



STATE OF CONNECTICUT – COUNTY OF TOLLAND
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025, 7:00 P.M.

IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE: TOWN HALL ANNEX, 57 MAIN STREET, ELLINGTON, CT
REMOTE ATTENDANCE: VIA ZOOM MEETING, INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED BELOW

I. CALL TO ORDER:

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS (On Non-Agenda Items):

III. ACTIVE BUSINESS:

1. Plan of Conservation & Development, Chapter 4-Conservation Strategies, Natural Resource Preservation: Historic Preservation.
2. Report - Farmland Preservation Program.
3. Report - Open Space Preservation Program.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

1. FY 24-25 Budget & Expenditure Update.
2. Approval of February 11, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Correspondence/Discussion:
 - a. Ad Hoc Ellington Trails Committee – Monthly Minutes.
 - b. CT Land Conservation Council donation thank you letter dated Feb. 6, 2025.
 - c. CT Land Conservation Council 2025 Land Conservation Conference Mar. 22, 2025.
 - d. North Central Conservation District Spring 2025 Plant & Seedling Sale.
 - e. Notice of Ellington Public Budget Presentations - Community Voice Channel on March 20, 2025, Senior Center and Virtual Zoom Meeting on May 1, 2025, and Hall Memorial Library and Virtual Zoom Meeting on May 3, 2025.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2025

Instructions to attend remotely via Zoom Meeting listed below. The agenda is posted on the Town of Ellington webpage (www.ellington-ct.gov) under Agenda & Minutes, Conservation Commission.

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<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88511306400>
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COMMISSIONERS: TO ASSIST IN ESTABLISHING QUORUMS REQUIRED TO CONDUCT MEETINGS, PLEASE CONTACT THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND A SCHEDULED MEETING.



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March XX, 2025

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Ellington, CT 06029

RE: Farmland Preservation Program

Dear XXXX

The Ellington Conservation Commission is reaching out to you about Ellington's Farmland Preservation Program, a program that provides compensation to farmland owners in exchange for agricultural easements, because your property is within a farmland preservation priority area.

Farmland preservation programs have many benefits including preserving the best and most productive agricultural lands, enabling farmers to purchase land at affordable prices, as well as providing cash flow. Ellington recently completed a joint acquisition of development rights of Oakridge Dairy farmland consisting of approximately 102 acres along Meadow Brook Road. Seth Bahler of Oakridge Dairy said "The preservation of farmland through the Farmland Preservation Program has been instrumental in securing Oakridge Dairy's future. The recent joint acquisition of development rights along Meadow Brook Road has helped us maintain valuable farmland for agricultural use, ensuring long-term sustainability for our business and the local food supply. These funds allow us to reinvest in our operations, strengthen our commitment to land stewardship, and continue providing high-quality dairy products to our community."

The farmland preservation program is voluntary, and in exchange for compensation of development rights a farmland easement is placed on the land. The value of an easement is the monetary difference between the underlying zoning development value and the current agricultural land value based on a fair market appraisal. Property preserved by farmland easement may be retained, sold, inherited, or transferred. There's no fee to apply, and the Ellington Planning Department is available to help you meet application requirements. Enclosed is a farmland preservation brochure highlighting the program.

If you would like to learn more or apply for farmland preservation, please contact the Ellington Planning Department at 860-870-3120 or planner@ellington-ct.gov or attend one of the Conservation Commission's upcoming meetings. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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RE: Open Space Preservation Program

Dear XXX:

The Ellington Conservation Commission is reaching out to you about Ellington's Open Space Preservation Program, a program that provides compensation to property owners in exchange for land purchases. The Conservation Commission is the Town's lead advocacy group for open space and farmland preservation. Your property is located within the Shenipsit Lake and Forest, an area of significant open space preservation interest. Funding programs are available to compensate landowners for land purchase, and the Conservation Commission would love the opportunity to discuss your potential interest in preserving your property.

