



LYME LAND CONSERVATION TRUST, INC.

2012-2013  
ANNUAL REPORT



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## president's message

Dear Friends:

Ours may be a small town -- we have less than a thousand households -- but we have had an outsized impact on our beautiful and cherished landscape. A key reason for our preservation success is the extraordinary conservation mindedness of our citizens. An important measure of this quality is that nearly half of our families are members of the Land Trust. This level of support for a local land trust is highly unusual, if not unique. So thank you all for your devotion to preserving Lyme's natural, scenic and rural character!

Is this important? It is vitally important to all of us. We often recite the statistics of the amount of land that we and our partners -- the Town of Lyme, the State and the Nature Conservancy -- have protected in Lyme. But the more immediate measure is taken by driving our beautiful rural roads and hiking our extensive trails. We are beckoned outside every day by a landscape that inspired one of our country's most revered school of painters, the American Impressionists. If they could return today, they would still recognize it!



Land preservation is of great importance to many aspects of our lives here in Lyme. Conserved land provides habitat for wildlife and protects biodiversity. Intact watershed lands help to mitigate storm damage, recharge groundwater to provide clean drinking water and to ensure that clean water flows into the Connecticut River and thence to Long Island Sound. Forests filter the air we breathe and provide much needed shade in summer.

As you will read in the following pages, the Land Trust has had another year chock full of accomplishments of which you can all be justly proud -- all towards the end of preserving Lyme the way you like it.

Best regards,

John Pritchard



## accomplishments



The Lyme Land Trust is much more than a non-profit conservation organization that acquires and preserves open space. We place great importance on reaching out to people of all ages, to educate and motivate. Entertaining and educational programs, often organized as part of a hike, help people better understand and appreciate the natural world that surrounds them - the one we work hard to protect.

Additionally, we share our beautiful surroundings with the public by encouraging everyone to get outdoors and enjoy what Lyme has to offer. Our many miles of hiking trails are open to all.

### ***Land Preservation***

Our core mission is the preservation of open space and the protection of valuable watersheds. July 2012 saw one of our more significant acquisitions - Walbridge Woodlands on Gungy Rd.

At 46 acres, Walbridge Woodlands is not our largest preserve but it is a very important one. It was the missing piece of a puzzle, connecting the Town's Hartman Park to the north with the new Philip E. Young Preserve to the south and the State's Nehantic State Forest to the east. Across Gungy Road, hundreds of acres under conservation easements spread west all the way to Route 156.

Walbridge Woodlands has added significance because it brought the Land Trust in contact with three generations of the late David C. Sargent's family who, in order to honor his memory, generously provided the funds needed to acquire the land and create a fund for the property's future stewardship needs.

The Sargents and the Land Trust plan to work closely together using the Woodlands as an outdoor classroom where young people can learn to appreciate the natural world. Our mutual goal is to promote an awareness of the importance of conservation in future generations.

### ***Nature and the Arts.***

During the past year we continued to demonstrate and strengthen the connection between art and nature that was firmly established in Lyme in the late 1800's and early 1900's by the impressionist painters who lived or frequented Lyme and Old Lyme to paint.

In March, at the annual Land Trusts' Photo Contest Awards event, we honored photographers of all ages who submitted photographs taken in the five sponsoring land trust towns. This is a collaborative effort of local land trusts and corporate sponsors who provide prize money for winning photographs in several categories.

In April, we held the third annual Lyme Paint Out in the Pleasant Valley Preserve area on Macintosh Rd. in collaboration with the Lyman Allyn Art Museum and the Lyme Art Association. Paintings were later displayed at both institutions and offered for sale at the Lyme Art Association.



## ***Education and Communication.***



*A bus took hikers from the parking area to the head of the trail.*

Community outreach and education are important objectives of the Land Trust, and the past year was no exception. While there were a variety of hikes and programs, two stand out.

In October, DEEP district wildlife biologists, Ann Kilpatrick and her husband Howard, led a walk that visited dams, dens, ponds and final stage meadows to show people various beaver habitats. We are grateful to the private landowners who allowed our group to cross their land.

