

ANNUAL REPORT LYME LAND TRUST

2025-2026



Dear Friends,

2026 marks the 60th anniversary of the Lyme Land Trust. While we have grown considerably since our modest beginnings, our mission remains unchanged: to preserve land. Caring for 71 easements and 47 preserves depends on the shared efforts of our board, staff, and volunteers. This year's highlights include reaccreditation by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission for another five years and the successful mediation of a three-year easement violation. The Tour de Lyme, held at Grassy Hill Preserve for the first time, was a great success. We also launched several research studies in our preserves, maintained our trails, and continued offering educational programs, from nighttime sky exploration to an elementary school hiking trip. Everything we do is made possible by our members' generous donations and our volunteers' time. On behalf of the board and staff, thank you for another successful year.

Sincerely,
Kristina White, *Executive Director*

Anthony Irving – A Champion of Lyme's Natural Resources

THIS YEAR, WE HONORED TONY IRVING at the June Annual Meeting, marking the end of his term as President of the Lyme Land Trust. Tony first joined the Trust in 1994 and served as President from 1997 to 2003. He began a second term in 2015 and again served as President from 2023 to 2026. During his tenure, he contributed to every Land Trust acquisition, helping preserve 1,764 acres by easement and 624 acres held in fee. As a member of the Town of Lyme Open Space Commission, he also helped protect 1,766 acres, along with additional open space conserved by the state and The Nature Conservancy. Beyond his work in land acquisition, Tony created many trails across town and Land Trust properties and has spent years stewarding these lands through trail and bridge maintenance, tree removal, and ongoing management.

The Anthony Irving Award honors a lifetime of unwavering dedication to protecting Lyme's natural resources. Displayed at the Pritchard Conservation Center, it will serve as an inspiration to others. Rather than being presented annually, the award will be given when another individual has achieved this level of lifelong conservation service.



Tony holding the Anthony Irving Award.
Metal sculpture made by Lars Anderson and
Bob Collins, base by Ben Kegley and artwork
by Rose La Fleur.

Spring 2026 Imagining Lyme Photos of Distinction above, left to right: *Great Spangled Fritillary on Milkweed* by Joan Rivington, *Mountain Laurel* by Bryn Souza, *Unexpected Box Turtle* by Jos Konst.

New Award Presentation

THE ANTHONY IRVING AWARD was created to recognize Tony Irving's commitment to conservation in Lyme for over 40 years. The award honors a person who has devoted a lifetime



to protecting Lyme's natural resources. Fritz Gahagan has worked tirelessly to expand Lyme's protected open space, whether through easements or acquisition. As a land attorney, he was integral to the land trust's receipt of 74 easements

covering more than 2,000 acres of protected land and was involved in many land acquisitions that together protect more than half the town's total acreage. He holds more than 500 acres in private easement and exemplifies how land can be managed to foster and protect native species. We congratulate Fritz on his achievements and thank him for all that he has done for Lyme.

Volunteer of the Year Award

THERE IS A LOT OF WORK that goes into the business of being a Land Trust, and Sam Frankel knows this all too well. As we navigated the accreditation renewal process during



Sam Frankel receiving award from Tony Irving and Jim Arrigoni

the past two years, Sam volunteered nearly every week, and in some weeks worked as much as staff, helping to get our paperwork in order, hunting down missing or ambiguous information, writing and revising drafts. He also threw his hand up when we needed help to

plant shrubs and tree saplings before winter arrived. For just about any random task that Kristina or Jim needed help with, Sam stepped up and handled with professionalism, curiosity, and always with an abundance of cheerfulness.

Recognition

JON BUTLER is the kind of board director every organization hopes for. Joining in 2017, he immediately took his role seriously and served wherever needed, including the Tour de Lyme and development committees and, most importantly, the building committee that created our current home.

As an acclaimed architect, Jon was well suited to lead the effort. He listened carefully to many ideas about the building's look, size, and purpose, then helped turn them into reality.

It was not simple. Jon spent countless hours drafting versions of the building. When COVID doubled costs, we refocused on what it needed to be: part office, part stewardship barn, rooted in the landscape, and inspiring conservation. He designed a building that will inspire many generations to come.