If you would like to learn more about the open space preservation program, please contact the Ellington Planning Department at 860-870-3120 or planner@ellington-ct.gov or attend one of the Conservation Commission's upcoming meetings. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Ellington Conservation Commission
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Town of Ellington

General Ledger - On Demand Report

Fiscal Year: 2024-2025

From Date:7/1/2024

To Date:2/28/2025

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End of Report



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CONSERVATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025, 7:00 PM

IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE: TOWN HALL ANNEX, 57 MAIN STREET, ELLINGTON, CT
REMOTE ATTENDANCE: VIA ZOOM MEETING

PRESENT: Chairman Rebecca Quarno, Regular Members Sean Dwyer, Robert Zielfelder, Laurie Burstein (via Zoom), George Nickerson (via Zoom), and James Gage (via Zoom)

ABSENT: Vice Chairman David Bidwell and Alternate Ann Harford

STAFF: John Colonese, Assistant Town Planner and Ashley DuBois, Recording Clerk (via Zoom)

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Rebecca Quarno called the Conservation Commission meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS (On Non-Agenda Items): None

III. ACTIVE BUSINESS:

1. Plan of Conservation & Development, Chapter 4-Conservation Strategies, Natural Resource Preservation: Historic Preservation.

John Colonese, Assistant Town Planner, reported receiving the fully executed agreement from the State Historic Preservation Office, along with a template for a request for proposal. Furthermore, John reported that the finance office sent him a request for proposal template approved by the Town Attorney. Chairman Quarno asked if completing the template is the next step in the process and John confirmed. John will work with the State Historic Preservation Office, Finance Office, and Town Attorney if needed on drafting the appropriate request for proposal. John committed to sharing updates with the commission. Chairman Quarno asked if the State Historic Preservation Office members are the ones to select the consultant for the project and John responded that the town selects the consultant, but the consultant must be on the State approved list.

2. Report - Farmland Preservation Program.

John Colonese referenced the meeting packet sent to the commissioners, which included a list of farmland owners of 20+ acre parcels in the Ellington. The owners on the list were sent letters from the town in February 2023 regarding the farmland preservation program. John noted there have been multiple changes to the list since 2023. This included property at 24 Middle Road that was approved for a 4-megawatt solar facility and 53 Wapping Wood Road that inquired about residential development. A round table discussion ensued regarding locations of the properties. John stated that letters can be re-sent to the listed

properties and added that program information has been posted on the town website, town newsletter, and sent to local newspapers. Chairman Quarno commented that renewed efforts could prove worthwhile. Commissioner Gage agreed and noted owners' situations may have changed.

Chairman Quarno asked if the previous letter used was standard format and language for contacting property owners. John Colonese reviewed the letter sent to property owners in 2023 and summarized that the letter discussed the overall program and provided contact information for further interest. Commissioner Gage commented that adding the announcement of the recent Oakridge Dairy acquisition to the letter could encourage conversations. Chairman Quarno commented adding a quote of testimony from a farmer who has gone through the process could also encourage interest. Commissioner Burstein supported the idea of adding examples and quotes to gain interest. John committed to drafting a revised letter to go to property owners.

3. Report - Open Space Preservation Program.

John Colonese referenced the List of Priority Parcels for Open Space Preservation which the commission had previously compiled, last reviewed in 2022. John noted multiple changes since the list was created. These changes included 79 Kibbe Road which is now owned by the Town of Ellington and 4 Tolland Turnpike that was purchased and approved for subdivision for three house lots. Chairman Quarno asked if the 4 Tolland Turnpike property subdivision request came to the Conservation Commission for review. John responded that it did not because in this case the owners are not required to provide open space or a fee-in-lieu of open space as the lots are to transfer to the owner's family members. In addition, John added there have been no new developments on the Green Road properties. John continued the conversation, offering to reach out to owners on the priority list and asked what approach or strategy the commission would like to pursue. Commissioner Dwyer commented on the importance of preserving properties in the Porter Road and Kibbe Road area. A round table discussion ensued regarding the properties on the list.

Chairman Quarno suggested a letter be sent to property owners, potentially in batches by priority. Commissioner Dwyer asked, considering the listed properties, if there are any that from the town side and/or open space or land trust aspect that would benefit the community and residents. Commissioner Gage responded that the rankings already assigned are still accurate and Chairman Quarno added that the criteria that was used for the rankings included characteristics of each property. Commissioner Dwyer confirmed this understanding and discussed purchasing strategy, opting for properties that are practical over quantity. Chairman Quarno agreed that properties that allow more usefulness, i.e. linking trails or increasing currently preserved open space areas are more desirable. A round table discussion ensued. John Colonese committed to sending letters to owners on the priorities list.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

1. FY 24-25 Budget & Expenditure Update:

John Colonese noted the Connecticut Farmland Trust contribution was made but isn't reflected in the budget at this time. The final contribution from dues and subscriptions is planned for the Connecticut Farm Bureau. John noted the remaining balance for advertising and printing and added that the plan is to budget the same amount for the commission for the next fiscal year.