In June at the Land Trust's annual meeting, Kimberly Lutz, Director of the Nature Conservancy's Connecticut River Program gave an entertaining and informative presentation about the recent designation by the US Department of the Interior of the river and its 11,000 square mile watershed as the nation's first "Blueway". Kim played a role in helping design the Blueway program. She was followed by Andrew Fisk, Executive Director of the Connecticut River Watershed Council.

## ***Volunteers Help Us Protect What We Have Conserved.***

Volunteers, once again were an invaluable resource in accomplishing our stewardship mission. In September 2012 we were the recipients of a grant from Dominion Resources, owner of the Millstone Power Station in Waterford. More than 40 of their employees volunteered a day's labor to assist Land Trust volunteers attack a number of tasks on our high priority list. Dominion Resources also made a monetary grant to cover material costs.



Including properties we own and private lands with conservation easements, the Lyme Land Trust is responsible for the stewardship of some 100 properties totaling almost 3,000 acres. More than seventy volunteers contributed over 1,000 hours helping us look after the land in our care.



## ***Our 2012-13 Board of Directors***

Andy Baxter, Treasurer

Diana Boehning (resigned February 2013)

Temp Brown (deceased August 2012)

Carrie Ermler (term expired June 2013)

Angie Falstrom

Don Gerber, Vice President

George Lombardino (resigned October 2012)

Jil Nelson

Nancy Newcomb (elected March 2013)

John Pritchard, President

Molly Turner, Secretary

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Melvin Woody

Rick Worcester (Term expired June 2013)

Lisa Niccolai – Environmental Director

George Moore – Executive Director

### **H. Templeton Brown (1930-2012)**



In August, we lost our friend and fellow director H. Templeton Brown as a result of a tragic accident at his home. Temp, as everyone knew him, left behind an impressive legacy of land preservation which included – the Grassy Hill Preserve, the Chestnut Hill Preserve and Walbridge Woodlands.

At the request of his family, his many friends made memorial donations to the Lyme Land Trust. Over \$35,500 was donated in his memory, and out of respect for Temp's passion for preserving land, it was allocated to the newly named Templeton Brown Preservation Fund.

## **mission statement /long range plan**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

To conserve in perpetuity for the public benefit Lyme's natural, scenic and historic land and water resources by: acquiring and stewarding real properties and conservation easements; supporting open space acquisition by third parties; facilitating scientific study and management of the resources; and educating the community regarding the benefits of conservation.

### **LONG RANGE PLAN**

- Conserve land of environmental, cultural or historical importance
- Carry out work of the Land Trust in a fiscally and responsible manner
- Raise public awareness of the natural resources, history and the Trust's lands and benefits of its activities.
- Expand our community relations activities
- Enhance our systematic stewardship program.



## 2013-2014 goals

### *1. Secure our financial future.*

Four new initiatives, the Tour de Lyme, the President's Circle, the Heritage Society, and the establishment of a Charitable Gift Annuity program -- coupled with our annual membership drive -- will, we are confident, place our future revenue stream on a more secure footing.

- **The President's Circle** consists of those who annually donate \$1,000 or more to the Land Trust. The purpose is to recognize their financial commitment to the Trust and to form a diverse group of talented individuals who can offer guidance and counsel on important topics.
- **The Tour de Lyme.** In 2012, planning began in earnest for the first annual Tour de Lyme, a charity cycling event that was held in May 2013. Our corporate sponsors, riders and donors contributed nearly \$65,000 and the event made nearly \$40,000 for the Land Trust. A good time was had by all and we look forward to an even more successful event next year.



- **The Heritage Society** was established to recognize members, neighbors and friends who have included the Land Trust in their estate plans through wills, trusts, charitable gift annuities, retirement plans or life insurance. It's a way for the Land Trust to say thank you.

Members of the Heritage Society who have informed us they have added a bequest to their will in favor of the Land Trust are: Andy Baxter, George & Rosemary Moore, John & Lee Pritchard.

- **A Charitable Gift Annuity Program** was created in partnership with the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut. The program is available to individuals over 60 for annuities of \$10,000 to \$1,000,000. Annuities provide fixed quarterly payments for life and perpetual income to the Land Trust from invested residuals.