Jon receiving a framed photo of the conservation center

WENDY HILL joined the Board in 2013, served as Vice President from 2022 to 2026, and chaired the Education and Events Committee from 2015. She led signature programs including the photo contest, plein air paint-out, Lyme School activities, and work-and-learn parties that improved our preserves. She also organized expert talks, community hikes, and Wednesday Walks with Wendy, deepening local understanding of conservation and the natural world.

She created our trail, Tour de Lyme, and town-wide maps. Through COVID, she kept educational programming strong, including Imagining Lyme—A Visual Exploration of Lyme's Preserves, now in its 6th year, which she has led and judged from the start.

The Land Trust presented a bench, built by Ben Kegley and art design by Rose LaFleur, for her extraordinary service to the Land Trust.



Wendy admiring the bench presented to her by Kristina White

Education and Events

BIRGIT MUSHENO, CHAIR, JULY – MARCH
RYAN QUINN, CHAIR, MARCH - PRESENT

This year, the committee changed leadership twice while continuing its mission to inform and educate the community about the importance of open space and Lyme's natural resources. Birgit Musheno became chair in June 2025 and "Quinn" Ryan Quinn assumed the role in March 2026.

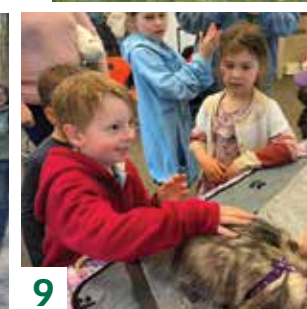
The Education and Events Committee offered programs that included weekly hikes, presentations, plant sales, monthly astronomy observations and expert-led walks. LLT co-sponsored events with other organizations, including the East Haddam Land Trust, Lyme Pollinator Pathway, Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Center, and the Lyme Public Library. The committee participated in the Eightmile River Fest.

The Education and Events Committee presented 3 student-focused programs; continuing participation with the Lyme School PTO Curiosity Shop, sponsoring a presentation by the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center, and continued collaboration with the Interdistrict School for Arts and Communication (ISAAC). The ISAAC program expanded to have a 5th grade hike at Hartman Park and we look forward to hosting a 6th grade hike next year.

New programs in 2026 included: a 3-part series titled November Nights, Fishing Local Waterways with Rowan Lytle and the Young Forest Project featuring a young forest bird migration study. November Nights included an interactive program about Opossums from Pan Lefferts of Ferncroft Wildlife Rescue—experiencing the softness of live opossums fur and their ecological significance. Maureen Heidmann lead Bat Winged Wonders and Quinn led Night Hikes, exploring the landscape safely after dusk, extending natural senses of perception in the dark.

Wildlife Conservationist Ginny Apple presented about *Coexisting with Connecticut's Critters and Connecticut's Changing Landscape*. The Connecticut Botanical Society partnered with the LLT about Botany and Birds at Slawson Preserve and the Spring Ephemeral Walk at the Ravine Trail. Long Table Farm hosted Garlic Planting at the Bloom Preserved followed by a potluck. Former Board Member Joe Standart and the East Haddam Land Trust co-hosted an instructional photography walk and the Imagining Lyme photo contest has continued to celebrate the beauty and creativity of Lyme.

On this page and throughout the Annual Report, we present photographs and details about many of our activities. Thank you to all of our education and events contributors and especially our committee members; Birgit Musheno, Wendy Hill, "Quinn" Ryan Quinn, David Frankel, Rich Sanders, Jim Arrigoni and Kristina White. Thank you to the Lyme Public Library, Hadlyme Public Hall and The Lyme Public Hall for hosting multiple events yearly.



1 In May, the ISAAC 4th grade visited the Banningwood Preserve for a hike and picnic. **2** LLT sponsored the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center at the Lyme School and presented curriculum-focused programming for each grade over two days. **3** At our Annual Meeting, Dr Nick Bellantoni presented *Archaeology of Lyme: 12,000 Years of History Beneath our Feet*. **4** Tuesday Trek on the Ravine Trail with Quinn. **5** Rowan Lytle. **6** Prior to our Annual Meeting in June we hosted a reception on our patio. **7** Slawson Preserve Botany and Birds Walk. **8** Spring Ephemeral Walk at Ravine Trail. **9** Child petting an opossum ambassador from the Ferncroft Wildlife Rescue in February.

