



*Strengthening  
Our Community  
Through Conservation*

SPRING 2017

## Heath Trail Renovation Starts This Summer at Cathance River Nature Preserve

*This summer kicks off more improvements you can help make happen!*

**C**athance River Nature Preserve (CRNP) hosts five miles of trails that pass by the wildest section of the Cathance River, quiet forests, and an unusual 12-acre heath. The trail system was designed and built in the early 2000's by the Highland Green Management Company (HGMC) with assistance from Cathance River Education Alliance (CREA) and volunteers. When the trail was created, the many wet areas required over 7,600 board feet of bog bridging to be built.

Over the past decade, as trails and associated infrastructure has aged, the increased maintenance led HGMC, CREA, and the Land Trust to recognize that trail maintenance should be a shared responsibility, and they signed an agreement to that effect in 2016. The Land Trust now coordinates trail maintenance, working with Highland Green residents, CREA, and other volunteers to keep trail corridors open, replace infrastructure such as bog bridging, and re-route trails where possible to reduce ongoing maintenance needs. For the 2017 stewardship season, the partners have agreed that the top priority is renovating the Heath Loop.

The greatest concentration of bog bridging in all of CRNP, nearly 5,000 board feet, is located on the Heath Loop, a trail that circumnavigates a beautiful open peatland dominated by dwarf shrubs and sedges. Located adjacent to old feldspar quarries, this scenic trail occupies chronically wet ground,

exacerbated by a rising water table. This summer kicks off major trail improvements designed to keep trail users' feet dry and reduce ongoing maintenance needs.

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Top: View of the Heath at CRNP

Below: Stewardship Associate, Margaret Gerber, atop planks to become bog bridging at CRNP



The mission of the Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust is to preserve, protect, and steward the cherished landscapes and rich natural resources of our communities, to provide access for recreation, and to support local agriculture and other traditional land uses, now and for generations to come.

# Building Community through Diversified Programs and Partnerships

## A Note from Board President, Brad Babson

**B**runswick-Topsham Land Trust’s mission embraces connecting conservation with diverse segments of our community, and enhancing quality of life for as many of our friends and neighbors as possible. As we embark on a new five-year strategic plan, community engagement will receive even more attention as we strive to deepen the quality of our programs and build even more effective partnerships with local organizations and governments.



Brad Babson

We have much to be proud of in the past few years. Last year we collaborated with First Parish Church, UCC in Brunswick to create the Labyrinth in the Woods at Crystal Spring Farm, bringing a new opportunity for connecting with nature to those who want to slow down in the midst of busy lives. Our recently acquired property at Woodward Cove provides protection to valuable clamming flats and public access for clambers. We have added a new public access trail at Chase Reserve in the Maquoit Bay watershed. Head of

Tide Park – the result of a close collaboration with the Town of Topsham – provides new water and trail access to the beauty of the Cathance River. Now in its 6<sup>th</sup> year, the Tom Settlemire Community Garden provides opportunities for family garden plots and, in partnership with the Mid-Coast Hunger Prevention Program, a Common Good Garden to provide fresh food for families in need. We helped launch the Merrymeeting Food Council, a collaboration committed to improving our local food system. With

neighboring land trusts, we are sponsoring again the Summer Trail Challenge to broaden awareness of conserved properties in our region and promote personal wellness. We collaborated with Cathance River Education Alliance on a series of lectures and field trips to educate the community about the local impacts of climate change. Looking forward, we are working to enhance these programs and partnerships. We are always looking for opportunities to connect to new segments of our community, both to enrich and be enriched by those connections.

## A Welcome and Farewells

We are excited to announce Nancy Donsbach joined the Land Trust team as Development and Communications Associate in January. Her responsibilities will include managing our membership database, coordinating grant applications and reporting, and developing a planned giving campaign, as well as assisting with event planning and communication needs. Prior to joining the Land Trust, Nancy worked in grant administration for over a decade at The Nature Conservancy and Bowdoin College. She moved to Maine twenty years ago, and resides in Brunswick with her husband Scott and two children, Benjamin and Amelia.