Milton Walters, who proposed the program, and his wife Carrie were the first to purchase a charitable gift annuity benefitting the Lyme Land Trust.



## ***2. Enhance our professionalism***

The Lyme Land Trust is recognized by our peers as a well managed and accomplished Land Trust. We were pleased when two of our members received national recognition. Treasurer and Director Matthew “Andy” Baxter serves on the Advisory Board of the Land Trust Alliance and Executive Director George Moore sits on the Members Council of the new Terrafirma Insurance Company, formed by the Land Trust Alliance to ensure that Land Trusts have the means to defend easement challenges.

In 2012, the Lyme Land Trust Board of Directors made the commitment that in 2013 we would commence the arduous process of becoming accredited by the Land Trust Alliance. Gaining accreditation requires the applicant to submit all of their processes and procedures for rigorous review. Land Trusts who earn accreditation are more highly regarded by Foundations who make grants to conservation entities.

## ***3. Continue to preserve land and protect watersheds***

Last December we learned from the State of Connecticut that we had been awarded a grant of \$327,000 to aid us in purchasing, for \$665,000, over 100 acres along Route 82 through which Roaring Brook passes for three quarters of a mile. Before turning to our donors to help with the purchase, we have applied to a few foundations for grants.

Acquired in March, Banningwood, as it has been named, is an excellent example of one very important criteria used in identifying those parcels of land worthy of protection – watershed protection. Roaring Brook, which flows through Banningwood, empties into Whalebone Cove, identified by The Nature Conservancy as “one of the most undisturbed and biologically significant freshwater tidal marshes on the Connecticut River.”



*Photo by Skip Broom*



***With special thanks to our donors – July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.***

**\$10,000 and above:**

Anonymous  
Baxter, Matthew  
Brown, Suzanne

Hargraves, John & Newcomb, Nancy  
Pritchard, John & Lee

**\$2,500 - \$9,999**

Butz, Suzanne  
Clark, Tim & Turner, Molly  
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Knight, Douglas & Williams, Susan  
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Leonardo, Jarrod & Stacey  
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Lewis, Steven & Denise  
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Pritchard, John & Lee  
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Rayonier Foundation for Gordon Ulmer

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***Special thanks to our corporate sponsors – July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.***

**Land Trust Newsletter**

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**2013 Tour de Lyme**

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**Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2012**

ASSETS

Current Assets (cash)	\$ 471,467.58
Other Current Assets (Certificate of Deposit)	<u>113,657.61</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 585,125.19</u>

FIXED ASSETS

Conservation Land	\$ 4,154,019.50
Other (Net)	<u>3,691.76</u>
Total Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 4,157,611.26</u>

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 4,742,736.45

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Opening Balance Equity & Retained Earnings	\$3,615,998.43
Barringer (Stewardship) Fund	119,681.00
General Fund	137,190.84
Land Acquisition Fund	158,701.56
Legal Defense Fund	5,000.00
Walbridge Woodlands Fund	<u>44,026.24</u>
Total Fund Balances	464,599.64

Net Income <sup>(1)</sup> 662,138.38

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY \$4,742,736.45

**Statement of Operations: January–December 2012**

Revenues <sup>(1)</sup>	
Membership Dues	\$ 48,820.51
Donations	134,927.83
Bequests	10,000.00
Grants	14,500.00
Other	<u>3,937.91</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 212,186.05</u>

Expenses	
G&A <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 82,026.22
Communications, Events, Education	30,557.71
Stewardship & Preservation	41,713.71
Other	<u>5,189.58</u>
	<u>\$ 159,487.22</u>

Net Revenues \$ 52,698.83

(1) Excludes \$603,999.72 donation relative to Walbridge Woodlands purchase

(2) Includes staff compensation of \$73,781.87



*Founded in 1967*

The first Lyme Land Conservation Trust Members meeting was held on May 26, 1967 at the Lyme Fire Station. Sixty enthusiastic members voted for the first Board of Directors. The Land Trust had neither land nor easements but were determined to make a difference. The first land gift was accepted in 1968, the first conservation easement in 1981. Currently, the Trust has 100 properties to protect – 66 conservation easements and 34 properties owned in fee. There are at present, 445 members.

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