay tuned as we prepare to finalize this project and share updates on how we will be protecting its pristine beauty for generations to come.

Fall Program with Jane Seymour Managing Today's Threats to Wildlife in Connecticut

Thursday, November 5th - 7PM
Lakeview Lodge, Veterans Memorial Park
265 Beacon Road, Bethany
FREE!

Jane Seymour is a wildlife biologist for the CT DEEP Wildlife Division and the manager of the Belding Wildlife Management Area in Vernon, Connecticut. Her work focuses on managing local habitats, educating the public, and addressing key threats to Connecticut's wildlife.

She will discuss some of the key threats to wildlife in Connecticut including habitat loss, invasive species proliferation and insect and pollinator decline. She'll also present suggestions for managing these challenges.

Upcoming Events

Evening Hike / Owl Prowl

Sunday, November 22nd, 6-8pm
Van Epps Preserve 390 Beacon Rd/Rt 42, Bethany

Once again, get your headlamps ready to enjoy a moonlit, evening walk/owl prowling in the Van Epps Preserve just days before November's full Beaver Moon. Hopefully the weather will be clear and brisk and perhaps, like last year, we might even hear or see an owl or two.

Native American Ceremonial Stone Structures Hike (Postponed from October)

Sunday, December 13th, 1-3pm
Hidden Brook Preserve, 101 Russell Rd Bethany

We have a small portal into the world of indigenous peoples, who lived here for thousands of years, in the ceremonial stone structures that still exist and have been identified in Bethany. Join us for a walk in Whispering Pines to learn more about these historical structures with our guide, Carol Lambiase, Bethany Land Trust President.

For details/registration information, visit our website bethanylandtrust.org/hikes/

Bob Harrison, Trails Chair