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Securing the Future of Connecticut's Forests

At CFPA's Annual Meeting in May, we were joined by David Foster, director of the Harvard Forest, who presented the Wildlands & Woodlands vision for conserving forests in New England. The release of Wildlands & Woodlands to protect the New England landscape comes at an important time. The health of our forests is in decline, our classic New England landscapes continue to be fragmented, and a change in course is required to reverse these disturbing trends.



Photo: Jennifer Benner

Several studies, notably those by the CLEAR program at UConn, have shown that forest cover is decreasing in Connecticut (the fact that forest cover is also declining across most of New England is of little consolation). After bottoming out at under 30% forest cover in Connecticut in the mid-1800's (when forests were cleared for farms, timber, and fuel) and then peaking at almost 70% forest cover in the 1950's, we have now fallen below 60% forest cover and are trending toward further declines. Although forest cover is only one of many important factors that determine "forest health," it appears that our for-

ests are also declining in quality. According to CLEAR, during their study period of 1985 to 2006, Connecticut lost about 264 square miles of our healthiest, intact forests (called "core forests" in the study).

To help stem the tide of decline in our forests, the Wildlands & Woodlands vision recommends that private landowners, conservation organizations, governments at all levels, and others team up to meet several important New England-wide goals:

- Retain 70% of the region as forest (private and public);
- Balance active, long-term forest management (90% of the forests managed as Woodlands) with forest reserves (10% of the forests set-aside as Wildlands); and
- Thoughtfully accommodate conservation goals as well as the development needs associated with population growth over the next 50 years in New England.

As the leading forest conservation and management advocate for Connecticut for the past 115 years, CFPA will clearly be engaged in further articulating and implementing elements of this vision with solid science and multiple partners (including our friends at Highstead who deserve special mention for their efforts to promote Wildlands & Woodlands). We appreciate your ongoing support as we take on this critical challenge! To learn more about the Wildlands & Woodlands vision visit www.wildlandsandwoodlands.org.

You Can Make a Difference!

Your support of CFPA's Annual Fund helps CFPA continue its leadership in Wildlands & Woodlands and many other challenges to conservation in Connecticut. Help protect Connecticut's resources for future generations and give to the annual fund (see page 5).

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From the Executive Director's Desk

A Time for Change

When the next legislative session of the Connecticut General Assembly convenes on January 5, 2011, it may be a year of change unprecedented in recent times. The state's budget deficit (currently estimated at \$3.4 billion) is already exerting significant pressure on the Assembly and an incoming new Governor to reduce spending and/or find ways to raise needed revenues. Several other shake-ups are underway, such as:

- The House has a new Majority Leader and other leadership changes are possible;
- Democrats no longer hold a "supermajority" and different voting dynamics may result;
- Departure of Assembly members to the Governor's team will necessitate special elections; and
- Agencies have been asked to prepare for budget cuts of up to 15%, and many experienced agency leaders are likely to depart.

Despite this somewhat chaotic backdrop, there are several conservation issues that CFPA will continue to move forward. Following are our top 5 priorities for the coming year (which will be fully described in our 2011 Conservation Agenda in January):

- **Restore Recreational Liability Protection to Municipalities** (to ensure town lands and trails remain open to the public for recreation)
- **Keep Property Taxes Reasonable for Ten Mill Forest Landowners** (to protect 14,000 acres of forests currently registered under this program)
- **Establish a Timber Harvest Revolving Fund** (to allow DEP Forestry to recoup revenues from sustainable harvests on state lands to enable additional forest management and planning and create jobs)
- **Protect the CT DEP Budget** (to stave off potential cuts to critical quality of life programs such as Forestry, Parks,

Trails, Conservation Education, and Enforcement); and

- **Preserve the Community Investment Act** (to prevent raids on dedicated funds meant for open space, farmland, historic preservation, housing development, and provide a dairy farmer safety net).

Although these are our top priorities in our Conservation Agenda, it is inevitable that there will be issues that arise unexpectedly in the General Assembly that require urgent action (both positive and negative). CFPA's contract lobbyist John Larkin has been an invaluable ally who keeps his ear close to the ground, and we hope that you might be interested in getting further involved with our Advocacy efforts this upcoming year. If you would like to receive our Advocacy update emails, please sign-up through our website or call our office.

Hard work, important issues, and a collaborative approach are CFPA's recipe for success with its advocacy efforts. Speaking of recipes, we hope you enjoy this special recipe shared by our Financial Management Assistant, Linda Cunningham, who is also one of our secret weapons at making friends and influencing people. Thank you for your support!