Nancy Donsbach

In December we sadly bid farewell to Ellen Rodgers, our Financial and Administrative Manager, and Mary Johnson, our long-time Treasurer. Ellen and Mary were an incredibly talented team that brought the Land Trust to a new level in budgeting and financial management. Ellen helped us systematize many internal office procedures that have significantly enhanced operations, and kept us chuckling with her great sense of humor. She will continue as a contractor through June, coordinating our accreditation renewal application, for which we are sooo grateful! Mary’s deep commitment and steady hand at the helm of our organizational finances will be sorely missed, but we are happy for her as she explores new adventures living in Portugal.

We also bid farewell to Board members Linton Studdiford and Esther Lacognata-Palmer. Linton served on the Land Trust’s Agriculture Work Group for many years. With his wife, Bonnie, he was a driving force in the creation of the Tom Settlemire Community Garden and annual Winter Gardening Workshop series, and chaired the Garden Committee. Esther served on the Agriculture Work Group and Community Garden Committee and was a stalwart advocate for the Land Trust’s farmland conservation and local food system work. Their commitment, inspiration, and talent will be sorely missed on the Board.



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Minor re-routes are planned to move the trail out of wet areas, but the largest improvements will replace sections of bog bridging near the outlet with a crushed stone pathway. While more labor intensive to build, crushed stone pathways do not need to be replaced, thus creating a more sustainable and durable solution. We are grateful to Merrymeeting Bay Trust, HGMC, CREA, and the generous support of our members for making this trail renovation possible.

Replacing hundreds of feet of bog bridging will be a huge undertaking, requiring removal of deteriorated boards, installation of geotextile fabric and small culverts to allow flow between the heath and quarry, and placing an enormous amount of stone.

The Land Trust is always looking for volunteers to help us with trail work, so if you want to get outside and contribute to this project, please contact Stewardship Associate Margaret Gerber at [margaret@btl.org](mailto:margaret@btl.org). We hope to see you on the trail!

Top left: Some of the many thousands of feet of existing bog bridging at CRNP  
Top: Degraded decade old bog bridging  
Left: Staff and Volunteers move new planks onto the Preserve



## staff spotlight

### Caroline Eliot

Caroline Eliot, Associate Director, oversees management of our properties and compliance on easement properties. What does this look like? Sometimes, it means traipsing around easement properties ensuring easement terms are respected, hunting for reported bees' nests and blowdowns on trails, marking key property boundaries, or doing trail work with volunteers. But there's a surprising amount of work in the office, maintaining records important to easement compliance, working with contractors and partners, coordinating volunteers, making sure our practices comply with national standards for land trusts, keeping our insurance up to date, and a whole lot more! Just as it takes an orchestra, guided by a conductor, to create a symphony, it takes a similarly coordinated effort to manage our 48 conserved properties. Caroline is both the conductor – and frequent instrumentalist – of our stewardship symphony!

**Our Stewardship Team is looking for the following tools, in good working condition. Please contact [margaret@btl.org](mailto:margaret@btl.org) if you have something to donate.**

- Cordless drill
- Impact hammer
- Rock bar
- Pry bar
- Adjustable wrench
- Sharpening tools
- Climbing ropes
- Old handsaws (one or two person)
- Tool bucket with liner for carrying tools
- Small pruning saw



# Woodward Cove Property Protects Traditional Access

*Long awaited Land for Maine's Future Program funds received in December*

STEVE WALKER

**T**wenty acres of undeveloped land on spectacular Woodward Cove in Brunswick, including 1,500 feet of tidal frontage, was conserved in December when the Land Trust received \$57,000 in long-awaited funding from the Land for Maine's Future Program (LMF).

