



BWLT NEWS

Protecting The Land You Love

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Give Local Is Almost Here!

Our Goals and Dreams Are Big

For 35 years the Bridgewater Land Trust has been protecting and caring for the land you love. With development pressure on the rise, we are stepping up our efforts to preserve our scenic Bridgewater landscape. Thanks to the generosity of Bridgewater residents Ted Alt and Katherine Burke, we have a \$10,000 matching challenge opportunity during this year's Give Local campaign. This means your donation is doubled by Katherine and Ted! Don't miss this chance to maximize your impact and help protect Bridgewater's unspoiled land, clean air and water, wildlife habitat, and natural places for all of us to explore, reflect and enjoy.

Specifically, your support this year will help us:

- Develop a long range maintenance plan for our historic farmstead that defines the landscape on Town Line Road. This includes the 1842 Chauncey Beers farmhouse and the original dairy barns, silos and hay barns on the Town Line Farm Preserve and on the Jane Pratt Preserve.
- Create new trails and potential trail networks with neighboring land trusts and landowners. Hikers will soon be able to venture into areas of Bridgewater that are remote and pristine.
- Connect our youngest residents to nature and the land by providing annual scholarships to attend the Pratt Nature Center. We will also be improving access and making enhancements to our Ketchum Children's Educational Trail and will be hosting hands-on learning opportunities for Shepaug Agriscience students.

Our Give Local goal is \$20,000 from 100 supporters. And remember, you can join or renew your membership by making your tax-deductible donation during the Give Local campaign!



Help Us Protect
The Land You Love

**Your Support Makes
Our Work Possible**



**www.GiveLocalCCF.org
Tues., April 26 to Wed., April 27**

A bobolink at the Jane Pratt Preserve Bridgewater, CT

Be A Bridgewater Star

Support All Of Our Worthy Causes

New this year, the CT Community Foundation is rewarding organizations based on the number of people who donate during the annual Give Local Campaign. Thus, wide participation is the key to maximizing bonus funds. So let's unite our community around good causes! Be a Bridgewater star and support all five participating charities: the Bridgewater Historical Society, the Bridgewater Land Trust, the Burnham Library, Community Caring in Bridgewater and the Roxbury-Bridgewater Garden Club. It only takes a donation of \$10 or more to be a Bridgewater star!

★ **Give Where You Live** ★
Be A Bridgewater Star
Donate To All Participating Non-Profits



Bridgewater Historical Society
Bridgewater Land Trust
Burnham Library
Community Caring In Bridgewater
Roxbury-Bridgewater Garden Club

Agriscience Students Come To Bridgewater *Livestock Rotational Grazing Program On Tap*

In early May 40 staff and students from the 11th Grade Shepaug Agriscience class will be in Bridgewater to participate in a livestock rotational grazing program led by Bill Stuart Jr. of

Stuart Family Farm. Following the program, students will be treated to a farm-to-table lunch at the Wright-Carlson Preserve. They will also learn about Connecticut's farmland protection program from Bridgewater resident and farm owner Bud Wright.

Russell Marcus, Vice-President of the Bridgewater Land Trust, shares his thoughts about this opportunity "We are very excited about putting Shepaug Agriscience and Stuart Family Farm together for this event. It's a win-win for all of us. The students will see one of the premier cattle farms in the area that raises grass fed beef and practices humane animal treatment. The Land Trust will be able to tell our story of land preservation and conservation to a new generation. Our appreciation goes out to Bill Stuart Jr. for leading the program and the faculty of the Shepaug Agriscience Academy for their help in making this day happen."

Rachel Murray, Shepaug Agriscience teacher and Bridgewater resident added: "Shepaug is excited and grateful for the opportunity to take a field trip to Stuart Family Farm in May. The Bridgewater Land Trust is funding this field trip for 11th grade agriscience students to learn about rotational grazing, farmland access, and Animal Welfare Approved 100% grass fed beef production at a local farm."

The Bridgewater Land Trust plans to sponsor more hands-on learning opportunities for students attending the Shepaug Agriscience Academy.



Stuart Family Farm cattle graze at Schaghticoke Farm in Bridgewater.



There is no need for man
and no demand for man,
in nature; it is complete
without him.

- WILLIAM GRAHAM SUMNER

Chipmunk along Christian Street, Bridgewater. Photo by Julie Stuart

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