Lavender Shortbread Cookies

1 cup cold butter, cut into ½ inch cubes

½ cup confectioners sugar

1 ½ tablespoons dried or fresh lavender flowers

1 ½ cups unbleached all-purpose flour

1/3 cup cornstarch

1/8 teaspoon salt

Combine and beat all ingredients in a large bowl. Cover with a towel and let dough rest in the refrigerator for 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Roll the dough to ¼ inch thick (or thinner). Cut into desired shapes. Place cookies 1 inch apart on ungreased or parchment-lined cookie sheets. Bake on the center rack for 7-10 minutes or until golden brown; don't overbake. Delicately transfer cookies to a wire cooling rack. This recipe makes about 2 dozen cookies, which keep well in a tightly sealed container.

UConn's EcoHouse Returns to Goodwin Conservation Education Center

EcoHouse is a residential living-learning community for students at the University of Connecticut who have an interest in environmental and sustainability issues. Founded in 2009, it is located in Hollister Hall on the Storrs campus. During its inaugural year EcoHouse included 51 members and has grown this year to just over 100 members. Students from diverse backgrounds, all years, and many majors are represented in EcoHouse.

For the second straight year, EcoHouse students spent their first weekend of the academic year camping at Goodwin Forest Conservation Education Center. The students participated in an educational hike led by Center naturalist Juan Sanchez, completed a variety of service projects, and went geocaching. The educational hike focused on the Goodwin State Forest's management history and identification of tree and amphibian species. The service work included restoring a cross-country ski trail, repairing erosion damage on woods roads and opening blocked road culverts.

Steve Broderick, Goodwin's forester and program director, EcoHouse faculty director Mark Westa, and EcoHouse pro-

gram director Emily Bowling provided direction for and organizing of the weekend's activities. Plans are in the works for additional cooperation between EcoHouse and the Goodwin Center, including EcoHouse participation on Goodwin's trails committee. James L. Goodwin would indeed be pleased with the fine work the future environmentalists at EcoHouse are doing and that his gift to the people of Connecticut, the Goodwin Forest Conservation Education Center in Hampton, continues to serve as an outdoor classroom under the guidance of CFPA and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection.

Land Trusts Rally Here

In early October, The Land Trust Alliance hosted the National Land Conservation Conference at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford. Starting with field trips and workshops on Saturday, October 2nd and culminating with Rallypalooza on the evening of October 5th, Rally 2010 had much to offer everyone. This year's conference drew 1,867 attendees, with 209 people representing 66 different organizations coming from right



UConn EcoHouse Student Volunteers. Photo: Emily Bowling

here in Connecticut. CFPA's executive director Eric Hammerling was among the many attendees.

The conference featured many compelling speakers, including Tom Strickland, assistant secretary of the Interior for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks; Mark Tercek, president and CEO of The Nature Conservancy; and Congressman Chris Murphy. As part of the conference festivities, the CT Land Conservation Council hosted a reception Monday evening at the Polish National Home to provide an opportunity for Connecticut conservation and environmental leaders, professionals, and volunteers to socialize and network, complete with great food and music. To view conference presentations and handouts go online to learningcenter.lta.org.



Photo: Heather Allore

Ready, Set, Go!

It's time to register your 2011 Connecticut Trails Day Events

The 2011 Connecticut Trails Day Celebration will be held June 4 and 5. More than 2,000 Nutmeggers participated in this exciting, fun-filled event in 2010. Don't miss your chance to show off your trails and help acquaint residents and visitors with all that Connecticut has to offer. We celebrated in 2010 with 162 registered events in 88 towns. Help make 2011's outdoor adventure even bigger and better.

Registration is easy at www.ctwoodlands.org/TrailsDay2011-Registration

Submissions must be received by February 1, 2011 to be included in the popular Connecticut Trails Day Booklet. Those received after that date will be listed only on our website. Don't delay! Register today!

Trail Mix

Eastern Mountain Sports Gives a Helping Hand

In October, employees from the West Hartford and Avon Eastern Mountain Sports stores joined CFPA staff and volunteers to help improve the trail system at the Ragged Mountain Preserve in Berlin. The group assisted with re-opening and blazing an overgrown connector trail and removing trash. Large pieces of rusted cars, a discarded shopping cart, tires, and other large pieces of trash were hauled out by the work crew.

Another group worked to re-open and blaze the 2.5 mile blue/yellow connector trail. This trail now offers hikers a loop opportunity between the New England and Ragged Mountain Preserve Trails. On the East side of the Connecticut River, staff from the Manchester store joined George Arthur, CFPA's eastern roving crew chief, to build benches and trail steps on a trail in Vernon.