This property was a priority for conservation because it provides public access to some of Brunswick's most productive yet least accessible shellfish and baitworm mudflats. The gorgeous views of the wetlands and waters of Woodward Cove are an added bonus. In collaboration with the Town of Brunswick's Marine Resource Officer, Dan Devereaux, the property was identified as one of several traditional access points for clambers and wormers at risk of being lost due to private sales.

"Woodward Cove is a very productive clam flat and one of the longest stretches of undeveloped shoreline in East Brunswick. Keeping the access point open is important to anyone who uses Woodward Cove to harvest worms or clams," said Devereaux.

So, the Land Trust reached out to the property owner, the Unitarian Universalist Church (UUC) of Brunswick, and reached

an agreement to purchase the property. The Land Trust was awarded funding for this project by the Land for Maine's Future Program and North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) small grant funding in 2014 and 2015 respectively. In June 2016, the Land Trust took out a bridge loan from Maine Coast Heritage Trust, enabling us to meet the terms of the purchase and sale agreement with the UUC and close on the property while waiting for the long-delayed release of LMF bond funds. The LMF funds received in December allowed us to pay off the loan and complete the conservation of this lovely property.

Long-term plans for the property include improving the existing parking area and relocating a path to the shore for use by clambers, baitworm

harvesters, and hand carry boat enthusiasts. In addition, we plan to develop a woodland loop trail on the parcel for walking, birding, and nature appreciation.

"This project demonstrates how collaboration at many levels and with many partners is often the key to significant conservation successes," said Land Trust Executive Director, Angela Twitchell. "Protecting Woodward Cove access would not have been possible without our partners at the Town of Brunswick, Maine Coast Heritage Trust, the state's Land for Maine's Future program, the federal NAWCA program, and the New Meadows River Watershed Partnership. In addition, we are incredibly grateful to UUC for their commitment to earth stewardship that made conservation of this spectacular piece of land possible."



STEVE WALKER



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# stewardship spotlight

## Beaver Brook Bridge

Those who spend time at Cathance River Nature Preserve (CRNP) are likely familiar with a short rectangular box bridge used to cross the (so-called) Beaver Brook that flows into the Cathance River just south of the Rapids Trail. In winter and spring it is frequently impassable, either underwater or, once, washed away entirely.

Last year, with the help of some devoted and talented volunteers, the bridge received a much needed makeover. It was relocated farther from the Cathance River and elevated on cribs to reduce future flooding, necessitating a 40-foot-long, four-board-wide bog bridge. Longtime trail volunteer Gary Fogg designed and sited the bridge and BTLT's Summer Steward, Irene Syphers, constructed it over several days with invaluable help and expertise from volunteers Terry Chalou and Wayne Whitney.

The new Beaver Brook Bridge is a beautifully-crafted piece of infrastructure that improves year-round trail access and reduces environmental impacts. When you next walk the Cathance River Trail at the Preserve, take a moment to appreciate the talent and effort that went into the new Beaver Brook Bridge!



## Summer Trail Challenge Back For 2017

*Get outside to explore this summer with chances to win fun prizes!*

**S**outhern Midcoast Maine offers fantastic hiking, beaches, and beautiful views on many properties managed by local towns and land trusts. Again this summer, we are partnering with Harpswell Heritage Land Trust and Kennebec Estuary Land Trust to present the **Summer Trail Challenge**.

This challenge is free and open to all ages, and is a great way to get outdoors this summer and explore new and old places. Pick up a Summer Trail Challenge card from one of the participating land trusts or Recreation Departments in Brunswick, Topsham, Harpswell, or Bath, or download a card at [www.btlit.org/summer-trail-challenge](http://www.btlit.org/summer-trail-challenge). When you hike a trail or visit a property listed on the card, record the date of your outing. Each card returned by September 31 will be entered in a raffle with opportunities to win a variety of great prizes.