Stewardship

MAL KARWOSKI, CHAIR
JIM ARRIGONI, ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTOR

THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE had another busy and productive year. In addition to required annual monitoring of all easements and preserves, routine trail maintenance, and field mowing, we successfully resolved a three-year easement violation through mediation.

Several severe storms made clearing fallen trees from hiking trails a major focus of our volunteer effort. This work depends on our skilled and generous volunteers, so we were pleased that three crew members completed a full-day Game of Logging chainsaw safety and technique workshop hosted by the Eightmile River Wild & Scenic Coordinating Committee (ERWSCC).

It is in the Lyme Land Trust mission to “[facilitate] scientific study and management of our resources” and in this regard, several long-term projects bore fruit during the past year:

With support from the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, results from bird surveys conducted at Slawson and Rabbits’ Rest Preserves in 2025 are guiding our ongoing management for early successional/young forest species in these unique preserves.

Ecologists Juliana and Nels Barrett are assessing botanical communities and rare plants at three recently acquired preserves. Their findings will help us balance public access and recreation with the protection of botanical diversity and other resources under our care.

After several poor years for migratory fish returns, we were thrilled to see over 7,000 Blueback Herring pass through the Rathbun Dam fishway on the Eightmile River. This long-running partnership with ERWSCC and CT DEEP Fisheries restores a vital ecological link between Long Island Sound and the upper Eightmile River watershed.

We began working with Quinn Ecological and The Orianne Society to better understand amphibian and reptile conservation needs. ERWSCC-supported mapping and follow-up field surveys will help identify priority areas and guide preserve and easement management, while also informing future acquisition decisions.

The Wild Lyme Community Science Project on iNaturalist, begun in 2023, continues to rack up observations of plants, wildlife, insects and fungi. To date, observers have logged nearly 4,200 observations and more than 1,000 species in the protected areas of Lyme.

Finally, the Stewardship Committee would like to thank Mal Karwoski for chairing the Committee since 2019 and for providing a seamless transition to incoming chair Rich Sanders.



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1 A variety of conservation organizations gathered in April to visit several locations in Lyme to discuss amphibian and reptile research possibilities. **2** Mike Page and Henry Gaulty, two of our fantastic sawyers, who were kept very busy this year. **3** David Gumbart, from The Nature Conservancy, cutting a tree in the Selden Creek Preserve. It has been a pleasure working with Dave on TNC properties throughout town and we wish him the best in his retirement. **4** Blueback Herring passing the camera at the Rathbun Dam fishway. **5** Logger Andy Clark, biologist Lisa Wahle and Board Directors Evan Griswold and Mal Karwoski assess young forest habitat in Slawson Preserve.

Preservation

SCOTT GRAVATT, CHAIR
JEN TIFFANY, DEPUTY CHAIR

THE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE has taken several different approaches to our outreach and acquisition efforts over the past year. The committee compiled and reviewed private properties for their attributes with the possibility of facilitating preservation. These parcels span different areas of Lyme, are connected to open space lands, and/or have significant ecological value. Our intent now is to reach out to landowners in a variety of ways and be available as a resource for land conservation.

One of our outreach efforts was a casual neighborhood gathering of landowners. The relaxed event was a great success and enjoyed by all. Dubbed “Tidbits and a Toast”, the focus was to celebrate current preserved properties local to theirs, the benefits of those acquisitions, and further education regarding preservation approaches. Common preservation efforts by the Lyme Open Space Committee and the Lyme Land Trust were also highlighted, celebrating decades worth of preserved land in Lyme. Based on positive feedback on this event, we plan to hold them on a quarterly basis at various board member homes throughout Lyme.

Fortunately, because of this initial gathering, one of the attendees is considering a bargain sale while another property is being considered for acquisition through neighborhood donation. Lastly, we are closely following another large parcel of another attendee in hopes of preserving this property.

The Land Trust is available to assist in your decision-making process. There are different options available to preserve your land. As a generational family member of Lyme, Jen Tiffany, preservation chair, understands the importance of protecting family land. Landowners wishing to discuss conservation options and strategies in confidence can contact Jen at (860)575-4730 or by email at jen.tiffany@lymelandtrust.org.

We also have some very helpful literature available to you or your family if you would prefer.