The Eastern Mountain Sports staff were able to join us on the trails as part of their company's Annual Day of Service. The company encourages their staff to close their stores to get out to give back to the community. Thanks Eastern Mountain Sports for your volunteerism and ongoing support of CFPA and its programs!

Eastern Mountain Sports has six outdoor retail stores in Connecticut and offers a discount to CFPA members. To learn more



*Eastern Mountain Sports Volunteers.
Photo: Clare Cain*

about Eastern Mountain Sports, visit www.easternmountainsports.com.

Annual Trails Dinner Honors Volunteers

This year's Trails Dinner on November 5th was a terrific event. Over 80 trail managers and supporters turned out for the evening festivities at Georgina's Restaurant in Bolton. This year trail volunteers totaled almost 15,000 hours maintaining and promoting the use of the blue trails. Thanks to the tireless efforts of the CFPA trail volunteers, we are all able to enjoy the Blue-Blazed Hiking Trails. Listed below are this year's annual award recipients:

- New Trail Volunteer: Tim Johnson and Robert Grasis
- Outstanding Hiking Manager: Lisa Day, Fran Zampano, and Al Kausch
- Outstanding Organization: WES-CFPA
- Outstanding Volunteer: David Platt and Wayne Fogg
- Youth Group Award: Cub Scout Troop #472

In addition to the annual CFPA awards, Paul Mei received the National Park Service's Conservation Hero Award and a Certificate of Appreciation from Representative Rosa DeLauro for his outstanding work on the extension of the Menunkatuck Trail in Guilford. "It is such a pleasure for me to work with Paul. He has contributed his wonderful energy, expertise and heart into the New England National Scenic Trail in Guilford," said Charles Tracy, NET project manager. "At every curve along the way he has been there—to keep things moving, to offer experience, and to lend a hand. Thanks to Paul, and many others, the goal of extending the New England Trail several scenic miles into Guilford and establishing an inspiring starting point on Long Island Sound has been a wonderful success."

Joe Hickey was recognized for his long career protecting and advocating for trails in Connecticut with the American Trails' Trail Worker Award. An excerpt

from his nomination reads, "Joe has unquestionably given a lifetime of service to Connecticut's hiking trails. His passion and advocacy for trails as an agency man and as a volunteer has spanned five decades. Anyone in-the-know still consults with Joe when they have questions about the 825-mile blue-blazed trail system, the status of the trails and the current negotiations surrounding trail protection. Joe is known and respected throughout Connecticut's trail community for his tenacity, his vision, and, of course, for his well-handled and much coveted set of annotated topographic maps."

Following the presentation of this year's annual awards, Amy Blaymore Pa-



Eric Hammerling presents award to David Platt. Photo: Terri Peters

erson, executive director of the Connecticut Land Conservation Council (CLCC), gave a fantastic presentation on how land trusts and trail volunteers can work together to advocate for the protection of open space throughout the state. Thank you to all our volunteers and partners for another great season on the Blue-Blazed Hiking Trail System!

Wanted First Edition of the Connecticut Walk Book

CFPA is looking for a first edition of the Connecticut Walk Book to add to our archives. If you have one that you would like to donate, please contact Terri Peter at 860-346-2372.

Environmental Educator of the Year

We all know where to find Waldo, hidden in various scenes amongst clowns and knights and other characters found in the *Where's Waldo?* book series. But do we know where to find Lynn Kochiss?

We may find Lynn volunteering along the Airline Trail or wooded paths where she frequently leads WalkCT Family Rambles to connect kids and their caregivers to nature. Lynn, with her gentle voice and nature, encourages "her" families to search high and low for migrating birds, stinky mushrooms, or hidden letterboxes.

We may find Lynn at a writing workshop for Connecticut's Environmental Literacy Plan. She voices her opinion about the constraints found in teaching about the environment, yet also shares her successful ways around those obstacles so that others may find those EE connections in their classrooms too.

We may find Lynn teaching math outside in her public schoolyard with her 3rd grade Cromwell students, as she teaches them the various shapes they need to know for the Connecticut Mastery Tests. Lynn may have her students making shape sticks to help them find matching shapes in nature. They understand that a hexagon, with six equal sides and that a rhombus, with four equal sides, can be observed in the classroom, in patterns in nature, and even in the lines in a parking lot.

We may find Lynn after school working with her Earth Club kids, where she inspires their involvement and action through group projects. Lynn's after-school club consistently retains high attendance as her students feel they effect positive environmental change within their local community with fun, environmentally-friendly projects such as crayon recycling.

We may find Lynn creating lesson plans for her students and using the Project Learning Tree (PLT) Correlations to the CT Curriculum Framework. Lynn, with a colleague, spent 2 years



Environmental Educator of the Year, Lynn Kochiss. Photo: Lori Brant

connecting the CT standards of learning to the PLT curriculum so that teachers and other educators could make those EE connections in their classrooms and programs—and know they are meeting educational guidelines.

