



CONNECTICUT
Land Conservation Council

**VOICES FROM THE FIELD:
WHAT IS A LAND TRUST NOW?**

Whether all-volunteer or staffed, land trusts across the state are recognizing that to stay vibrant, resilient, and effective for generations to come, they need to further engage in what's happening in their communities and beyond.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 8
CONNECTICUT ROUNDTABLE
NOON - 1:30 PM**

In this first session, join land trust leaders from all over Connecticut as they share their perspectives on what it means to be a land trust *now* – exploring topics that have recently come to the forefront including succession planning for boards, climate change solutions, balancing siting for green space, renewables & affordable housing.

AGENDA

- 12:00 pm** – Opening Remarks & Land Acknowledgement
 - 12:10 pm** – Panel Discussion
 - 1:00 pm** – Audience Q&A
 - 1:15 pm** – Panelist Closing Remarks
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MEET OUR PANELISTS

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Facilitated by: Amy Blaymore Paterson

Executive Director, [Connecticut Land Conservation Council \(CLCC\)](#)

Working with the CLCC Board of Directors and Advisory Council, Amy provides the Connecticut conservation community with technical assistance, training and advocacy to further advance permanent land conservation across the state.

David Brant

Executive Director, [Aspetuck Land Trust](#)

David has served as the Executive Director of Aspetuck Land Trust since 2008, bringing with him previous experiences creating urban green space and community gardens in Minneapolis and organic farming in Vermont

Terri Eickel

Director of Development & Programming, [Avalonia Land Conservancy](#)

Terri is a lifelong environmentalist with 15 years of experience in the non-profit world. This includes her work for the Hereditary Neuropathy Foundation in New York City the Connecticut Cancer Foundation, and currently the Interreligious Eco-Justice Network.

Vic Herson

President, [Wintonbury Land Trust \(WLT\)](#)

Originally a “city kid”, Vic moved to Bloomfield over 40 years ago and joined the Board of WLT to help conserve open space near their home and throughout town. WLT is a small, all-volunteer land trust conserving about 300 acres including three local farms.

Barton Jones

President, [Cornwall Conservation Trust \(CCT\)](#)

In addition to his role as President of CCT, Barton is also Secretary of the Housatonic Valley Association and board member of the Great Mountain Forest. He is a full time resident of Cornwall since 2006 and, prior to that, part-time since 1983.

Joanne Sheehan

President, [Southeastern Connecticut Community Land Trust](#)

Joanne has been involved in community land trusts since the mid-eighties. Her work has been conducted through grassroots organizations by the people for the people, promoting social justice through the community holding land in trust.