# CHASE RESERVE

*A deep woods experience, hidden in plain sight, awaits you on Bunganuc Road just before the Freeport town line.*

**C**hase Reserve, in west Brunswick, boasts the Land Trust’s newest trail. Step just a few feet off the road and you will find Jack’s Trail, a mile-long journey through hemlock ridges and vernal pools. At the trail’s end, the adventurous can cross an old beaver dam on the Little River (proceed with caution!), and pick up Freeport Conservation Trust’s Antoinette Jackman Trail. Along the way, be sure to look and listen for the many songbirds, owls, spring peepers and frogs living in the woods or large vernal pools. Note the healthy spruce and fir regeneration in areas where timber was harvested several years ago. Keep an eye out for small and large mammals – or evidence of their passing (e.g. their scat!). You may even come across a moose rub where tree bark has been scraped off by a moose trying to shed his cumbersome rack.

The Reserve is named for Benjamin Chase, past owner and Revolutionary War soldier who is buried in a cemetery on the property. Chase Reserve was conserved by Jack Henshaw, whose family has owned it since the 1940s. The conservation easement on the property protects a portion of the largest

contiguous forest block (1,939 acres) that is not broken up by roads, development, or agricultural land along the coast in Cumberland County. Northern parts of the property include mature forest – increasingly rare in southern coastal Maine – that is particularly valuable to birds and other wildlife that require this type of interior forest habitat.

During the summer of 2016, BTLT staff and volunteers built Jack’s Trail, which is accessible to the public from a gravel parking area off Bunganuc Road. The trail receives finishing touches this spring and will officially open on National Trails Day, Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. We invite you to join us for the grand opening and experience the deep quiet of interior woods. Directions to the Chase Reserve parking area and details of planned activities can be found at [www.btl.org/chase-opening](http://www.btl.org/chase-opening).

We can’t wait to share this lovely trail with you! It will be open year-round, although the parking lot may be snow-covered in winter.



Above: Harbinger of spring, the American Woodcock (a.k.a. Timberdoodle), and boldly colorful fall mushrooms at Chase Reserve.

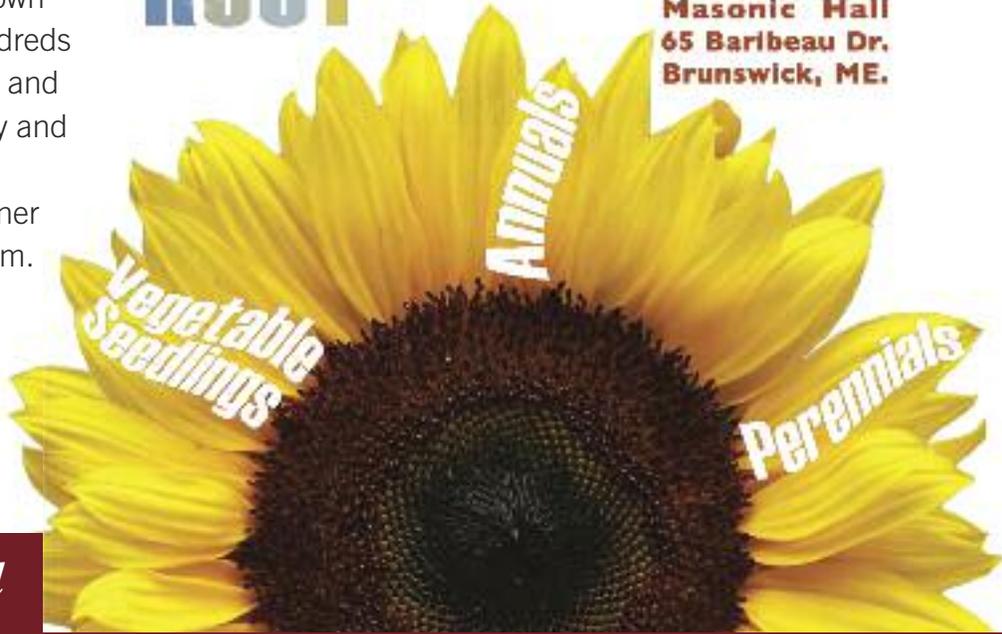
## The **Taking Root Plant Sale**

is the biggest fundraiser of the year for our Tom Settlemire Community Garden.