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1 2 3 Board and staff walked three properties throughout Lyme that are under consideration. **4** The first “Tidbits and a Toast” gathering was a great success.

Tour de Lyme

THE 2026 TOUR DE LYME took place at the beautiful Grassy Hill Preserve. Although moving to a new location brought challenges, the event was another successful fundraiser for the land trust, drawing 581 riders. Beautiful weather, great food and live music made it a fun day for all.

Thank you to the town of Lyme for supporting this event now in its 13th year—the town crew sweeping the roads, Lyme Fire Company and Lyme EMS available on site for any incident, and the townspeople for their patience with riders on the roads. Local bike shops, Morrissey Cycles and Action Sports, supported the cyclists at the rest stops—an important feature for a successful tour! We could not do this event without the many volunteers who make it work seamlessly. Special thank you to Rick Keel, Marcy Conway, and Jim and Caroline Stathakis for providing their fields for parking. Preparing the fields for the event

was a major effort that took many days. Thank you as well to Shirley Rosseau for the last-minute use of her field, and to the volunteers whose quick thinking helped secure parking for everyone. We are already planning improvements to make parking easier next year.

All routes were new this year, which brought some challenges. A storm the night before the event left trees blocking trails and a road, and we appreciate riders' understanding and flexibility with the necessary detours. Based on the feedback we received, we also plan to add more rest stops and adjust some routes.

This tour is the Lyme Land Trust's major fundraiser and we wish to thank our sponsors and riders for supporting us and our mission to protect open space for the public benefit. We look forward to seeing everyone next year on May 23rd for the 14th annual Tour De Lyme!



Tour de Lyme

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Governance

DAN HULSEBERG, CHAIR

WE ARE PLEASED to introduce Rich Sanders and Heike Coffee as the newest directors to be elected to the Board. Additionally, the Board has elected Mal Karwoski as President and Scott Gravatt as Vice President effective July 2026. The Governance Committee extends its gratitude to our retiring directors, Jonathan Butler, Wendy Hill, who served as Vice President, and Tony Irving, who served as President, for their dedicated service to the LLT throughout their extended tenure.

In October the board held an all-day strategic planning retreat at the Bingham Camp in Salem. Guided by professional moderator Bill Logue, the board and staff discussed the future of the land trust and set goals to pursue over the next five years and beyond.

Furthermore, the Governance Committee has the paramount responsibility of guiding the Board to ensure compliance with applicable laws and policies, as well as providing Board and Officer oversight. A key duty of the Governance Committee is to ensure LLT By-Laws, policies and procedures remain aligned with the latest Land Trust Alliance Standards and Practices and related Requirements, which are the foundation of national Accreditation by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission. In April 2026, the LLT was informed Accreditation once again has been renewed, and recognized for our "extraordinary commitment to excellence, trust, and permanence in land conservation." Well done by all.



Board Strategic Planning Retreat held at the Bingham Camp in Salem

Finance

ALAN SHEINESS, TREASURER

THE FISCAL YEAR ending June 30, 2026 was marked by revenues that were modestly higher than the prior year and sufficient to support our operating expenses, which were up versus the prior year but well within budget. Because of your generosity, the ongoing operating costs for the barn were again covered by earnings from the separate Barn Building Fund. Non-recurring items included "planned-giving" and one-time monies received specifically to remediate certain easement violations.

Our balance sheet (below) remains very strong with high liquidity and no long-term liabilities. The decrease in the General Fund is net of \$600k transferred by board directive into other funds thereby earmarking monies for future needs. Investments are conservatively invested, with a prudent allocation across asset classes. They are managed by an independent investment advisor and overseen by the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors. The investments performed well in absolute terms as well as versus benchmarks.

Your financial support ensured that we met our responsibilities to the land and to the community through stewardship, events and education. Looking forward, we expect another successful year in fiscal 2027 made possible by your ongoing engagement and financial support. Thank you for your trust and support!



At the conservation center, the native landscape has exploded this year. Plants that were placed in the ground last September have reaped the rewards of all the rainfall! A flock of gold finches have taken up residence as well as the continual arrival of limitless numbers of bees, butterflies and other insects.