And now, we find ourselves congratulating Lynn for her well-deserved award from the Connecticut Outdoor &

Volunteer Opportunity

Do you love the outdoors and people? Then help to bring the two together by joining the CFPA Membership Committee. This enthusiastic group collaborates to create fun ways to grow our membership. Call 860-346-2372 for more details.

Environmental Education Association (COEEA). Lynn Kochiss was honored this past September as the COEEA Environmental Educator of the Year. Each year COEEA recognizes the talented, dedicated individuals who promote responsible environmental stewardship in Connecticut through their teaching and leadership. The Environmental Educator of the Year award is presented to a classroom teacher who exhibits enthusiasm and creativity in teaching students about the environment. Kudos to Lynn Kochiss!

Connecticut's natural places have no voice but yours! Be Heard—Give to the Annual Fund



Help CFPA continue its work to protect forests, parks, walking trails, and open spaces for you, your family, your friends, and future generations.

Give to the Annual Funds and help CFPA fight to:

- Keep ATVs off hiking trails
- Prevent state parks fees from increasing at an unreasonable rate
- Maintain access to municipal land and trails
- Reinvestment timber harvest revenues in state forests
- Keep state parks appropriately staffed

We must be vigilant. Every year new challenges present themselves. Your financial support will help CFPA fight to save the gains made over the past century. Please do not take for granted what we enjoy today.

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CFPA thanks these generous souls for their continued support of conservation in Connecticut!

Hip Hip Hooray!

CFPA wishes to celebrate, and thank the following long-term members:

Garden Club of Madison (members for 75 years)

Ms. Eunice W. Carden (member for 67 years)

Housatonic Valley Chapter F.F.A (members for 64 years)

Mr. John F. Kotchian (member for 62 years)

Wallingford Garden Club (members for 59 years)

Mr. Colin C. Tait (member for 50 years)

Be sure you remain a part of a lasting legacy and renew your membership today at www.ctwoodlands.org

A Special Thanks

At the MDC public hearing held in West Hartford in July, CFPA board member Scott Livingston and our contract lobbyist John Larkin observed how nice it would be to have a CFPA “branded” canopy instead of the one we borrowed from

our friends at REI. John challenged Scott to split the cost of purchasing a custom canopy and Scott accepted! Thanks to John and Scott for their generosity and ensuring that when CFPA attends outdoor events, people will be sure to notice.



CFPA Board and staff under our new canopy. Photo: Marty Gosselin



Special thanks also goes out to Laura Kolk, owner of Kolk Design in Bolton and new CFPA member, for her generous donation of time and talent in the design and production of CFPA’s new membership brochure. The brochure will play an important role in recruiting new members and letting the general public know who we are and what we do. Please stop by the office to pick up some brochures to share with your friends and encourage them to join CFPA, or feel free to call us and we’d be glad to send you some.

Celebrate the Outdoors this Holiday Season!

In addition to supporting trails and Connecticut’s conservation legacy, CFPA membership benefits include:

- Subscriptions to *Connecticut Woodlands* (magazine) and *CFPA News & Notes* (newsletter), and a copy of the annual Connecticut Trails Day booklet
- Invitations to meetings, educational programs, and workshops
- Membership discounts for the *Connecticut Walk Book*, East and West editions, and with partners like Eastern Mountain Sports

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www.ctwoodlands.org/events

Upcoming Events

- Tues., Dec. 7** **Local Author Lecture Series: An Evening with Steve Grant**
6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the CFPA Headquarters Meeting Room
- Award-winning journalist and avid outdoorsman, Steve Grant, will discuss his unique, insider viewpoint on the fight to restore Connecticut's forests, open spaces, and waterways. This event is FREE and open to the public. CFPA members are invited to attend a members-only reception in the Camp-Ellsworth Library (at the CFPA Headquarters) from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 26** **WalkCT Family Ramble**
9:00 to 11:30 a.m. at Wadsworth Falls State Park in Middletown
- Get rid of that cabin fever and be refreshed by the winter air on this fun family hike. This outing is a wonderful way for everyone to beat the winter doldrums during school vacation.
- Sat., Jan. 29** **WalkCT Family Guide Training**
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Middlesex YMCA in Middletown
- If you enjoy children and love being outside, join us. New, potential volunteers will learn about becoming a WalkCT Family Guide. Current guides will learn tips for leading outdoor family hikes and walks. Questions or to RSVP, contact info@ctwoodlands.org or 860-346-2372.