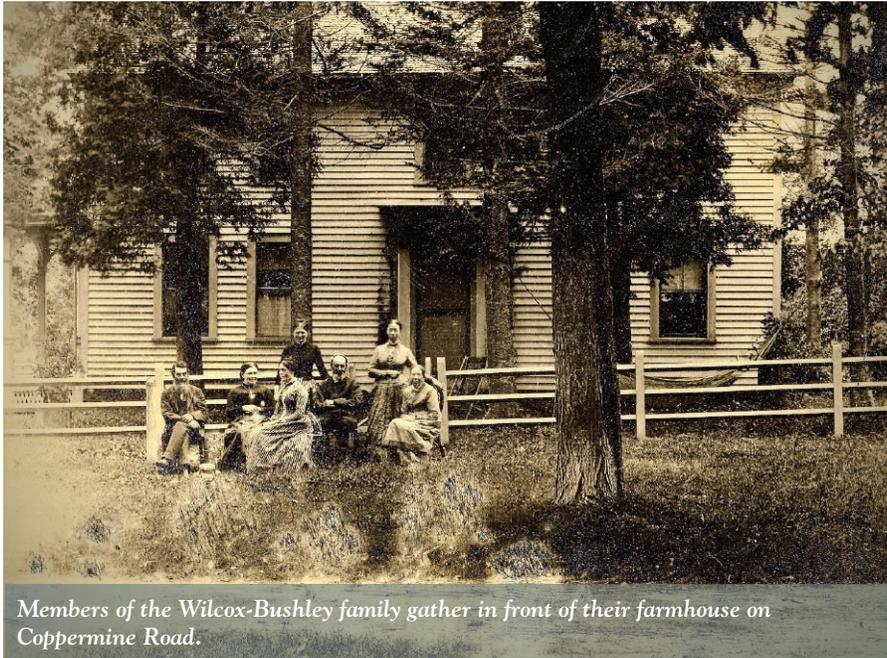


Protecting open space in perpetuity through acquisition, stewardship, education, and advocacy



Members of the Wilcox-Bushley family gather in front of their farmhouse on Coppermine Road.

The Wilcox-Bushley Homestead

By Brie Quinby and Evan Cowles

In 1995, Mary and Ruth Bushley donated 24 acres of their family's farm to the Farmington Land Trust. Having seen much of the land around their home developed, they were committed to saving what remained of a much larger farm, and we now call their donated parcel the West District Nature Preserve. In 2013, they added to their gift the family house, the barns and the land immediately adjacent to the house. Mary continued living in the house until she died in the spring of 2019.

You will recognize this property across Coppermine Road from West District School by the large glacial boulder you see as you turn onto Coppermine from West District Road. The white clapboard farmhouse with 150-plus years of archival material and the surrounding farmland tell the unique and important story of the Wilcox-Bushley family in Farmington. The Farmington Land Trust is honored to steward not just the land, but the significant story about the family and its connection to the land.

The Farm

In 1804 the Committee of Farmington — the Town Council of the time — granted a deed to Mr. Isaiah Rowe for 100 acres of land on Old Litchfield Road, which we now call Copper Mine Road. Soon after, he cleared and worked the property, and eventually built the house that sits on the land today. The Rowe farm became one of the most successful farms in the area, and was well known for its orchards of apples, cherries, pears and plums.

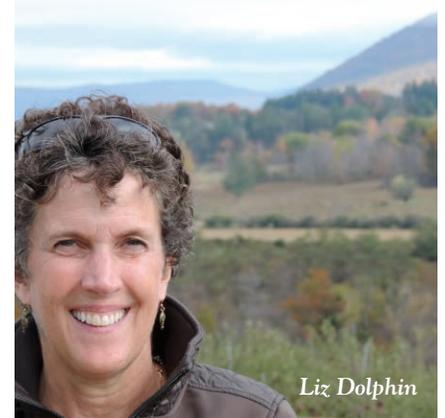
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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

For my first letter to the Farmington Land Trust members, I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Liz Dolphin, and in August of this year, I became the Farmington Land Trust's fifth executive director.

