



**East Haddam Land Trust, Inc.**  
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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

With this winter being one of the snowiest within recent memory, the thought of spring is a welcome distraction to the snow and ice that have pervaded our existence. Thoughts of walking through sweeping meadows and over glacial remains and enjoying pastoral views along abundant waterways or meandering through magical woodlands can help us cope with all the melting and flooding that is currently occurring.

As a friend once said to me, "spring always comes." With spring comes the opportunity to enjoy some of the 250+ ecologically diverse and wonderful acres owned directly by the East Haddam Land Trust as well as an additional 115+ acres of protected easements that exist within our beautiful town. However, we cannot maintain these areas and keep them in access-ready shape without your help.

Please remember the East Haddam Land Trust as you choose your charitable organizations to support during this tax season. The Land Trust is a locally based organization that relies on membership dollars to engage in the many activities it undertakes to continue maintaining the land that it stewards.

Your membership dollars are used for things like surveys, boundary marking tags, trail markers and signage. Trail construction materials (for example, building a bridge across Roaring Brook, adding access to the Sheepskin Hollow Preserve from Sheepskin Hollow Road) and tools are other costs covered by your contributions. The Land Trust, founded 32 years ago, has been successful due to your generous support throughout the years.

We still need you, and generations to come need you. Help preserve and protect our unique rural character. Join. Renew. Donate. If you have already made a donation (an amount equal to individual, family or above) in response to our Bogan appeal letter, then you have been automatically renewed or been made a member. THANK YOU! Your Land Trust directors have all committed financial support for the Bogan acquisition.

Your membership provides essential funding and support for local land conservation measures, and you become part of a family committed to saving East Haddam's natural landscape through education and action. As members, you receive advance notice of hikes and other events, workshops and our increasingly popular stewardship work parties.

*The East Haddam Land Trust is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization formed in 1979 dedicated to the preservation of East Haddam's priceless natural heritage. Please support our mission by returning the form below, with your donation; or visit us online (www.ehlt.org) and click on Donate or Pay Dues.*

Questions? Feel free to contact your president, Shannon Hawkins, at president@ehlt.org.

With appreciation,

Your East Haddam Land Trust Board of Directors

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS: **Student \$18: Individual \$30: Family \$50: Contributing \$100: Sustaining \$200: Lifetime \$500: Businesses \$100-1,000.**

**EAST HADDAM LAND TRUST MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR 2011**

*Contributions Are Tax Deductible. And, do include employer matching gift forms.*

Please return with your check to: East Haddam Land Trust, PO Box 122, East Haddam, CT 06423

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL \_\_\_ NEW MEMBER \_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Level \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOWN/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE, EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Additional donation to the Anita Ballek Scholarship Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional donation to the Land Acquisition/Preservation Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional donation to the Operation/Stewardship Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_