2. Approval of January 14, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOVED (ZIELFELDER) SECONDED (NICKERSON) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2025, AS WRITTEN.

3. Election of Officers

Chairman Quarno requested the election of officers be moved to the next Conservation Commission meeting in March 2025 due to attendance reasons. By consensus, the commission agreed to move the election of officers to next month's agenda.

4. Correspondence/Discussion:

- a. North Central Conservation District Annual Report.

John Colonese noted that the local dairy farm referenced in the report is Roaring Brook Farm in Ellington. The project will eliminate livestock access, reducing pollutant loading, to a tributary of Broad Brook. The North Central Conservation District is helping the owners acquire funds to design and construct a barn to house the milking herd and waste. Construction has not started, but potentially it will begin this spring.

- b. CT Farmland Trust, contribution letter dated January 29, 2025.

Commissioner Nickerson shared closing remarks to the commission and shared this will be his last term serving on the Ellington Conservation Commission. The commissioner plans to stay involved with the Ad Hoc Trails Committee and support the continued efforts of the commission. Commissioner Nickerson thanked everyone on the commission, and everyone shared kind parting sentiments. The Town of Ellington thanks Commissioner Nickerson in his efforts and commitment to the community and wishes him the best.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED (DWYER) SECONDED (NICKERSON) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING AT 7:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley DuBois, Recording Clerk



CHAIRMAN
LINDA ANDERSON

VICE CHAIRMAN
CYNTHIA VAN ZELM

SECRETARY
DEANNA WAMBOLT-GULICK

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Ad Hoc Ellington Trails Committee

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DAN CHAMBERLIN
ROBERT BARONE
ANN HARFORD
MICHAEL EMONS
STEVEN AUSTIN
STUART LANZ

Ad Hoc Ellington Trails Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2025
Town Hall Annex

MEMBERS PRESENT: Linda Anderson, Tom Palshaw, Cynthia van Zelm, Donna Allen, Deanna Wambolt-Gulick, Steve Austin, Michael Emons, Valerie Amsel

MEMBERS ABSENT: Judi Manfre, Dan Chamberlin, Lindsay Neubecker, Stuart Lanz, Robert Barone, Bill Schultz, Ann Harford

I. Call to Order

Ms. Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

II. Citizens' Forum

No citizens wished to speak at this time.

III. Approval of Minutes

A. December 4, 2024

MOVED (ALLEN), SECONDED (EMONS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 4, 2024 MEETING.

IV. Old Business

A. Hockanum River Crew

Mr. Palshaw shared that not much recent work has been done; they are waiting for spring.

1. Sidewalk

Mr. Palshaw shared an update concerning a sidewalk project being put in along Pinney Street; Ms. Anderson added that there will not be a crosswalk installed.

2. Development on Parking Lot Expansion near Hockanum River

There is potential to expand parking for this trail. However, it is a lengthy process, as Ms. Anderson is concerned that it might interfere with wetlands that exist around the trail.

Ms. Amsel stated that it might be better to just utilize the parking that already exists at the Pinney Street Fields. Ms. Wambolt-Gulick asked if that was a viable option, and Mr. Palshaw explained that the parking area there is quite far from the entrance to the trail.

B. Conservation Commission Report

Ms. Amsel shared that nothing of particular significance to the Committee was discussed.

1. State Blue Trail near Kimball (See Handout)

Ms. Anderson shared an update on the Blue Trail, as it is impacted by changes to the intersection of Hopkins Road and Route 140. The State does not believe that a crosswalk is warranted where initially proposed, due to potential dangers being located along a curve and low usage activity of the trail. Instead, the proposal

includes moving the exit of the State Blue Trail onto Route 140 closer to the intersection of Hopkins Road with a crosswalk which will alleviate some concerns.