Each year the Garden provides space for over eighty families to grow their own food, volunteer opportunities for hundreds of community members, educational and research opportunities for elementary and college students, and thousands of pounds of fresh produce for our partner Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program.

The sale is a great place to get perennial and annual flowers and vegetable seedlings. Plant donations needed! Visit [www.btlit.org/plant-sale](http://www.btlit.org/plant-sale) for more information.

The sixth annual  
**TAKING ROOT PLANT SALE**  
9:00-1:00  
Saturday, May 27  
Masonic Hall  
65 Baribeau Dr.  
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*Plant Donations Needed*



Kris Ganong and Belted Galloway Cattle on pasture at her farm.

## board member spotlight

### Kris Ganong

“The Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust is an important organization in our community as it strives to conserve and steward our special landscapes and valuable resources while also supporting local agriculture and providing access for recreation.

Several years ago my family worked with BTLT to identify a parcel of land that was in jeopardy of being developed. In 2013, we were able to acquire such a property and subsequently put 86 acres into a conservation easement with the Land Trust. Today much of this property remains open to the community with walking trails and we also partner with local farmers to help them with their businesses.

We have enjoyed our working relationship with BTLT in helping us achieve our goal of preservation with a purpose.”

Kris Ganong is a Land Trust Board Member and Community Partner, and sits on the Merrymeeting Food Council Steering Committee.



Susan Russel planting onions at the Tom Settlemire Community Garden

## member spotlight

### Susan Russell

“Five years ago I moved to Brunswick, discovered a walking trail near my home, and followed it to an open field where people were building a fence around tilled ground. It certainly didn’t look like much at the time, but I never should have doubted the enthusiasm and engagement of the Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust community. Planting, weeding, and laughter at the Tom Settlemire Community Garden have since become part of my summers.

Soon I found more well-maintained trails, the Saturday Farmers’ Market, workshops and workdays, all organized by the forward-thinking Land Trust Board, staff and many volunteers.

As much as I value the good times I’ve had with the BTLT community, I also realize the importance of financial support from members – not only to help the programs I’ve enjoyed, but also to continue the Land Trust’s primary mission of land conservation and stewardship. It’s a privilege to contribute to an organization that adds so much to the quality of life in our community.”

## Merrymeeting Gleaners

### *Redirecting the Harvest*

**O**ver the past several years the Land Trust has played a key role in the establishment and leadership of the Merrymeeting Food Council (MFC). MFC’s Food Security Work Group started the Merrymeeting Gleaners – a farm-to-pantry gleaning initiative – during the 2016 growing season.

When farmers harvest their fields, they leave behind a considerable amount of food that is not sold or harvested.

Volunteer ‘gleaners’ rescue this excess and deliver it to distribution centers that serve households in need, including food pantries, soup kitchens, churches, and low-income housing sites. This is a classic win/win project: farmers get their fields cleared, low-income families receive healthy produce, and the natural resources invested in the food are put to their highest and best use – people eating fresh local food.

“We’ve been very happy with the gleaning program and appreciate the volunteers’ hard work,” says Nate



Gleaning volunteers with a carload of recovered produce.



Drummond, owner of Six River Farm. “It’s wonderful to see excess produce from our farm going to those in need.”

**In our pilot season, we gleaned over 14,000 pounds of produce, serving nearly 1,000 households twice a week.**

“Part of the mission of Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program (MCHPP) is to provide hungry people with access to healthy food,” says Ethan Minton, Program Director of MCHPP. “The generous support of local farmers goes a long way toward making this happen.

Now, with the fresh produce we’re receiving from the new gleaning program, we can make even more fresh food available to our neighbors in need.”

After an outstanding first year, our goals for 2017 are to operate more efficiently, and serve more partners in Midcoast Maine. If you want to invite the Gleaners to your farm, receive fresh food donations at your food pantry, or volunteer as a gleaner, please contact Kelly Davis at [merrymeetinggleaners@gmail.com](mailto:merrymeetinggleaners@gmail.com).

