



BWLT NEWS

Protecting The Land You Love

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New Trail Network Underway

Partnership with Eversource Announced

The BWLT is pleased to announce that we have signed a license agreement with Eversource Energy, giving us passive recreational use of a pristine and beautiful parcel of land in Bridgewater. The 80 acre piece is located on the west side of Lake Lillinonah and south of Tappen Road. It will soon be open to the public with a new marked and mapped trail network.

The land is ideal for hikers as it features old growth forest, stone walls, impressive rock outcroppings, vernal pools, very few invasive species and a scenic stretch along the lake. In addition, this land has been identified by the Northwest Connecticut Land Conservancy as a parcel with high conservation values due to climate resilience, core forest, critical habitat, threatened species and connections between protected areas and forested areas.

The Land Trust has engaged Hunter Brawley, an experienced consultant in land conservation, to assist in the creation of the trail network. Fortunately, there are some existing horse trails that will likely be incorporated.

The Land Trust is also planning to partner with the Town of Bridgewater, the Nature Conservancy and other conservation organizations to link this network with trails over contiguous protected properties.



The 80 acre Eversource parcel is outlined in yellow.

Eagle Scout Project Complete

Le Vaillant Preserve Benefits

The BWLT is thrilled to be the beneficiary of Bridgewater resident Nick Brown's Eagle Scout project. His project included designing, building and installing a new kiosk at the entrance of the Le Vaillant Preserve and building and installing five bluebird houses. This project qualified Nick to become an Eagle Scout which is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America (BSA).

Nick (top left photo below) is part of Troop 65 which includes boys from the towns of Bridgewater, Roxbury and Washington. His Troop 65 helpers included James Dowling-Ukers, Henry Gsell and Pierce Johnson (pictured top right photo below). Eliot Johnson, a Scout dad and owner of West Mountain Builders, served as the technical advisor and donated all of the supplies for the job. Nick explained that this project was a tremendous learning experience particularly in the area of project and time management as well as written communication with adult leaders.



Welcome New Board Members
*Andrew Smith and Peg Toledo Named
to BWLT Board of Directors*



Born and raised in nearby Washington, CT, Andrew has carried his deep appreciation for the local landscape and culture all along his life's journey since graduating from Shepaug Valley H.S. back in 1984.

Following college in New Orleans and a decade spent in Manhattan studying and working in the performing arts, Andrew began to hone his passion for food and wine while traveling the U.S. and Europe. Andrew is currently a partner in a wine and spirits company based in Oregon. Andrew and his wife Molly have two boys who attend Shepaug Valley School.



Peg Carew Toledo was raised in Roxbury and Washington, CT. She graduated from Shepaug Valley High School in 1983. For the last 27 years, Peg has practiced law in California and most recently at Arnold & Porter in San Francisco. She is a Certified Appellate Specialist and admitted to practice at the United States Supreme Court.

Peg and her husband Gary have rented homes in Bridgewater through the years and now own a cozy cottage. Peg loves spending time in the outdoors running, hiking and going for an evening stroll along Town Line Road.

Prize Winners and Thank you!

June 22nd Pay It Forward Day Was A Success

Congratulations Door Prize Winners

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Mark Boccuzzi, Sharon Gawe

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CT Trails Day Hike - Thanks to all who joined us for the CT Trails Day hike in June. Our four mile jaunt through beautiful forested land and along Lake Lillinonah was enhanced by commentary by our hike leader Curtis Read. Thanks to the Bridgewater Recreation Commission and the CT Forest and Parks Association for co-sponsoring this event.

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