While I am certainly new to this position, I am no stranger to the Town of Farmington or to open space preservation in the Town. In 2015, I retired as the Assistant Town Planner for the Town of Farmington after 28 years, but I've continued to support the Town of Farmington as Land Acquisition Consultant, where I staff the Town's Land Acquisition Committee (which also includes two Farmington Land Trust representatives in its membership) and coordinate the Town's open space acquisitions and grants through the DEEP Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program. I began my role coordinating the acquisition of open space and grants for the Town in 1997 when the Land Acquisition Committee was first established. During this time, the Town has acquired 995 acres of open space and has received nearly five million dollars of grant funds to offset the cost of these acquisitions.

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Liz Dolphin

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

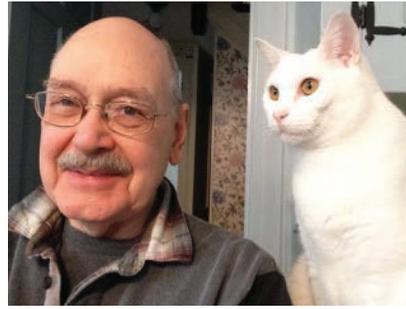
Moving Forward — Protecting Open Space

Change happens. In the natural world, change, except for singular events, is a gradual process we have come to understand as evolution. We all are a part of this process, just as is the environment that surrounds us. This gradual progression of our natural environment is something we are just now more fully learning to appreciate and to protect.

Change happens at the Land Trust too, some singular, others in normal course. This year we said goodbye to Bruce Edgren, our executive director for the past three years, a most capable leader and friend of the organization. Bruce will be dividing his time between Farmington and a new residence in Hull, Massachusetts and spending more of it with his family and new grandson.

We are delighted that Liz Dolphin, who many of you know as Farmington's assistant town planner, now retired, has accepted the executive directorship of the Land Trust. Liz has long been an advocate for open space and has been involved in these efforts for the Town through her work as planner and through the Town's Land Acquisition Committee, formed in 1998 to protect our open space.

We were saddened by the loss of Mary Elizabeth Bushley on April 16, 2019. Mary and her sister, Ruth Bushley Childs, gave the Land Trust the remaining 23.8 acres of their farm on Coppermine Road in 1995 and then, 18 years later, the adjoining Wilcox-Bushley homestead on 0.9 acres located near the intersection of West District and Coppermine Roads. Mary retained a life lease of the home and now, with her passing, the Land Trust assumes full responsibility for the house and its contents. The FLT directors have agreed to preserve the 19th century farmhouse with the objective that it be the Land Trust office, a presence on the land



that is now our West District Nature Preserve. Work is proceeding with the removal of asphalt shingles and exterior repairs, renovation of the sheds and workshop, and the archiving of the numerous Wilcox and Bushley family artifacts, some from the 18th century. This is a significant undertaking for the Farmington Land Trust. It is the directors' intent that this undertaking not lessen our efforts to protect open space and the natural environment, but that it enhances our commitment to education and community participation in the appreciation of our natural world.

We closed on the purchase of the Little Reservoir property along Diamond Glen and Reservoir Road in June of 2019. This historic mill pond, dating from the 17th century, was purchased with the generous contributions from the Mason family and other local residents. Over \$6,000 in excess contributions was moved to our permanent Landmark Fund for the stewardship of our properties.

At our Clatter Valley Road parcel, we finished the survey work and posting of the boundary. The natural resource management plan for the property was completed by Eric Hansen of Ferrucci & Walicki, LLC. It is a detailed synopsis of the environment and proposed activities over the next few years to preserve and, in some cases, return it to its natural state. These plans, which we have for each of our fee owned properties, are an essential road map for the future stewardship of our properties.

Bog bridges have been completed at our Mountain Spring Nature Trail by stewardship volunteers. The trail traverses a wet meadow on the Barney Pasture up to the bird blind. These bog bridges will provide access to the blind and other parts of the trail, which had previously been inaccessible during many months of the year due to wet conditions.

Many of you Partied In the Pasture and Celebrated the Great Outdoors during our fall **Preserving Our Legacy** fundraiser and community celebration in September. The events were again a huge success in showcasing the West District Nature Preserve and the Wilcox-Bushley Homestead and in raising funds to underwrite a significant portion of the work we do.

In closing, it is with sadness that I note the loss of a dear friend, colleague and fellow FLT director, Sallie Norris. Sallie's contributions were many, notably the founding of our **Preserving Our Legacy** fundraisers. Sallie was a force, with a will to succeed, who will be sorely missed. Her service to others and to our community will live as an example to us all.

