

January News

Recap And Thanks! ***Strong Community Support in 2019***

The Southbury Land Trust finished 2019 with strong support from the community. Our annual fall membership drive yielded contributions from long-time supporters and through a town wide mailing, we brought in contributions from dozens of new members. In summary, we received 416 contributions in 2019 totaling \$37,246. This includes general memberships, memorial donations and donations made during the April Give Local Campaign. As a reminder, the Southbury Land Trust does not receive any funds from the town of Southbury, so member support is crucial.

In addition, we received numerous grants in 2019. Specifically, the Grandahl Grant from the Judith A. Grandahl Family Foundation of \$11,066, a FEMA grant of \$16,429 to aid in tornado recovery, \$750 from the Bassett Family Fund designated to support and maintain the Bassett Preserve and our most recent grant from the Southbury Community Trust Fund for \$4,900 to build a new 5K Course at our Phillips-Lovdal Farm Preserve.

This level of support in 2019, enabled us to clear and open all of our preserves. This was a monumental undertaking and required the help of many volunteers. We also monitored each of our properties that we have been entrusted to protect and preserve. This continued care and stewardship of over 2,000 acres enhances the landscape and unique aesthetic character of our town. We can continue to offer hikes, programs, and family friendly community wide events free to all residents.

Thank you for supporting the Southbury Land Trust and we look forward to a productive year ahead.



Winter beauty at Platt Farm Preserve - Flood Bridge Road

The Southbury Land Trust has partnered with the Bent of the River Audubon Center, to offer an exciting adventure at Phillips-Lovdal Farm Preserve. Led by Ken Elkins, the community conservation manager for Audubon CT, participants look for a bird-of-prey group favorite - owls! Please meet at 400 Sanford Road on March 6th at 6:00 PM. Registration is only \$10.00 per person. There is a limited number of openings as small groups are more conducive to sightings. To register go to: www.bentoftheriver.audubon.org. For questions please contact Kate Pratt at kpratt@audubon.org or 203-405-9113.



Coming This Spring

We are planning our Spring events so mark your calendars! Our town-wide Park Clean Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 4th. This was very well attended last year and we are looking for eager volunteers again this year. We will participate in the annual Give Local Campaign on April 21-22, our Spring Hike will be on Sunday, April 26th at the Philips-Lovdal Farm Preserve and we will participate in The Earth Day Community Festival at Hollow Park in Woodbury on May 2nd. We will send out details on all of these events. Be sure to also check our website at www.southburylandtrust.org



A group of volunteers at our Park Clean up Event last Spring.

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