C. Kiosks – Maps/Still need to add *No Motorized Vehicles* and *No Hunting* Signs to Crystal Ridge and Ellington Highlands; Updated Maps Printed/Laminated, need to be added to kiosks

Ms. Anderson showed the new, laminated trail maps for Crystal Ridge, Windermere, Kimball and Batz. She also showed laminated blaze guides to put in all the kiosks as soon as the weather permits.

D. Emergency Signs

Mr. Palshaw introduced Selectman Turner to discuss emergency signage. He reviewed the necessity for having these maps and markers, including the process by which emergency services may need to access this information. He gave an overview of how emergency calls are directed and dispatched to help the Committee better understand how emergency services may utilize the emergency signage information.

He explained that emergency dispatch has the capability to approximate locations of callers, based on the caller's cell phone. As Ms. Anderson explains, however, it is not consistently dependable. Selectman Turner acknowledged this and shared that the emergency signage information can be shared with Troop C to aid in helping during emergencies. They are planning to share this information with Sgt. Santa. However, he emphasized that from there, it is up to emergency services to determine how to incorporate the information to aid in their procedures. He recommended that this information be sent to TN to help with dispatch work.

Ms. Anderson inquired if other towns are working on similar projects. Selectman Turner shared that different neighboring towns are working on similar projects. Mr. Palshaw also shared that he has given this emergency signage information to the State, at their request. Selectman Turner recognized the work that the Committee has done with this project and discussed the work to be done with future trail emergency signage. This is a project that is ongoing, and he reiterated his support of this work to help individuals who might experience an emergency on a trail.

Mr. Palshaw added that there is a distribution list being kept so that the Committee can know who has been given access to this information. Mr. Palshaw discussed that a potential future goal for this project might include collaborating with neighboring towns, especially those that have trails that interface with our trails.

Ms. van Zelm and the Committee expressed their thanks to Selectman Turner for helping advance and advocate for the Committee's work with emergency signage. Selectmen Turner reiterated the benefits of the emergency signage system that is being created and implemented.

E. Maps – Ellington Highlands not until spring

There was no discussion at this time.

F. Easements for West Road/Franklin

Mr. Palshaw shared that he and Ms. Anderson met with John concerning the easement. They are hoping to have "no hunting" added into the easement. Ms. Anderson is also hoping that if the Islamic Center agrees to the easement that it will include use of their parking lot. Mr. Palshaw emphasized that if the easement isn't agreed to by the Islamic Center, it will end plans for the trail.

Mr. Palshaw explained the benefit of the easement is that it limits the liability of the property owners, because if the easement is signed it transfers the responsibility of trail maintenance, and therefore the liability of the trails, away from the property owner.

Ms. Anderson is now waiting on updates from the Town Administrator and Town Attorney on this project.

G. Eagle Scout Projects – No New Projects; Batz Bee Hotel in the spring

There was nothing new to share at this time, as the project is on hold until spring.

H. Gates – Update

Ms. Anderson shared that the first gate was put in at Ellington Highlands. Another gate was put in at Crystal Ridge, where the initial trailhead was proposed. There are plans to put in an additional gate and plans to grade Forest Road to help facilitate it's installation.

I. Community Service Hours for High School Students – No Update

There was nothing new to report at this time.

J. Facebook

Ms. Anderson shared that Mr. Austin will be taking over the Committee's Facebook page. Ms. Anderson will assist in helping him gain access to the information so that he can help promote the Committee's events and share any news. Mr. Austin emphasized that engagement and content is key to a successful social media presence. Ms. Anderson agreed and discussed different things that she would like to see posted.

V. New Business**A. Boy Scout Cleanup Day at Crystal Ridge – April 5th at 9:00 am**

This date will not work for this event. Ms. Anderson has suggested May 17th as an alternative date and will hear back once the Boy Scouts have had a discussion.

- **With Green Earth Club?**

She will then ask the Green Earth Club for their involvement as well.

- **Handrails/Blowing Leaves/Cutting Back Shrubs/More Drainage Stones and Pavers at Quartz Bridge/Small Trail Off Forest Road**

Improvements for this day include work on handrails, blowing leaves, cutting back shrubs, adding more drainage stones and pavers at Quartz Bridge, and a small trail off Forest Road.