~Richard Kramer

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Preserving a Farm and its History (continued from page 1)

In 1869, the Rowe farm was purchased by Jerry Wilcox of North Canton, and so began four generations of the Wilcox-Bushley family raising cows, pigs, and chickens, plowing the fields to plant corn and vegetables, harvesting the wood lot for their kitchen fires and doing what good farmers have always done and continue to do – take care of the land to preserve their livelihood. Jerry’s dairy was also known for its high-quality cream production.

Under the Wilcox family’s stewardship, the farm was prosperous, growing from its original 100 acres to as much as 275 acres. In the 1930s, the farm included a two-level cattle barn, two silos, a milk room, an equipment shed, a chicken house, and an indoor-outdoor bull pen. There was a mixed dairy herd of about 15 Holsteins, Jerseys and Guernseys.

Today, all that remains is the equipment barn and the early 19th century Isaiah Rowe house. The house is surrounded on three sides by 24 acres of land, including a farm pond, a diverse forest preserve, and mowed fields. Although most of the land has reverted to woodland, fieldstone walls running through the woods remind us that the land had once been cleared and that at one time Farmington was mostly pasture.

The Sisters

Preservation was what Mary Bushley and her sister, Ruth Bushley Childs, wanted when they donated their family’s land and, eventually, their house to the Farmington Land Trust. “If you offered me \$100,000,000, I wouldn’t take it,” Mary Bushley once declared. “The land is destined to be saved.”

Born in the 1920s, Ruth and Mary spent their childhood on this land. Farming meant planting in the spring, haying and strawberries in June, currants by July 4th, blackberry pie and canning in the fall. And it meant milking twice a day, every day. Their father made weekly trips to the A&P in the village to buy staples, with, as Ruth recalled, the girls usually staying in the car with the dog. Otherwise the family

was self-sufficient, living on what came out of the dairy and the chicken coop, and the fruits and vegetables they raised on the farm.

At the same time, the family led a relatively sophisticated life. The house was filled with books, sheet music, travel and fashion magazines. Ruth wrote anecdotes of her childhood on the farm while Mary wrote poetry. Their mother planted a flower garden each year, sending the girls off with fresh flowers for the teacher on their first day at Union School. They visited their aunt in Boston where they went to the theater and experienced city life. Later, when Mary commuted to her job in Hartford at The Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company,

she wore fashionable dresses she’d made herself. Mary continued to live in the house until almost the end of her life.

The Farmington Land Trust is now planning the next stage in the life of this house, including a renovation to create a modern office space for our headquarters. We’d also like to create a space for a display of some of the 150 years of artifacts left in the home to provide a historical context for the house and the West District Nature Preserve. Stay tuned.

THE HOUSE IS SURROUNDED ON THREE SIDES BY 24 ACRES OF LAND, INCLUDING A FARM POND, A DIVERSE FOREST PRESERVE, AND MOWED FIELDS. ALTHOUGH MOST OF THE LAND HAS REVERTED TO WOODLAND, FIELDSTONE WALLS RUNNING THROUGH THE WOODS REMIND US THAT THE LAND HAD ONCE BEEN CLEARED AND THAT AT ONE TIME FARMINGTON WAS MOSTLY PASTURE.



Mary Bushley’s Ode to the Land Trust

Mary Bushley wrote a volume of poetry, much of it about her life on the farm. Among her poems was this informal ode to the Land Trust

Space

Every creature needs a space of its own
A habitat that will be its home.
Where would a turtle sun all day
If the pond and rock are taken away.
Without a forest, where could the deer
Hide when hunters are near.
The Land Trust’s mission is to preserve
The sanctuaries that all God’s creations deserve.

~Mary Bushley

Full Moon Snowshoe or Hike

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10 AT 6:30 P.M.
TUNXIS COUNTRY CLUB, TOWN FARM ROAD

Come howl at the rising Snow Moon and gather round the bonfire for s'mores. Easy terrain suitable for all levels.

Jeepers Creepers

SATURDAY, MARCH 14 AT 1 P.M.
FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER
321 NEW BRITAIN AVENUE

Naturalist Brian Kleinman from Riverside Reptiles joins us with some creepy-looking creatures. You will see and touch a variety of reptiles, amphibians, arachnids, insects and more! Don't worry, they won't bite!

