



East Haddam Land Trust

Autumn/Winter 2018

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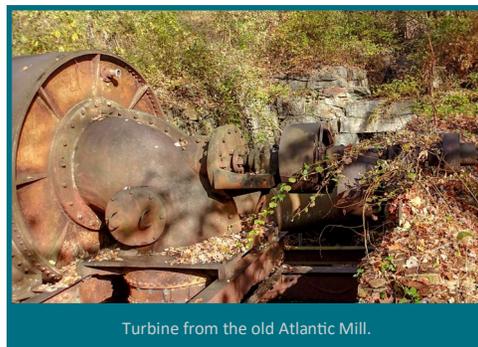
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East Haddam Land Trust Newsletter

East Haddam Land Trust preserves and protects land in perpetuity for the public benefit.

STEWARDING THE BERNSTEIN PRESERVE

Natural and historic features converge at EHLT's 36-acre Bernstein Preserve where two of Moodus' water-powered mills, the Atlantic and Falls Mills, once hummed. Fire destroyed the mill buildings but a historic turbine and small structure re-



Turbine from the old Atlantic Mill.

main. Both are now surrounded by undesirable greenery and a large stand of horsetails, (*Equisetum hyemale*), a plant species that survived the glaciers.

This unusual combination requires regular maintenance. EHLT stewards have shored up the turbine but need help removing and managing the greenery.



Horsetail plants around old mill building.

To help maintain this unique blend of history and nature, email president@ehlt.org. Read more about the Bernstein Preserve at ehlt.org.

Help Preserve the Miller Farm



We have raised \$60,000 towards our \$200,000 goal. Each dollar helps us preserve the Miller Farm—87 acres of forest and wooded wetlands—and other natural places.

Help turn this tree red. Donate to the Campaign to Preserve the Miller Farm at ehlt.org or mail your donation to East Haddam Land Trust, PO Box 122, East Haddam, CT 06423. Please note "Miller Farm" on your check. Thank you!

Read more about the Miller Farm at ehlt.org.

Photo Contest for Amateur Photographers of all Ages

Let us see our world through your eyes and your camera lens.

Our world is the towns of East Haddam, Essex, Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, and Salem. The land trusts in these towns sponsor an annual photo contest to highlight the wonderful scenery and historic features found in each town.

Amateur photographers may enter up to three photos in the categories Plants, Wildlife, Landscape/Waterscape, Cultural/Historic, Black & White, Youth (ages 14-18 or 13 years and younger), or in a new category of Land Trust Properties. Find EHLT's properties at ehlt.org. Youth photographers are especially encouraged to enter.

Entries are judged by art and photography professionals. Winners in each of the categories win cash prizes. All entries are exhibited at an April 2019 reception and winning photos go on display at various locations through 2019.

Entries are accepted from January 2, 2019 through February 28, 2019. Get entry forms and the contest rules at [Land Trusts Photo Contest](http://www.landtrustsphotocontest.org/) (<http://www.landtrustsphotocontest.org/>). While visiting the website, scroll through the wonderful photos of previous winners and the list of sponsors that help the land trusts cover contest costs.



©Erin Reemsnyder "Ice Jam in East Haddam"
2nd Landscape 2018



©Chris Flick "Bluebird" HM Wildlife 2018

Musical Bridges 2018



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We hope all who came to our Musical Bridges 2018 concert enjoyed the talents of local musicians, the unusual jam band format, and the fun of joining neighbors and friends for this evening concert on the Goodspeed lawn along the picturesque Connecticut River.

During Musical Bridges 2018, EHLT raised \$8000 toward our Campaign to Preserve the Miller Farm.

Thank you for so many generous donations!



East Haddam Land Trust

MEMBERSHIP

Guardian \$500

Sustaining \$250

Contributing \$100

Family \$50

Basic \$20

Any amount is
welcome

EMPLOYER MATCHING DONATIONS DOUBLES YOUR EHLT DONATION

Obtain matching
donation forms
from your em-
ployer's human
resources dept.

List EHLT on forms
then submit to
your employer.

Employer verifies
your donation,
then matches it!

YOUR INVESTMENT HELPS PRESERVE OUR FUTURE

Do you have a cherished memory of a once wildlife-filled forest or a meadow of wildflowers and grasses blowing gently in a summer breeze? Most of us do.

Is your memory still a reality?

As a region develops, some cherished spots will change into needed home and commercial sites. But other spots can and should be preserved permanently to protect critical plant and wildlife habitat and waterways.

Fortunately, East Haddam has land for both home and commercial sites, and for preserved natural spaces. Many towns in the lower Connecticut River Valley region no longer have the natural land resources we enjoy.



**Your investment in
East Haddam
Land Trust
is vital
to our future
East Haddam.**

EHLT's mission is to preserve critical woodlands, fields, and wetlands where trees, shrubs, ferns, wildflowers, and mosses grow and help keep our air and waterways clean. EHLT aims to preserve natural places where birds, mammals, amphibians, reptiles, insects, butterflies, and moths live and open many preserves for public use and enjoyment.