B. Cub Scout Cleanup at Batz – April 12th at 9:00 am

Ms. Anderson expects the scope of the project to include some work with raking leaves and similar tasks.

C. T-Mobile Hometown Grant

Ms. Anderson shared that the Committee was sent information concerning this grant which is meant to help fund community-centered projects up to \$50,000. She is not sure that there are any specific projects that the Committee is looking into at this time. She mentioned dining spaces at Batz which had been previously considered, but the Committee agreed that it isn't something desired at this time.

Ms. Allen suggested improvements to the amphitheater at Batz to create better accessibility and potentially encourage more use, as well as the possible addition of solar or electricity options at the site, though it would be important to limit noise so as to not impact neighbors.

Ms. Anderson encouraged the Committee to let her know of any ideas for this grant.

VI. Subcommittee Reports**A. Treasurer****1. Budget Submission for FY 2025-2026**

The printing budget was cut from \$600 to \$500. Ms. Allen asked for clarification on if this includes the map printing costs; Ms. Anderson said that it does, but that the map printing only costs \$54. She shared that there is still \$490 left in the budget, adding that there are still printing projects left to complete this year. While the printing budget will be used this year, dropping the budget for next year should not be an issue.

Education has dropped from \$700 to \$500. Ms. Anderson reviewed the educational programs that the Committee runs and many are free, many others are shared with Hall Memorial Library, and all are affordable within the decreased budget.

Contracted Services has been reduced from \$900 to \$700. This item is largely used for the MapGeo app for mapping trails. Ms. Anderson does not anticipate that the entire budget will be needed, as the Committee only has one more map to go.

Technical Equipment has been maintained at 3,000, given the upcoming projects planned for trails.

Food has been increased to \$200 to allow for more options during Trail of Treats.

Overall, the budget has decreased from \$5,350 to \$,900. \$2,933.18 remains in the budget for this fiscal year.

B. Maintenance

Ms. Amsel shared a railing plan for the Committee's consideration. The cost of the project depends on the height of the bridge. Ms. Amsel has the information for the bridges at Kimball, noting that both bridges should be low enough to only require one railing and one curb.

C. Community Outreach

1. Mini Golf at Hall Memorial Library – February 8, 2025, 10 am-5 pm; Set-up February 7th, 2-5pm

Ms. Anderson reviewed the needs for set-up and staffing the event. Ms. Amsel will be there from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Ms. Anderson will be there starting around 12:30 pm; Ms. Allen will be there around 1:00 pm. Ms. Anderson will have 100 maps with information about blazing to hand out.

2. Earth Day – April 26, 2025, Town Green

There was no update.

3. 3 Foragers, Spring 2025 with Hall Memorial Library

Ms. Anderson anticipates working on this after the Mini Golf event is concluded.

4. Bird Walk at Batz – May 3, 2025, 7:30 am (rain date May 4th)

There was no update.

5. Geologist – Ray Schaeffer

There was no update.

6. Chess Tournament for Fall 2025

There was no update.

7. CT Trails Day – Ellington Highlands, June 7th or 8th

There was no update.

8. CT Astronomy Night – July/August

There was no update.

9. Ideas on Using Amphitheater at Batz

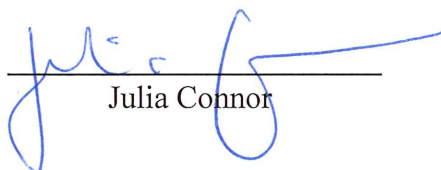
- Ellington Public Schools
- Halloween

Ms. Anderson discussed a potential idea for putting on a Halloween-centered program, potentially with acting and readings.

VII. Adjournment

MOVED (VAN ZELM), SECONDED (AUSTIN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 7:55 PM.

Submitted by


Julia Connor

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Land Conservation Council

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FEB 13 2025

February 6, 2025

Lisa Houlihan
Ellington Conservation Commission
PO Box 187
Ellington, CT 06029-0187

*Thank you ECC
your longstanding support!*
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PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Dear Lisa and Members of the Ellington Conservation Commission,

Thank you for your recent membership contribution to the Connecticut Land Conservation Council in the amount of \$450.00 dated January 23, 2025. We appreciate your partnership and are always looking for opportunities to leverage our collective strengths to support land conservation in Connecticut.