Farmington Land Trust Annual Meeting and Potluck

THURSDAY, APRIL 16 AT 5:30 P.M.
SARAH PORTER MEMORIAL, 75 MAIN STREET
 Speaker TBA

Birding along Mountain Spring Nature Trail

SATURDAY, MAY 30 AT 7 A.M.
MOUNTAIN SPRING NATURE TRAIL
16 MOUNTAIN SPRING ROAD

Milan Bull of the Connecticut Audubon Society will lead a hunt for warblers and other resident and migrating species, including raptors. Bring binoculars to get an up close and personal view of some of these winged wonders. This popular event documented 26 bird species at the Cowles Parcel last year.

Dial In Your Phone Photography

THURSDAY, JUNE 4TH AT 7 P.M.
LAND TRUST OFFICE, 128 GARDEN STREET

If you've bought a smartphone in the last few years you own a great camera. Board member and photojournalist Steve Silk is back with his popular workshop focused on learning how to get the most out of it. Learn about easy shooting techniques that may improve the pictures you take, and learn how to apply creative controls to them. We will also discuss some worthwhile apps to improve the picture taking and editing experience. Limited to 15. Call to reserve a spot.

Hike Through 10,000 Years

SATURDAY, JUNE 6 AT 9:30 A.M.
COWLES PARCEL, MEADOW ROAD

As part of Connecticut Walk Day, join with Land Trust board members Diane Tucker and Evan Cowles for a walking tour of the Cowles parcel off Meadow Road. Evan will provide commentary on the area's history dating back to the Ice Age, while naturalist Diane Tucker will inform strollers about the site's current inhabitants.

Yoga on Main with Sarah Wadsworth

SECOND SUNDAYS, JUNE-OCTOBER AT 9 A.M.
STEDMAN PARCEL ON MAIN STREET OPPOSITE PEOPLES UNITED BANK

Sarah Wadsworth will be continuing her yoga series this year! Bring your mat and leave your troubles behind! Suitable for all levels from beginner on up. The Stedman Parcel on Main Street is located directly across from Peoples United Bank.

Float With the Flow

SUNDAY, JULY 12 1 P.M.
FISHING PIER NEAR ROUTE 4 BRIDGE,
OPPOSITE STARBUCKS

Ride a raft, paddle a canoe or kayak, or pilot a pool toy as we convene for an on river regatta and float downstream from the Route 4 bridge fishing pier to the Canal Aqueduct parcel. Refreshments at the takeout. Bring your own watercraft.



Planting at West District Nature Preserve

Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22 AT 3:30 P.M.
WEST DISTRICT NATURE PRESERVE

We encourage any and all to join us at the West District Nature Preserve in planting perennials, trees, and shrubs selected to benefit pollinators. We will provide plants and tools.

Wildflower Walk

SATURDAY, MAY 2 AT 11 A.M.
CANAL AQUEDUCT AND HENRY MASON TRAIL

Diane Tucker, naturalist and Farmington Land Trust board member, leads the way in search of woodland wonders in an area with a rich variety of ephemeral spring wildflowers. Meet at the parking lot opposite Aqueduct Lane, just south of the Farmington-Avon town line.



What Lies Beneath

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 AT 10 A.M.
16 MOUNTAIN SPRING ROAD
(MOUNTAIN SPRING NATURE TRAIL)**

Diane Tucker, Land Trust board member and naturalist, examines the mysteries of life underfoot. Early in spring, she places wood covers over patches of ground to attract myriad of insects, worms, and other native crawlers. Get there early for the unveiling.