## 2017 Farmers' Market at Crystal Spring Farm

May 6 through November 4, 2017

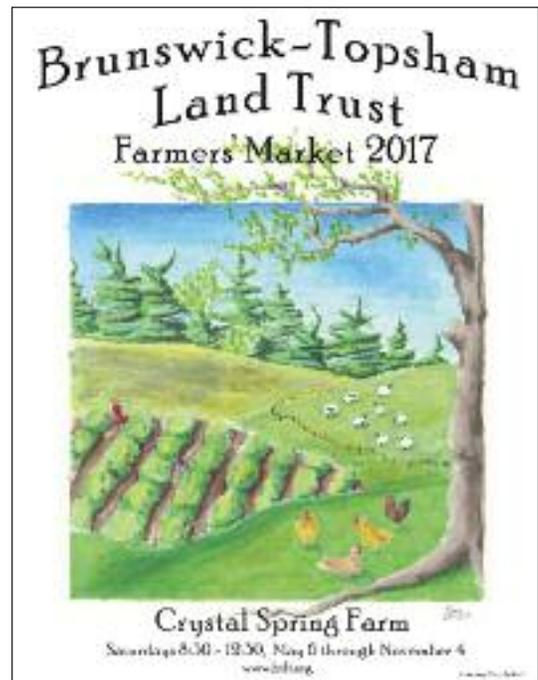
We are excited to announce the addition of seven new vendors to our increasingly diverse lineup. Come and support new and old local producers as we welcome you to the 18th season of the market!

- Ewing Fruit Company – organic wild blueberries
- Go-En Fermented Foods – miso, amazake, rice balls, and more
- Norumbega Cidery – hard cider
- Smith's Smokehouse – charcuterie, smoked meats and cheese
- Tandem Coffee Roasters – coffee truck with coffee, tea, bulk beans

Also new this year is our Springboard Booth. This is a shared booth designed to give vendors with relatively new ventures an opportunity to test the waters and be part of a market. Our two Springboard vendors this season are:

- The Whole Almond – almond and cashew milk, almond products
- Cascina Senza Scarpa – rabbit

The lovely drawing for this year's market poster is by Grace Sanford, high school student at The Maine Coast Waldorf School. Grace will be at the market on July 8 to sign posters and talk about her art.



## Seeking 2018 Garden Coordinator

In 2012 the Tom Settlemire Community Garden (TSCG) was established through a phenomenal volunteer effort. In 2015, the Land Trust hired Corie Washow as a part-time Garden Coordinator to develop consistent communication systems with ploholders, increase volunteer participation by diverse community groups, and maintain sustainable growing practices in the Common Good Garden – where thousands of pounds of food are grown each season for Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program. Corie has become an invaluable resource in the Garden and contributed to the development of a more robust, community-focused Garden.

At the end of the 2017 growing season, Corie is leaving to focus on her graduate studies full time. (Congratulations Corie! You will be missed!) We know there are others who would love the opportunity to manage and further develop this vibrant and engaging community resource. If you are interested in part-time, seasonal work growing food, educating gardeners and community members, and managing volunteers, please contact [lee@btlit.org](mailto:lee@btlit.org).



Garden Coordinator, Corie Washow

*“What first attracted me to the work is that the role has a lot of flexibility and the Garden is an emerging/growing project that the Coordinator can help to shape. My favorite part of the job is the connection that happens when people are working together with plants – it is an overarching job perk!”*