Your membership dues, your donations, your contributions during our events, your gifts toward the Miller Farm purchase, and your bequests of land make it possible for EHLT to preserve forests filled with wildlife and fields awash with blooms.

Investing in East Haddam Land Trust allows us to preserve our future East Haddam, now.

East Haddam Land Trust is a 501(c)3 charitable organization that preserves and protects land in perpetuity for the public benefit.

So far in 2018, East Haddam Land Trust:

- Preserved 45 more acres of land and initiated a capital campaign to purchase another 87 acres.
- Submitted our accreditation application to the Land Trust Alliance. This entailed hundreds of volunteer work hours over the last twelve months to strengthen EHLT’s organizational structure, policies, and practices.
- Sponsored hikes, paddles, and public events to engage people in outdoor activities.
- Created and distributed 6000 free Nature Calendars.
- Co-sponsored the Land Trusts Photo Contest with neighboring land trusts.
- Participated in the Eightmile River Fest.
- Held the 2018 Musical Bridges concert, engaging about 300 people and 30 musicians in music and fun.
- Raised nearly \$350 for the Anita Ballek/EHLT Scholarship Fund during the 2018 Annual Meeting.
- Installed a pollinator garden at Golet Farm Preserve with materials and plants from New England Wild Flower Society and sponsored a pollinator workshop taught by New England Wild Flower Society staff.
- Printed and distributed East Haddam trail maps, and continued preserve trail and boundary maintenance.
- Had three-quarters of the Board of Directors attend educational workshops at the Connecticut Land Conservation Council annual conference.



Photo: Sue Spang, 2nd Place-Plants
2011 Land Trusts Photo Contest

EAST HADDAM LAND TRUST PRESERVES AND STEWARDS LAND



Hammond Mill Preserve

**EHLT NOW OVERSEES
575+ ACRES OF LAND
(APPROX. 45 ACRES
ADDED IN 2018)
13 EHLT PRESERVES
HAVE
PUBLIC USE TRAILS**



PeGus’s Path Preserve

**EHLT VOLUNTEERS
GAVE 400+ HOURS
DURING 2018
TO MAINTAIN
EHLT PRESERVES
AND CLEAR TRAILS
FOR PUBLIC USE**

East Haddam Land Trust is your local, all-volunteer, non-profit, tax-exempt organization that conserves irreplaceable land and protects waterways for the well-being and enjoyment of current and future generations of people and wildlife.



East Haddam Land Trust

EHLT's 12-member board meets monthly to manage business, membership, communication, fundraising, and events.

We invite general members to serve on our Fundraising and Stewardship committees, or help with events such as the Annual Meeting in January or Musical Bridges in August.

Please call
860-484-3458
or email
president@ehlt.org
if interested in joining our board or working with our committees.

WAYS TO VOLUNTEER

Join our Stewardship Team. Work with us on the 3rd Saturdays, 9 am to noon, from September through June to keep EHLT's preserves in shape.

Be a Preserve Steward. Clear trails, remove trash, take note of conditions, and notify EHLT's Stewardship committee of anything needing attention.

Join a committee. Our Membership, Fundraising, Communication, and Stewardship committees welcome members' input.

Help with Events. Our Annual Meeting, Musical Bridges concerts, and other events seek help from members.

Share your knowledge. Give a talk, lead a workshop, write an article on geology, local history, wildflowers, ferns, moss/lichen, fungi, wildlife, or other another environmental topic, or otherwise share our knowledge.

Email your interest in volunteering with us to president@ehlt.org.



Appreciating Lichen

Winter is a perfect time to appreciate lichen which often grow among mosses but, unlike mosses, are not plants. Lichen are a complex fungus and algae partnership



Foliose lichen on a Hammond Mill Preserve tree.

growing very slowly only on substrates—trees, rocks, soil, houses and other surfaces. Lichen come in three types: crustose that crust over rocks or roof shingles; fruticose in hair-like, shrubby, or cup-like shapes; and foliose in flat, ridged, or bumpy forms. Lichen absorb nutrients from air and rain. During wet periods they grow, during dry periods lichen turn brittle and go dormant.

Lichen serve as nest-building materials for many New England birds and flying squirrels, and food for deer, moose, insects, snails, and slugs. Having lichen around is good—they need clean, fresh air and convert carbon dioxide into oxygen. Since they absorb atmospheric pollutants, few survive in polluted areas.

Read more at <https://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/beauty/lichens/whatare.shtml>



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Membership Drive
Newsletter

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East Haddam Land Trust Events

New Year's Day Hike, 1-3 pm

Last Sunday Hikes, 1-3 pm

1/27, 2/24, 3/24, 4/28, 5/26, 6/30

2019 Stewardship Saturdays

1/19, 2/16, 3/23, 4/22, 5/18, 6/15,

9/21, 10/19, 11/16, 12/21

9:00 am-12 noon

Hike & Stewardship locations TBD



EHLT's Annual Meeting

January 18, 2019

Public presentation on local ecology
and/or wildlife,
enter a basket fundraiser
to support the
Anita Ballek/EHLT Scholarship Fund.
General public is invited.

Join us for fun outings! Sign up for email updates at ehlt.org, like us on Facebook.