Preserving Our Legacy

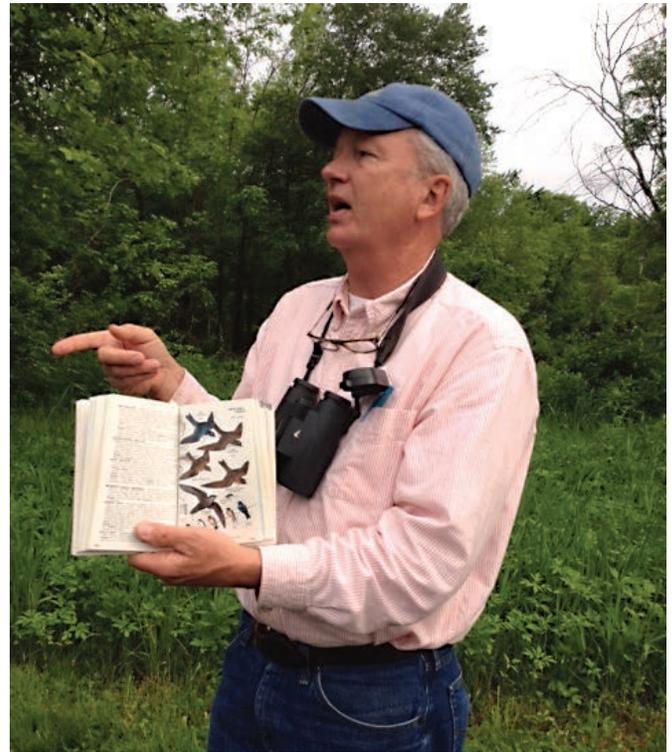
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 AT 5:30 P.M.
TUNXIS PAVILLION AT THE TUNXIS COUNTRY CLUB**

Get Outside and Move Your Body

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 AT 10 A.M.
MOUNTAIN SPRING NATURE TRAIL
16 MOUNTAIN SPRING ROAD**

Rob Mullins, certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist and Personal Trainer, will lead us on a hike to reconnect with nature. As he puts it: "By getting outside to move our bodies in and over the terrain that is available, we can stimulate and restore a natural balance of health and wellness."

For questions and to register, contact the FLT office at farmingtonland.trust@snet.net, or call 860-674-8545. No pets are allowed on hikes or outings.



Milan Bull, of the Connecticut Audubon Society, clarifies some of the finer points of ornithology for birdwatchers on our annual outing.

Hiking the Mountain Spring Nature Trail.



Our Wild and Scenic River

DATE, TIME, AND PLACE TBA

You probably knew the Farmington River's upper stretch in Connecticut was named a National Wild and Scenic River some years back. Did you know parts of the lower river, including its Farmington section, were also recently protected as wild and scenic? Learn about the river and the program in a short film followed by discussion with a representative from the Farmington River Watershed Association.

Opt Outside — FLT's Annual Black Friday Hike

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27 AT 11 A.M.
16 MOUNTAIN SPRING ROAD
(MOUNTAIN SPRING NATURE TRAIL)**

Join us on our annual post-Thanksgiving opt-out walk, which this year will follow Bill Wadsworth's lead on the Mountain Spring Nature Trail to a lookout on top of Anderson Ridge.

The Audubon Christmas Bird Count

DECEMBER 14 TO JANUARY 5

www.audubon.org/join-christmas-bird-count for more information.

Celebrating the Great Outdoors

By Jennifer Villa

Our **Celebrate the Great Outdoors** event was held Saturday, September 21st at the West District Nature Preserve. It was very well attended by approximately 250 people, including both long-time supporters and many new faces. Activities under the big tent were a hit with all ages. Hayrides, complete with tales of the farm's history, were provided by Bill Wollenberg and were as popular as the wonderful live music provided by Jeff Przech and Emery James.

The Unionville Lions Club grilled a delicious dinner complete with corn and vegetables donated by local farms and salads donated by Truffles. A scavenger hunt, nature walks to the pond with board member and naturalist Diane Tucker, face painting with Sarah Wadsworth, beer tasting, and a teacup raffle were enjoyed by attendees of all ages. The afternoon concluded with a live performance of Woody Guthrie's famous folk song, "This Land is Your Land."

The Farmington Land Trust is hopeful many of the new people who attended will become members and that we will be able to offer more community-wide events and programs in the future.

Preserving Our Legacy Fundraiser

Our sixth annual **Preserving Our Legacy** fundraiser brought us back to the land. A tent was raised on the West District Nature Preserve to host the **Party in the Pasture**. Over 150 people gathered, enjoying cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and music by Lindsey Fyfe and her Bluegrass Pals under blue skies and temps in the 70s.

Guests of our lead sponsors were treated to a private, naturalist-led walk to the pond with the FLT's own Diane Tucker. To celebrate the rich history of this farmland, a locally-sourced farm-to-table dinner, including Connecticut wines, was served by Emily's Catering of Bristol.