LYME LAND CONSERVATION TRUST, INC.
CONDENSED PROFIT & LOSS
(UNAUDITED)

(in \$000)

	2025/2026	2024/2025	This year vs last year
REVENUES			
Fund Donations and Dues	\$239.2	\$213.9	\$25.3
T de L Revenues	\$118.9	\$117.4	\$1.5
Other Revenues	\$39.8	\$30.2	\$9.6
Total Revenue	\$397.9	\$361.5	\$36.4
EXPENSES			
Compensation	\$208.2	\$196.2	\$11.9
Communications & Events	\$66.3	\$61.0	\$5.3
Stewardship	\$27.9	\$20.9	\$7.0
G&A	\$57.7	\$61.0	(\$3.3)
Operations	\$44.3	\$29.2	\$15.2
Other	\$44.8	\$40.7	\$4.1
Total Expenses	\$449.2	\$409.0	\$40.2
Operating Profit	(\$51.3)	(\$47.5)	(\$3.9)
Other Income & Expense			
Land Donations	\$0.0	\$193.0	(\$193.0)
Non-recurring items	\$331.5	\$592.1	(\$260.6)
Net Investment Activity, Net of Fees	\$312.6	\$215.2	\$97.4
Net Income	\$592.8	\$952.9	(\$360.0)

LYME LAND CONSERVATION TRUST, INC.
CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET
(UNAUDITED)

(in \$000)

	June 2026	June 2025	This year vs last year
ASSETS			
Cash & Equivalents	\$617.1	\$501.0	\$116.1
Other Current Assets	\$48.2	\$157.5	(\$109.3)
Total Current Assets	\$665.3	\$658.5	\$6.8
Fixed Assets	\$1,207.8	\$1,228.3	(\$20.6)
Conservation Land	\$8,000.8	\$8,000.8	\$0.0
Investments	\$3,615.2	\$3,097.4	\$517.8
Total Non-Current Assets	\$12,823.8	\$12,326.6	\$497.3
Total Assets	\$13,489.1	\$12,985.1	\$504.1
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS			
Total Current Liabilities	\$67.6	\$156.3	(\$88.8)
Total Non-Current Liabilities	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Total Liabilities	\$67.6	\$156.3	(\$88.8)
Retained Earnings	\$8,605.2	\$8,267.6	\$337.7
Current Earnings	\$592.8	\$952.9	(\$360.0)
General Fund	\$459.4	\$862.9	(\$403.5)
MJ Walters Endowment Fund	\$1,502.8	\$1,117.7	\$385.1
Enforcement Fund	\$414.8	\$267.0	\$147.8
Brown Preservation Fund	\$884.6	\$489.7	\$394.9
Barringer Stewardship Fund	\$341.5	\$288.7	\$52.9
Barn Building Fund	\$578.8	\$540.9	\$37.9
Other Funds	\$41.5	\$41.5	\$0.0
Fund Balances	\$4,223.5	\$3,608.3	\$615.2
Net Assets	\$13,421.5	\$12,828.7	\$592.8
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$13,489.1	\$12,985.1	\$504.1

\$10,000 and over

Bianchi, John and Alexandra Shor
David, Barbara O.
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Hargraves, John & Newcomb, Nancy
Neff, Thomas & Haviland, Mary Lyndon
Pritchard, John & Lee
Sheiness, Alan and Jeanne

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Duncan, James & Laura
Fauber, Rob and Claudia
Frankel, David & Elizabeth
Gahagan, Frederick & Mary Lou
Shea, James & Kristen

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Embree, Jeb & Dianne
Griswold, Evan & Fisher, Emily
Hilles, Frederick & Osgood, Jane
Hulseberg, Daniel & John Kiker
Lombardozi, Michael and Joan
Patterson, Michael & Elena
Saxton, Dr. Craig & Pietrina
Thompson, Claudia
Walters, Caroline

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Banever, Andrew and Elizabeth
Beglin, Brian and Cynthia
Bramson, Ann
Butler, Jonathan and Deborah
Camarra, Chris
Catlett, John & Athana
Cavicke, David and Mary
Coffee, Hugh and Heike
Danielle Dimston
Datilio, Deborah
Dodge, Bradley
Duran, Judith
Enders, Anthony & Elizabeth
Everett, Martha
Fetter, Trevor & Melissa
Frank, Allan Dodds & King, Lilian
Gillespie, Serena and Douglas
Grant, Angus & Kimberly
Gravatt, Scott & Denise
Hatton, Charlie and Clapp, Susie
Huber, Stephen & Carol
Irving, Anthony & Lees, Deborah
Jackson, Mark & Hagberg, Karen
Klimek, Carol
Leonardo, Melodee
Li, Zheng & Wan, Hong
Lombardino, George
Luce, James

