



East Haddam Land Trust Newsletter

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

Summer 2018

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THE MILLER FARM—PROTECTING 87 ACRES

Bordering Tater Hill and AP Gates Roads in eastern East Haddam lies the Miller Farm. For generations, it was sustainably logged and farmed. As is common with old New England farms, the farmers aged, passed on, and left their farm with heirs whom they hoped would continue to cherish the land.

For years, the current owners, Larry and Peggy Nichols followed in the footsteps of Peggy's family ... they sustainably logged the woods, hayed the fields, and coaxed vegetables and berries from the farm's soil.



The Miller Farm forest.

But time changes desires and abilities. So, the Nichols sold some of their acreage to another generation of farmers who now work Four Root Farm on Tater Hill Road.

The Nichols later approached East Haddam Land Trust (EHLT) about purchasing 87 acres of their cherished, mostly wooded property.

Buying 87 acres is a big financial nut for EHLT to crack, but the land is so wonderful EHLT's Directors felt this is a nut worth cracking.

The land sits in East Haddam's section of Audubon Connecticut's Lyme Forest Block Important Bird Area, acreage of forest critical to our woodland birds. Its wooded wetlands and undisturbed soils

protect and recharge the aquifers we tap for drinking, and the Roaring Brook and Eightmile River watersheds. Its proximity to other large blocks of undis-

turbed land enlarge the green corridors needed by wildlife.

The land is simply beautiful. It abounds with oak, beech, and tulip trees; spicebush, winterberry, and blueberry shrubs; ferns, mosses, and wildflowers and the mammals, amphibians, birds, and other wildlife that thrive in undisturbed woodlands. —*jmh*

Help Preserve the Miller Farm

EHLT is working to raise \$200,000 toward the Miller Farm purchase.

Please help us preserve these beautiful acres.

Donate at ehlt.org or mail your check to

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Pollinate New England at Golet Farm Preserve

Pollinators—bees, moths, butterflies, birds—fertilize our food crops, are declining, and need our help. Therefore, New England Wild Flower Society (NEWFS) launched Pollinate New England, a program to highlight pollinator decline and encourage native plants in home landscapes. EHLT is a partner; our Golet Farm Preserve will have one of two Pollinate New England gardens in Connecticut and one of twelve in New England.

Given the choice, pollinators spend more time at the native plants they evolved with than with similar non-native plants. Encouraging native plants already growing and adding a few more regionally native plants to your home landscape can give pollinator populations a boost.



Hummingbird moth on Monarda
Credit: NEWFS

You don't need a green thumb to make a difference. Other actions in your home landscape can also help pollinators better survive. Learn how.

July 25, 1-4 pm Garden Installation at Golet Farm Preserve. Be one of 15 participants to help plant plugs (seedlings) grown from native seeds and learn how and where to plant pollinator-attracting natives. Register (required) via ehlt.org.

July 25, 6-8:30 pm Pollinator Workshop at Grange Hall, a free work-

shop about pollinators, how to help their declining populations, and the regionally native plants they love. Register (required) via ehlt.org.

Through August 3, Gardening with Pollinators, NEWFS's free, online, self-guided course. Register via ehlt.org.
—jmh

Musical Bridges 2018



EHLT's Musical Bridges Concert
Photo Credit: Ralph Chappell

MONDAY EVENING, AUGUST 20

Listen to talented local musicians.

Picnic on the Goodspeed lawn.

Celebrate summer along the CT River.

Support your land trust's mission.

Updates at ehlt.org and on Facebook.

From EHLT's Board of Directors

The 2017 Operating Results reflects our members' generosity and the extra value brought to EHLT through corporate matching grant programs of members' employers. In 2017, membership dues and corporate matching grants totaled \$43,920.98—generosity that makes our mission of preserving and protecting land possible.

Land Acquisition remains our highest expense, as it should. Receipt of the Bloch property State grant of \$49,500 offset our 2016 land expenditures. In 2017 we purchased the PeGus's Path Preserve and an option to purchase the Miller Farm.

Stewardship costs were low thanks to our hard-working Stewardship volunteers.

Membership and Outreach costs include our public programs, printing/ mailing newsletters, maps, and donation mailings.

Administrative expenses rose in 2017 partially due to our old website/membership database program. We have since cut this cost with new website and database programs. Our work toward accreditation also added costs, but this work will be complete in 2019 and is making EHLT a stronger organization.

EHLT's Board remains committed to spending the bulk of EHLT's

funds to preserve land and to making your land trust more effective and sustainable. Your continued willingness to invest in EHLT is critical as we work to preserve the 87-acre Miller Farm (see page 1) and other natural areas in our town. **Thank you!** —daj, jmh

| East Haddam Land Trust 2017 Operating Results | |
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| Income | |
| Dues (membership, memorials, misc.) | \$19,572.98 |
| Donations (state grant \$49,500, corporate match \$24,348, general and restricted to land acquisition, scholarship, stewardship) | \$99,765.20 |
| Miscellaneous (gear, program grant, investment) | \$5,660.33 |
| Calendar (donations, sponsorships) | \$6,658.57 |
| <i>Total Income</i> | \$131,657.08 |
| Expenses | |
| Land Acquisition (appraisals, legal, surveys, purchases) | \$40,110.21 |
| Stewardship (signs, fencing, maintenance) | \$2,503.14 |
| Membership and Outreach (printing, mailing, programs, gear) | \$10,662.73 |
| Administrative (insurance, accounting, education, dues, website) | \$14,294.59 |
| Calendar (printing, mailing, contest prizes, layout) | \$5,646.84 |
| <i>Total Expenses</i> | \$73,217.51 |
| Operating Surplus (Deficit) | \$58,439.57 |

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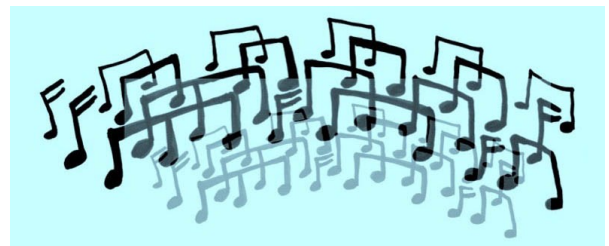
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Summer 2018

East Haddam Land Trust Events

See www.ehlt.org, Events,
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for updates on
7/29 and 8/25 paddles,
the 7/25 Pollinator Gardening
and Native Plants events,
and the September dates
for hikes and stewardship.

Join us Monday, August 20 for
Musical Bridges 2018



an evening concert by local musicians
on the Goodspeed Lawn

Receive Event updates by email. Sign up at www.ehlt.org.