

## **Thank you Youth Conservation Corps!**

Five crew members from the Youth Conservation Corps and their leader, worked for two days with our Stewardship Director at Southbury Land Trust's Phillips Farm Preserve, removing invasive phragmites and helping with trail maintenance. Thanks to the Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition for sharing the YCC crew members with the SLT!

The Youth Conservation Corps crew members are local students from the Pomperaug Watershed and surrounding communities. They commute from their home to the designated work site each day, where they come together to work as a team. Over the course of their six week season, their work sites vary as they support conservation projects at town parks, land trust properties, and other locations. In collaboration with watershed conservation partners, YCC activities include environmental outreach, riparian buffer and trail maintenance, erosion reduction, rain garden planting, invasive plant removal, trash clean-ups, basic documentation of environmental conditions, and wetland protection projects.

Pictured below (left to right): Amanda Keilty (crew leader) of Bethlehem, Bethany Brown of Oakville, Jonathan Robert of Morris, Dillon Larkin of Newtown, Jeremy Larkin of Newtown and Aidan Essig of Southbury.



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## **Bench Dedication at Phillips Farm**

On August 11th we held a bench dedication at our Phillips Farm Preserve. Many thanks to Brenda and Herb Dean who donated the bench in honor of their friend Anne Melgers.

Pictured below (left to right): Regina Badura (Stewardship Director), Brenda and Herb Dean, Mieke Maas-Crider and Bill Neil.



## One More Preserve Left To Clear

Our Fox Hollow Preserve, accessed from Sleepy Hill Road, is our next and final preserve to be completely cleared from hazards caused by the May 2018 tornado. This mostly wooded, 23 acre preserve, sustained considerable damage. We anticipate reopening Fox Hollow within the next few weeks. Meanwhile, all of the fields at our Platt Farm Preserve have been mowed and several "hangers" have been removed at Platt and other properties. As the summer winds down and temperatures cool a bit, we hope that residents will take advantage of all of our conserved land. [Visit our website](#) to learn more about our properties and trails.



Be on the lookout for our 2020 calendar highlighting all of our beautiful preserves.



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**Sunday, September 29th**

Drop by between  
1:30 PM and 3:30 PM

Park at the old dairy barn  
(junction of Cassidy Road and Purchase Brook Road)

Heavy rain cancels

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