It wouldn't be a fundraiser without some fund-raising! This year we offered a Raise the Paddle to support the renovations of the Bushley Farmhouse on the property. Land Trust member and volunteer Tim Smith started it off with a slide show and story of the rich history of the Wilcox-Bushley families who lived on the homestead. Previous board member and current FLT volunteer Kathy Wadsworth Delano "auctioned" opportunities to fund roof shingles, paint, windows, and architectural plans, raising nearly \$15,000. A great start to helping us preserve this important, historical farm house.

We thank our Gold sponsors Hometown Foundation and Thomaston Bank, our Silver sponsors Allied World, ION Bank, LiveWell, ProHealth Physicians, Sallie Norris and all of the many businesses and individuals who contributed greatly to make this the party to remember!

Remembering Sallie Norris

We are saddened by the loss of Farmington Land Trust board member Sallie Norris, who passed away November 24. Sallie was a part of our governing body since 2013, and her contributions to growing our membership, to our fundraising efforts, and to spreading the word about our efforts as an organization are just part of the legacy of one who devoted so very much of her life to community service.

"Sallie was strong, determined and gifted with the ability to succeed," said Land Trust president Richard Kramer. "She was a powerful force as a volunteer in Farmington and in the greater Hartford community, benefiting many organizations with her fundraising efforts."

"Sallie joined the board of directors and was an immediate presence," said Richard. "Shortly after coming on the board, Sallie and I gathered a few friends for lunch to share ideas. Several weeks later, Sallie called me with news that she had contacted Cate Grady-Benson and they had a wonderful idea to hold a dinner at the Farmington Country Club to honor the Land Trust's founder Jack Emery and our first executive director Dick Noyes. It would be called Preserving our Legacy. That was the start of our Preserving our Legacy fundraisers, which have been such a significant part of the FLT's success ever since. It all started over lunch with Sallie, as so many successes have."

Sallie was exemplified by her tremendous energy, enthusiasm, and care for others, but perhaps most of all for her tenacity. She was an unyielding, unselfish force for good in her community, and was a founder of everything from a kindergarten to The Shelter for Women, (now Women & Girls Programs at The Village). She was also a force to be reckoned with on the tennis court, on skis, and in the saddle of her horse or her bike. Part of Sallie's early life was spent on a family farm in upstate New York, where she gained the respect for open spaces and natural surroundings that would inspire and characterize her near decade-long presence on the Board of Directors of the Farmington Land Trust. A memorial service was held January 19 at the Farmington Club. We, along with all those who know knew her, will miss Sallie.

To honor Sallie's memory, please consider a donation to one of the organizations Sallie cared deeply about: Farmington Land Trust, P.O. Box 1, 128 Garden Street #C, Farmington, CT 06034; Women & Girls Program at the Village, 680 Albany Ave., Hartford, CT 06105; or the Farm Sanctuary, P.O. Box 150, Watkins Glen, NY 14891. Please note that your gift is in memory of Sallie Norris.



New Bridges Keep Explorers Dry On Mountain Spring Nature Trail

By Steve Nelson

Hiking to the top of Anderson Ridge to see the expansive views of Farmington Valley, taking a shorter jaunt to the birdblind to view bluebirds in their nesting boxes, or catching a glimpse of deer browsing in the meadow are just a few of the fun ways to spend a couple hours along the Farmington Land Trust's Mountain Spring Nature Trail off Mountain Spring Road. But it's not always possible. In Spring, or after heavy rains, water often saturates the ground enough to make the area nearly impassable without a serious pair of waterproof boots.

To make the going easier – and drier– fellow board member Peter Dorpalen, go-to guy Greg Kaminski, and I recently teamed up to build a total of nearly 100 feet of bridging in two different locations. A 70-foot section adjacent to the run-in barn will now allow easier access to the trail ascending to Anderson Ridge. Or, if you hang a right just across that bridge, the trail past the milk cellar will lead you to another 20-foot section which will allow you to keep your feet dry when heading up to the birdblind near the top of the meadow.

The bridges are not actually on the trail itself, but are instead just alongside it, so the Mason brothers can mow the path when conditions are dry without having to move the bridges out of their way.

