



# BWLT NEWS

*Protecting The Land You Love*

February, 2024

## 30 x 30 Initiative

### *Doing Our Part To Save The Planet*

30 x 30 is a global conservation goal to conserve, connect, and restore 30 percent of our lands and waters by 2030. It has been adopted by 90 countries worldwide including the United States. Many area land trusts in Connecticut have adopted this goal and the Bridgewater Land Trust is now among them.

Among the specific reasons cited for urgent action:

- Our **wetlands and river ecosystems** have been reduced by 50% in the lower 48 states.
- In the past two decades, we have lost 17,000 square miles of **farm and ranchland**.
- There are 3 billion fewer **birds** in North America than there were 50 years ago.
- There has been an alarming decline of **bees and other pollinators** which are critical to our food supply.

In the state of CT, 18% of the land is permanently protected, Bridgewater is above average with 23%. We are actively pursuing opportunities to preserve ecologically important land in hopes that we can do our part to achieve the 30% goal within the next 6 years.

Please contact us if you have land or know of land that we can help protect. Keep in mind that land can be donated or sold to a conservation organization. Land can also be preserved through a conservation easement which allows landowners to retain ownership but restrict future development.



*Help Us Protect The Land You Love*

## **Welcome Chris Amorossi**

### ***New BWLT Board Member***

The BWLT is pleased to announce that Chris Amorossi has joined the Board of Directors. Chris grew up in Brookfield and spent much of her childhood riding horses in Bridgewater. As a Director of Engineering at Google, she currently splits her time between NYC and Bridgewater and always looks forward to Thursday nights when she crosses the Brookfield bridge and heads home. Chris enjoys the theater and climbing the hills on her bike.





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## **In Memory of Kit Sagendorf** *Creator of the BWLT Logo*

We were sad to learn of the passing of Kit Sagendorf, a long-time Bridgewater resident. Kit helped the Bridgewater Land Trust for many years, and created our one and only logo. Kit also designed the Ketchum Children's Trail map and along with her husband Marty designed and built the BWLT booth. Her artistic skills are known throughout the region. We are so thankful that she shared her talent to create a lasting legacy for the BWLT.



# **Lake Lillinonah: Then and Now**

## *Join Us For This Free Event*

Our Lake Lillinonah program is back by popular demand and filling up fast. Thanks in advance to our presenters: Laura Shail (Bridgewater Historical Society), Jean Kallay (Burnham Library), Josh Francis (Friends Of The Lake) and Julie Stuart (Bridgewater Land Trust).

There will be a wine and cheese reception at the library immediately following. The Bridgewater Bistro will be open until 9 PM for those who want to enjoy dinner in town after the reception. RSVP is required as space is limited.

The Burnham Library, the Bridgewater Historical Society  
and the Bridgewater Land Trust present

# The Shores of Lake Lillinonah: Then & Now

Thursday, February 29th 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

The Burnham Library

Followed by  
**A Wine & Cheese  
Reception**

Sponsored by Will Stuart of  
Berkshire Hathaway

This program is free  
RSVP is required as space is limited  
[julie@bridgewaterlandtrust.org](mailto:julie@bridgewaterlandtrust.org)



## **Spring Patio Party** *Welcome Spring With Us*

Join us on the first day of spring at Italia Mia Restaurant in New Milford. We will gather in the new (enclosed) patio room where you can enjoy food and drink at happy hour prices. 10% of your purchase will be donated to the BWLT. Thank you Italia Mia!



We will also sell \$20 Door Prize Tickets that could land you one of five desirable prizes (see below)! The drawing will take place the night of the event. Guests will also receive an eco-friendly party favor thanks to Poppa John's Home and Garden Center opening soon in Bridgewater.



**Happy Hour**

Celebrate the first day of spring with us!

# Spring Patio Party

**Italia Mia Restaurant**  
223 Danbury Road New Milford, CT

**Tuesday, March 19th**  
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**Thank You**  
With special thanks to Italia Mia Restaurant!  
Prize Sponsors: Bridgewater Chocolate, Burnham Library, Maywood, Poppa John's Home & Garden Center, Will Stuart of Berkshire Hathaway Home Services

No RSVP needed. All proceeds benefit the Bridgewater Land Trust. Door Prize drawing at 6:30 PM. Questions contact Bridget McCarthy at [bridget@bridgewaterlandtrust.org](mailto:bridget@bridgewaterlandtrust.org)

**Door Prizes  
Drink Specials  
Party Favors**



**Happy Hour**

**Door Prizes**  
**\$20 Per Ticket**

**1. Spring Wine Basket**  
**2. \$250 Tractor Supply Gift Card**  
**3. \$200 Italia Mia Gift Card**  
**4. The Bridgewater Basket**  
**5. Hiking Package**

Winners will be drawn at 6:30 PM on March 19, 2024 at Italia Mia Restaurant 223 Danbury Rd, New Milford, CT. Winners need not be present. All proceeds support the Bridgewater Land Trust.

Ticket #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Ticket #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Give Local Is Back In April**  
*Mark Your Calendars*

The Connecticut Community Foundation will host Give Local for the twelfth consecutive year. Since its creation in 2013 in Litchfield County alone, 170 organizations have received more than \$6.9 million to support local efforts that make our communities stronger. This 36 hour online giving event takes place on Wednesday, April 24 and Thursday, April 25th.

The Bridgewater Land Trust continues to encourage our members to give at this time as matching funds, bonus dollars and cash prizes mean that every dollar you donate is more than doubled! Stay tuned for details, including our exciting matching challenge!



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## Support Us

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The Bridgewater Land Trust is a federally recognized 501(c) (3) charitable organization, and all your contributions are tax deductible.

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