Welcome to:
Land Trust Board Boot Camp
Intro to Land Trust Board Service
• Protect land (acquisitions)
  • Own it (fee properties)
  • Conservation Easements

• Protect certain kinds of land
  • Working farms
  • Recreational land
  • Watershed protection

• Take care of land they own or which they have the obligation to oversee as a conservation easement holder (stewardship)

• So many other things!
Recreational Opportunities
February is mating season for some wildlife

Even though it might not feel like it, spring is just around the corner, and love is in the air. That means wildlife is becoming more active, nesting, and mating.

The month of February is mating season for great horned owls, bald eagles, cottontail rabbits, and striped skunks. While on the prowl for a mate, these animals are likely to wander across roads and into backyards. Wildlife experts say it’s crucial to scan before letting your pets out and to be more aware and vigilant when driving, especially at night.

The Wilton community cares about nature

The East Granby Public Library & East Granby Land Trust invite you to

Birdscaping
HOME SWEET HABITAT
Presented by Joan Butler

ZOOM PRESENTATION
Tuesday, March 16th, 2021
7pm

Explore the importance of creating welcoming habitats for birds through thoughtful landscape choices, including native plants vital for food and nesting sites. Learn about the benefits and joys of creating beautiful layered gardens designed to bring avian performers right into your own back yard.

Register online at www.egpl.org or call 860-653-3002.
Community Gardens, Victory Gardens, Farms
Habitat Restoration & Management
Social and Connecting

Stewardship workdays: “Yes, It’s a Party!”
Land Trusts in Connecticut

Regional Conservation Partnerships (RCPs) and other Collaborations
CONNECTICUT
Land Conservation Council

Amy Blaymore Paterson
Executive Director

STAY CURRENT
I want to hear about project updates, conservation tips, breaking news, and events.
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https://ctconservation.org
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OTHER RESOURCES

- Independent Sector, particularly the Principles for Good Governance and Ethical Practice
- BoardSource
- Blue Avocado
- CT Nonprofit Alliance
- Community Foundations
What does it mean to serve on a Land Trust Board?

Fiduciary Duties of Care, Loyalty and Obedience

Oversee the operations of the land trust – Programs and Finances

For volunteer/small land trusts: Distinction between when you are working as personnel (unpaid staff) and when you are working in your governance capacity (Both are valuable!!)
GUIDING PRINCIPLES

• 12 Standards
• Further broken out into
  • Practices + Elements
• Overwhelming…and yet - finite! And organized!
• Most importantly, a common language among peers
Things that relate to the work of all nonprofits

Standards 1-7

Things that are particular to land trusts

Standards 8-12
BUCKETS!

Governance

Finance

Stewardship

Stds 1-4,7

Std 6

Stds 8-10

Stds 11-12
Committee Roles & Responsibilities
Can also be used to organize/structure

- Strategic and Annual Plan
- Board Policies and Manual
- Orientation
Breakouts

What are your most pressing needs and/or questions relating to your land trust work?
COMING UP

Session #2 Board Governance  
  March 22 at 7pm

Session #3 Property Acquisition  
  March 29 at 7pm

Session #4 Stewardship  
  April 5 at 7pm

Session #5 – Financial Management  
  April 12 at 7pm