Mallory, Scott and Sara
McCall, Alison & Eliel, Peter
McKee, Nicholas and Tracy
Melville, Gregory & Fox, Susan
Miller, Laura Lee and Bowes, Brian
Mooney, George & Laura
Murphy, Alden & Jamie
Niblack, John & Heidi
Roosevelt, Christopher du P & Rosalind
Schwartz, James and Sallie
Skopas, Edward and Kathleen
Standart, Joe & Clinton
Stern, Robert and Holmes, Lisa
Tiffany, Jennifer & Hurtle William
Ward, Ray and Bobbi-Anne
Willauer, George & Cynthia
Wing, Thomas & Andrea
Wolfswinkel, Rolf and Jaffe, Jacqueline
Wood, Steven

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Amacher, Charlene
Barney, Claire
Becker, Virginia
Buerger, Brantley and Harlow, Karen
Clark, Ronald & Jane
Donald, Andrea
Fotos, Michael & Lindsey, Claudia
Griffin, Kaitilin
Horn, John & Karen
Hubbard, Jacqueline and Needleman, Norm
Jamison, Scott and Laura
Kane, Mitchell and Jessica
Labossier, William and Walsh, Katy
Lewis, Ralph & Leslie
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Martin, William Scott
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Miller, Gregory and Motyka, Joan
Morgan, Elizabeth
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Platt, Frederick & Christine
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Bacon, Michael and Elizabeth
Ballard, Bob & Barbara
Beaudette, Michael & Edna
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Brown, David & Diane
Butz, Suzanne and Theodore

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Carper, Scott and Stephanie
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Comaskey, Patrick & Spurling, Allyson
Connor, James and Jacqueline
Cook, David and Wildermuth, Polly
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Fogle, Gifford
Fowler, George and Roehr, Carol
Giaconia, John & Deborah
Guthart, Jonathan and Semel, Lisa
Harper, Beverley
Hawkins, Joel & Mary Stone
Hessel, Susan & Dahle, Karen
Heym, James and Wilkinson, Lynn
Hourigan, Amy and Glenn
Hunt, Faulkner & Ann Lightfoot
Karwaski, Mal and Gail
Klarnet, Katy & King, Nick
Konst, Jozef & Copp, Betsey
Krall, Phillip
Leake, Nancy
Lee, Richard & Heidi
Leonardo, Jarrod & Stacey
LeWitt, Sofia
Lynch, Anthony & Patricia
Macbeth, Thomas & Griffin, Maureen
Malchiodi, Robert
Mattson, Steven & Maddy
Merrill, Newton & Polly
Miller, James and Stacey, Regan
Neely, Wayne and Julie
Newburg, Michael & Grear, Leah
Sarner, Peter and Mylan
Schwolsky, John & Storch, Elizabeth
Seddon, Andrew & Smith, Kathryn
Sokolowski, Devin and Roberts, Lindsay
Stathakis, Jim and Caroline
Sutton, Richard & Hill, Wendolyn
Tennant, Foster & Goodall, Susan
Viola, Richard
Wain, Anne Ely
Watt, Peter N & Cattie, Gerard
Weiglhofer, John

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Abetti, Frank & Dana
Anderson, Eric and Carbone, Nicole
Angers, Thomas E & Van Daff, Tim
Baczewski, Michael and Brittany
Ballek, Rowland and Nancy
Barringer, Susan
Beckwith, Ernest & Deborah
Bell, Nicholas