*~Corie Washow,  
TSCG Coordinator*

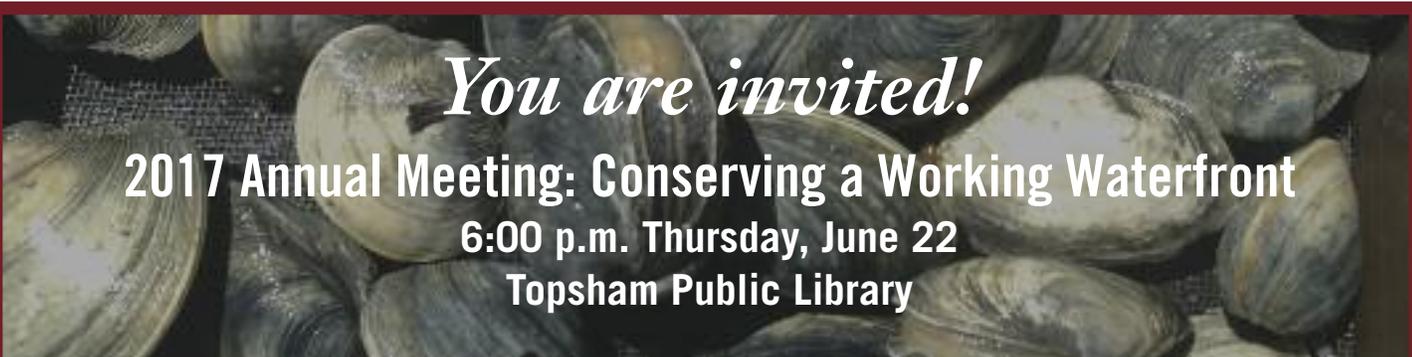


BTLT Store

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You can now get great outdoor gear adorned with the Land Trust's beautifully embroidered logo. Show support for your favorite local land trust!

*Visit [www.btlit.org](http://www.btlit.org) to order today!*



*You are invited!*

## 2017 Annual Meeting: Conserving a Working Waterfront

6:00 p.m. Thursday, June 22

Topsham Public Library

For our Annual Meeting this year we welcome Dan Devereaux, Brunswick Marine Resource Officer & Harbormaster, Monique Coombs, Seafood Program Director at Maine Coast Fisherman's Association, and a local shellfish harvester. They will discuss their work with the Land Trust, the importance of protecting access to working waterfronts, and ongoing actions to promote a sustainable shellfish harvesting tradition.



## Conserved Lands Information Now Online

Do you wonder about the 29 easements and 19 fee-owned properties your local land trust has protected and manages? Do you want to know where they are, why they were conserved, and which ones you can visit? Now all of this information is available online!

This spring, we added a section to our website that describes our active conservation focus areas and conserved properties in those areas, and includes an interactive map for all public access properties. Visit the Land Trust website ([www.btl.org](http://www.btl.org)) and go to "Protected Properties" in the Conservation and Trails menu at the top of the page.

## BTLT Seeks Public Comment on Accreditation Renewal



**B**runswick-Topsham Land Trust is pleased to announce we are applying for renewal of our status as a nationally accredited land trust. A public comment period is now open.

The Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, recognizes land conservation organizations that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands.

The Commission invites public input and accepts signed, written comments on pending accreditation applications. Comments must relate to how Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust complies with national standards addressing the ethical and technical operation of a land trust. These standards touch on a wide range of policies and practices for our organization, including responsible governance and financial practices, accountability to donors and the public, evaluation and selection of conservation projects, responsible stewardship of protected lands, and more.

To learn more about the accreditation program and to submit a comment, visit [www.landtrustaccreditation.org](http://www.landtrustaccreditation.org), or email your comment to [info@landtrustaccreditation.org](mailto:info@landtrustaccreditation.org). Comments may also be mailed to the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, Attn: Public Comments, 112 Spring Street, Suite 204, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

Comments on Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust's renewal application will be most useful by July 21, 2017.

