

## March News



March, 2020

Dear Friends,

While this is an unprecedented and uncertain time for all of us, we are fortunate to have vast, protected open space and natural wonders throughout our community.

The restrictions on group activities and organized events are unfortunate, but it does allow us more time to focus on improving and maintaining our preserves. Seasonal trail work has begun and will continue with efforts to widen and expand where possible. Our volunteers are actively clearing fence lines, mowing and removing invasives. While the major issues from the 2018 tornado have been addressed, we are renewing our efforts to clear edges of fields and downed trees that impact our farmland. We are also excited to move forward with the creation of the 5K Trail at our Phillips Farm Preserve.



Regina Badura (standing) and Julie Stuart at Platt Farm Preserve

We welcome new hikers, walkers and wanderers to take advantage of the great outdoors for both exercise and solace. We ask that all of you follow the social distancing guidelines that have been recommended. It is easy to move aside if you encounter others along the way.

While the changes in our lives are difficult, we hope the land can lift your spirits and nature can inspire you. Spring brings with it new life, new color and hope for better times ahead.

Sincerely and with thanks,



Regina Badura, Stewardship Director  
Julie Stuart, Administrative Director

## Event Cancellations

Some of our upcoming events have been impacted. **The Park Clean Up** scheduled for April 4th has been cancelled for now. Anyone who is able and willing to pick up garbage in your

neighborhood or on our preserves or parks are encouraged to do so. Our **Annual Meeting** scheduled for May has been postponed until later in the year.

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## Thank You Scouts

Scouts and parents from Troop 162 worked as part of the scouts community service requirement, to clean up at the Platt Farm Preserve. They removed invasives along the fence line on Flood Bridge Road. The Land Trust is very grateful for the assistance. From left to right: Satchel Diaz, Aaron Suriani, Devin Papaioannou, Marie Papaioannou, Steve Suriani and Mickey Parrella.



The cleared fence line along Flood Bridge Road

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# This Land Is Your Land

## It's Open For You



*Platt Farm Preserve*

The value of open space, especially now, can not be measured in any traditional way. It can lift your spirits and inspire you. It can be calming and soothing. You can depend on us to keep this land open and protected for you and your family to enjoy.

The Southbury Land Trust is passionate about preserving our natural world so that everyone can explore and experience the beauty that surrounds us. We conserve over 2,000 acres of land. We maintain 15 hiking trails on 7 preserves. We protect farmland, woodland, fields and streams. We provide homes to thousands of creatures big and small.

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**Tuesday, April 21 to Wednesday, April 22**



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