



## Annual Report 2020 Accomplishments July 2019 - June 2020 13th Year

### ➤ Land Conservation and Stewardship:

- Conducted monitoring walks for Hartland Land Trust's Bassett-Kell Preserve as well as for the Charles and Lois Beach Nature Preserve
- Awarded an ILF Grant from Audubon CT for the purchase of 65 acres on Route 20 in West Hartland
- Closed on the 65 acre Route 20 parcel in West Hartland and established the "Mill District Nature Preserve"
- Awarded an ILF Grant from Audubon CT for the purchase of 45 acres on Route 20 in West Hartland to be added to the "Mill District Nature Preserve"
- Received a grant from the FRCC for land protection
- Commissioned and obtained a baseline ecological report and management plan for the Hartland Land Trust (HLT) "Mill District Nature Preserve" in West Hartland, written by forest ecologist Harry White
- With the help of local volunteers and HLT board members, designed and built trails for the Charles and Lois Beach Nature Preserve
- Built a Kiosk with a trail map and trail use guidelines posted for the Charles and Lois Beach Nature Preserve
- Hank Prussing made and installed a "Leopold Bench" for Beach Preserve rest area and one for the Edith Leopold Sanctuary at kiosk

### ➤ Community Outreach:

- Presented Forum "Mostly Owls" by Eileen Fielding, Director of Audubon Sharon, June 2019 and also Speaker Series on Ticks- Dr. Kirby Stafford of CAES, September 2019
- The Hartland School Pollinator Garden, sponsored by HLT, was visited by New England Buck Moth, a sighting farthest west in CT
- 2019 CT Trails Day Guided Hike MDC water level- had over 50 participants
- Hosted table at the 2019 Fire Dept Carnival all 4 nights and for the first time marched in the parade
- Collaborated with Hartland School for the 8<sup>th</sup> year in the Salmon-in-Schools project
- Published the 13th edition of Newsletter, "*The Preservationist*"
- Local arborist/volunteer Heike Krauland created tree identification signs and posted them on the Beach Preserve Trail
- June 2020 CT "Every Day is Trails Day" video postcard, trail preparation at Beach Preserve for do-it-yourself Trails Day
- Donated books relating to our guest speaker talks:  
To Hartland School Library:  
Green Green: A Community Gardening Story by Baldev & Marie Lamba.  
The Girl Who Drew Butterflies: How Maria Merian's Art Changed Science by Joyce Sidman.  
To Hartland Town Library:  
Reading the Forested Landscape: A Natural History of New England by Tom Wessels.  
Forest Forensics: a Field Guide to Reading the Forested Landscape by Tom Wessels.  
Saving Jemima: Life and Love with a Hard-Luck Jay by Julie Zickfoose.  
Wesley the Owl: The Remarkable Love Story of an Owl and his Girl by Stacey O'Brien.
- Along with the Hartland Historical Society and the Hartland Lions Club, initiated a "Welcome Wagon" project for new residents (on hold due to coronavirus)
- Hank Prussing and Susan Pearson installed signage prepared by Audubon Sharon at East Hartland's Edith Leopold Sanctuary kiosk
- Several other programs planned for Spring 2020 were postponed due to the coronavirus – Jay Kaplan on butterflies and showing of Green Fire film about life and work of Aldo Leopold. Status of rescheduled programs and also planned Fall 2020 programs uncertain at the time of this writing.

### ➤ Conference/Workshop Participation:

- CLCC Annual Conference at Wesleyan University in Middletown 2019. Note: 2020 Conference was cancelled
- Participated in 2019 Regional Conservation Partnership conference
- HVA Greenprint Collaborative meeting held in Litchfield
- Participated in "Green Drinks" sponsored by HVA

### ➤ Development:

- Board of Directors welcomed new director Amanda Lukingbeal
- Held the HLT Annual Meeting and Retreat at the Nellie B. West House September 2019
- Developed and adopted a board "Document Retention Policy"
- Developed and adopted a board "Land Use Policy"
- Developed a board "Public Communications Policy"
- Researched purchasing and converting to e-version of Quickbooks for increased transparency

➤ **Fundraising:**

- Re-designed the HLT Moose t-shirt with HLT logo on back
- Designed, printed and distributed the 2020 HLT Photo Calendar
- Held our 6<sup>th</sup> annual fundraiser at Flatbread restaurant in Canton December 2019
- Continued selling HLT calendars, HLT t-shirts, HLT photo cards, HLT baseball caps, and Kris Anderson wooden Hartland signs at HLT public events (Speaker Series, Carnival and Artisan's Fair)
- Continued to list HLT under *AmazonSmile* so 0.5% of purchases will go to HLT
- Acknowledged a generous unrestricted contribution of \$10,000

➤ **Media:**

- Mark Bombard filmed HLT events for Granby Community TV (GCTV)
- HLT directors Sue Murray and Amanda Lukingbeal posts to HLT Facebook page
- Website updates done by HLT volunteer Philip Groth

➤ **Regional Memberships & Representation:**

- Land Trust Alliance (LTA)
- Connecticut Land Conservation Council (CLCC)
- Litchfield Hills Greenprint Collaborative/ Housatonic Valley Association (HVA)
- Edith Leopold Audubon Sanctuary
- Horace B. Clark Woods Advisory Committee
- Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook Wild & Scenic Study (FSWS)