*"It's important that land trusts use best practices to ensure the sustainability of their organizations....[Accreditation] speaks to the strength of your ongoing commitment to serving our communities and future generations."*

~ Congresswoman Chellie Pingree, in a letter congratulating Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust on its initial accreditation in 2012

# ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

**D**onations from new and renewing members are the lifeblood of Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust's operating budget. At the start of FY 2016-17, the Land Trust was 1,000 members strong, including 57 Community Partners and 23 Business Partners. Community Partners and Business Partners are individuals and businesses that give \$1,000 or more annually. Our Annual Fund goals for FY 2016-17 are to grow our membership to 1,150 members, achieving a total of 70 Community Partners and 35 Business Partners and raising \$219,000 for the Annual Fund.

From July 1, 2016 through the end of March 2017, nine months into our fiscal year, the Land Trust has raised \$176,777 in Annual Fund donations and has 766 members (including 54 Community Partners and 16 Business Partners). We're excited by this continued, strong community support; but we still have a lot of work to do to reach our fundraising goals by June 30, 2017. We would greatly appreciate your help, especially with recruiting new members and encouraging current members to renew for this fiscal year.

**Please renew your membership by June 30 if you haven't given since July 1, 2016.**

If you have already renewed this fiscal year, thank you! Please help us reach our goals by recruiting a family member or friend to become a new member. If you know someone who uses our trails, loves the Gardening Workshops, shops at the Farmers' Market, or appreciates the views we have protected, encourage them to become a member!

Please visit [www.btlr.org/membership/](http://www.btlr.org/membership/) to renew or join today. Thank you!!

## Creating a Legacy

*For more than 30 years, Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust has protected places and created programs that make our community and quality of life extraordinary. By including the Land Trust in your estate plans, you can be part of protecting this extraordinary community for future generations.*

Planned gifts come in all shapes and sizes. Each gift is an expression of one person's desire to make a lasting impact. You do not have to be wealthy to make a planned gift. We will work with you and your advisors to create your unique legacy in support of conservation in our community. If you want to learn more, or have already created a bequest benefiting the Land Trust, please contact Angela Twitchell at (207)729-7694 or [angela@btlr.org](mailto:angela@btlr.org). For more information on planned giving opportunities, visit [www.btlr.org/planned-giving](http://www.btlr.org/planned-giving).

## Thank you to the diverse business community that supports our work

We are fortunate to have strong support from our vibrant local business community, helping us improve the quality of life and economic vitality in our region. Together, we are forging a path to a sustainable future in which the Brunswick-Topsham area will always be a special place to live, work, and visit.

Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust **Business Partners** play a key role in advancing our mission by contributing \$1,000 or more of unrestricted support to the Land Trust annually. To find out more about becoming a Business Partner, please visit [www.btlr.org/business-partners](http://www.btlr.org/business-partners).

**Please help us thank our Business Partners by supporting their businesses:**



**Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust Business Members contribute up to \$1,000 of unrestricted support to the Land Trust annually.**

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Wednesday of each month  
(except August) at 7:00 PM*

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# We are Grateful for the Generous Support of Our Members

## A note from Executive Director, Angela Twitchell

While it is all too easy to get caught up in the bustle of daily life, it is important to occasionally pause, take a deep breath, and recognize everything for which we are thankful. Our newsletter allows us that pause here at Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust.

We are particularly grateful for two things that make the successes you read about in this newsletter possible: The amazing natural resources and remarkable human capital in our region.

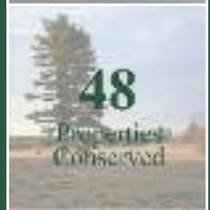
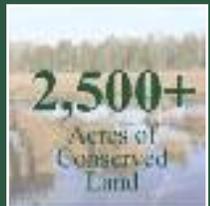
The diversity of beautiful places and abundant wildlife reminds us how lucky we are to work with our community to care for these resources. Likewise, every time we connect with people – whether at a community event, on a trail, at the community garden, or at the farmers’ market – we contemplate the depth and breadth of community support with which we are blessed.

We are truly thankful for the support we receive from YOU, our community – our valued members, land owners, municipal officials, volunteers, students, visionaries, business partners, and so many others.

**Everything the Land Trust accomplishes is made possible by your support. THANK YOU!**



### Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust At-A-Glance



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