The bridges are built according to Connecticut Forest and Parks guidelines using wood purchased from a local sawmill. We laid each section with two rough-sawn, un-kilned but dried white oak planks measuring 2" X 10" X 10'. Each pair of planks rest upon 4" X 6" X 4' "sleepers", almost like railroad ties, placed at either end. In turn, each sleeper sits atop one-foot-square patio blocks at either end. Once the sleepers are leveled, the planks are screwed onto them using 4-1/2" teklok screws. And then, for good measure, we drill a 1/2" hole in each end of each sleeper and drive a two-foot length of 5/8" rebar pin

Farmington Land Trust board member Peter Dorpalen (left) and Greg Kaminski prepare one of the footbridges spanning wet, boggy areas at the Mountain Spring Nature Trail.



through the wood and into the ground to prevent the bridge from floating up during extremely wet conditions.

So this spring, consider a short walk to the nature blind or a longer hike to Anderson Ridge. You won't have to worry about wet feet; the new bog bridges will help you on your way.

From the Executive Director (continued from page 1)

With an undergraduate degree in zoology from Ohio Wesleyan and a master's in resource management and administration from Antioch New England, I have always had an eye for environmental protection and land conservation and preservation. In addition to my role with the Land Acquisition Committee, I have staffed the Farmington Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission and the Green Efforts Committee, and was directly involved with both Farmington River Wild and Scenic designations, the protection of the Metacomet Trail and its designation as a National Scenic Trail, the Town's recycling program and Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days, and the Farmington Valley Biodiversity Study.

Additionally, I developed an early fascination with GIS (digital mapping) and have over the years prepared and managed both the Town's and the Land Trust's open space maps. More recently I completed a map inventory project for the Land Trust, organizing the hard copy and digital maps for all FLT holdings.

Open space preservation in Farmington has been and continues to be the accomplishment I'm most proud of and that gives me the greatest satisfaction. I am thrilled to bring my expertise and enthusiasm for open space preservation to the Farmington Land Trust. I have worked closely with the Land Trust on many projects over the years and have always been impressed with the professionalism of the organization

and the caliber of its board members and volunteers. In fact, I was privileged to begin my career with the support and mentorship of the Farmington Land Trust's first Executive Director Dick Noyes and founder Jack Emery. Their patience and willingness to share their time and knowledge with a 'newbie' such as myself has forever endeared the Farmington Land Trust to me. There is a great deal of synergy between my roles with the Town and the Land Trust. With that, I hope to bring both organizations closer together in a way that can strengthen the Land Trust while further solidifying the Town's commitment to open space preservation.

~Liz Dolphin

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Adopt-A-Parcel Program Helps Keep Open Space Open

By Cate Grady-Benson

In the fall of 2017, the Farmington Land Trust created an “Adopt-A-Parcel” program, similar to the Adopt a Highway program, to help defray the costs of maintaining and preserving some of our properties. We approached private funders to underwrite a three-year maintenance plan for each of the parcels up for adoption. The concept struck a chord with ProHealth Physicians and they responded immediately. In another case, a group of neighbors volunteered to maintain and improve their abutting Land Trust parcel. In others, local families made a commitment to the maintenance of a parcel important to them.

Adoption comes with added benefits, including signage on the site identifying you, your group or company as adopters, attribution at the FLT’s annual fundraisers and at FLT events held on the parcel.

To date, six parcels have been adopted:

- ProHealth Physicians, Inc. has adopted the **Mountain Spring Nature Trail**.
- The Wadsworth Family has adopted **Will Warren’s Den**.
- Heidi and Henry Maresh, Paul Yeomans and Reno Properties adopted the **Boulder Brook Parcel**.
- An anonymous donor adopted **Clatter Valley Road** in honor of the Emery and Smith Families.



Members of the Emery and Smith families and the FLT gathered at the Clatter Valley Road parcel to witness the unveiling of the “Adopt-A-Parcel” sign honoring their families. The parcel was donated to the Land Trust by Karen and Martin Wand, who purchased it as part of a larger property which they subsequently subdivided. An anonymous donor adopted the Clatter Valley Road parcel in order to allow the FLT to preserve its history and to create a walking trail for all to enjoy.

- Lee Thomson adopted the **Canal Aqueduct Parcel** in honor of James Thomson who donated the parcel.
- Judith King and Stephen Gryc adopted the **Cowles Parcel**.

Two parcels still await adoption: the Unionville Handicapped Fishing Pier and the West District Nature Preserve are both available. For information, call our office at (860) 674-8545.