Berry, Bradley and Guild, Jayna
 Bisaha, Michael
 Bradford, Deetsie & Wil
 Brainard, Newton & Mary
 Brecht, Jonathan
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 Cain, Maureen
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 Conniff, Richard and Karen
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 Fischer, Kurt & Susan
 Fisler, Richard and Joan
 Forstein, Steven & Jones, Beth Anne
 Foster, Frank & Grissom, Susan
 Francis, Anthony & Marion
 Franklin, Michael
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 Garbonola, Fred
 Gaskell, John & Suzanne
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 Grey, Marie
 Griffin, Jane
 Hamsher, Gail
 Hansen, Michael
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 Harris, Robert and Wong, Grace
 Hendry, Joene
 Hicks, Taylor & Pamela
 Hill, Jeffrey and Sherry
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Hine, Harold & Vezan, Deborah
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 Ierna, Joshua
 Jenkins, Gary & Ehlen, Jerry
 Johnson, Jeffrey
 Johnson, Mark
 Kardestuncer, Drs Tarik & Safaian Gita
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 Kronewitter, Jeff
 Lacey, Richard
 Lane, Laura and De Voe, David
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 Lewis, Denise
 Littlefield, David & Desillier, Elene
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 Livingston, Scott & Deborah
 Long, Barbara & Walters, Roxann
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 Martin, Frederick & Marie
 Maus, Michael & Ellen
 Maxim, Merritt and Lefki
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 Maxwell, Jeremy and Dana
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 Mele, Michael
 Meya, Wilhelm
 Mock, Bradley
 Moore, David
 Namdol, Tenzin and Wheeler, Jon
 Noyes, Tammy and Bruce
 Overfield, Dennis & Joan
 Page, Michael and Paula
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 Perkins, Jud
 Pierson, Anne
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 Rand, Dale and Diane
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 Reeser, Pamela
 Regan, Christopher and Morgan
 Ritrovato, Charles & Alison
 Roach, Janet
 Robinson, William and Joanne
 Rosseau, Richard & Gail
 Rothery, Kyle and Sue Ellen
 Rubino, Damian & Holly
 Schade, Susan & Buller, Jon
 Scheel, Craig
 Shay, Lee
 Sheldon, Jesse
 Sicord, Angela and Bill
 Smith, Robert
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 Walker, Barbara
 Walker, David and Cary
 Ward, Howard & Laura
 Weed, Carol
 West, Tina
 White, Peter & Kristina
 Wilson, Thomas & Mary
 Wimpe, James
 Winter, Steven & Brenda Cartmel
 Wyand, Sue and Charlie

Heritage Society

Anonymous
 Baxter, Andy *
 Catherwood, Mary*
 Cushman, Katherine Rose*
 Hessel Sue & Dahle, Karen
 Howard, Shirley *
 Irving, Anthony & Lees, Deborah
 Lord, Parker & Diana
 Millerbernd, Donald*
 Moore, George* & Rosemary
 Pritchard, John and Lee
 Rich, Ann
 Simon, Nissa
 Tyler, Humphrey & Susan
 Ulmer, Gordon*
 Walters, Milton* and Caroline
 Willauer, Cynthia

*deceased

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Tree Collective

REGAN STACEY, ADVISOR

Congratulations to the Lyme Land Trust Tree Collective—Class of 2026! For the past 4 years we stewarded the trails together. We opened paths, secured stone steps across waterways, blazed trails, removed invasives, and cleared nearly 60 trees with a simple saw, a good strategy, and pure strength.

I will treasure the memories of walking down streams, spotting spotted turtles mating, hiking to the high points, enduring hours of sleet, snow, hail, and rain in one afternoon, holding tiny spring peepers, whistling acorns (I still can't do that!), checking bluebird boxes, and having ice cream at Salem to mark the end of the year.

Thank you for your years of service and camaraderie. It's been a true pleasure to walk alongside you. Wishing you all the best as you head off to college! For Anna Konon and Harry Miller, I will see you next year with a new group of teens ready for new stewardship projects! —Regan Stacey



Tree Collective 2025-2026 left to right: Rutger Graesch, University of Hartford, Aerospace engineering (East Lyme HS; Rowan Gonzales, University of Minnesota, Microbiology (East Lyme HS; Justin Northcott, Drexel, Biomedical engineering (East Lyme HS); Allie Gregory, University of New Hampshire, Neuroscience (East Haddam HS); Faith Kalisz (not shown), St. Anselm, Biology (East Haddam HS); Anna Konon, Rising junior (East Lyme HS); Harry Miller, Rising freshman (LOL HS)



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A rare sighting of an Eastern Whip-poor-will in the Selden Creek Preserve. Photo by Kristina White

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