Your support will have a lasting impact on the lands you work so hard to protect and enable land trusts across the state to conserve vital habitats, promote biodiversity, and foster a sustainable environment for future generations.

Your commitment goes beyond CLCC; it signifies your inclusion in a state-wide community that is passionate about and actively involved in land conservation across Connecticut. Together, we strengthen and elevate our collective mission, making positive changes that will echo far into future generations.

We say it all the time, and we can't say it enough: The CLCC team is energized and inspired by the work you do. We are deeply excited to bring new funding, new programs and new opportunities to your organization and land trusts throughout the state.

Thank you, once again, for your support and partnership, and for all you do to advance land conservation in Connecticut.

Sincerely,



Amy Blaymore Paterson
Executive Director

*Hope to
see you at
the conference!*
A.

P.S. Early bird registration is open for the 2025 Connecticut Land Conservation Conference on March 22 at Wesleyan University in Middletown. Visit ctconservation.org/conference by February 22 to take advantage of the early bird discount. **We look forward to seeing you there!**

In keeping with Federal tax law, this letter gratefully acknowledges receipt of your charitable contribution of \$450.00 dated January 23, 2025. CLCC is a 501(c)(3) and, as required for a charitable gift, this letter confirms that no goods or services were provided in connection with this gift. Please retain this document for your records.



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SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025
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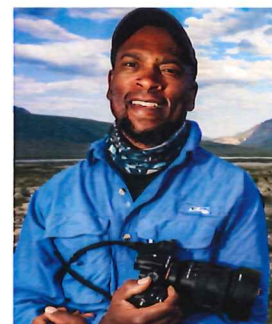
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Land Conservation Council

The mission of the Connecticut Land Conservation Council (CLCC) is to elevate and strengthen land conservation in Connecticut. CLCC's vision is a future where every Connecticut community is supported and sustained by a diverse mix of conserved land, and land conservation is embraced as an essential community value.

CLCC is the only statewide service provider and voice for all Connecticut land trusts. CLCC is a leader in advocacy and policy, education and training, and technical and financial assistance to empower Connecticut's ~117 land trusts and ensure the long-term viability of land conservation efforts in the state.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER Dudley Edmondson

The Browning of America and Its Impact on Conservation and Outdoor Recreation



As America's demographics evolve, so does the face of conservation and outdoor recreation. In this thought-provoking keynote address, acclaimed author, photographer, and advocate Dudley Edmondson explores the intersection of race, representation, and environmental stewardship.

Drawing from his compelling book, *People the Planet Needs Now*, Dudley

shares powerful stories from 25 Black and Brown scientists and activists whose lived experiences and groundbreaking work offer new perspectives on addressing the world's most pressing environmental and social challenges.

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8:00 am Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:00 am Plenary Session

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Dudley Edmondson,
Acclaimed author, photographer, and advocate

10:30 am Break

11:00 am Session A Workshop

12:15 pm Lunch

1:30 pm Session B Workshop

2:45 pm Break

3:00 pm Session C Workshop

4:15 pm Break

4:30 pm Session D Workshop

5:15 pm Reception

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Session A: 11:00 am–12:15 pm		Session B: 1:30 – 2:45 pm		Session C: 3:00 – 4:15 pm		Session D: 4:30 – 5:15 pm		
TRACK 1 : Land Protection & Conservation Funding								
A.1	CT DEEP Funding Sources for Land Acquisition, Property Management and More	B.1	Introduction to CT Farmlink: Making Conservation Land Available for Agriculture	C.1	Anatomy of a Land Conservation Transaction	D.1	Anatomy of a Land Conservation Transaction: Advanced Topics Q&A	
		B.2	Environmental Due Diligence For Land Trusts: Challenges & Solutions	C.2	Unified by Nature: Land Trusts & Water Companies Collaborating for Conservation	D.2	Should Land Trusts Use Debt to Conserve Land?	
TRACK 2 : Stewardship & Natural Climate Solutions								
A.2	Supporting Urban Forest Networks Across CT	B.3	CT Climate Smart Forestry in Practice	C.3	Agroforestry: A Permanent Climate-Smart Solution for Conservation Lands	D.3	What Works and What Doesn't: Three Years into Knotweed Wars	
		B.4	Protecting Mature and Old-Growth Forests While Strengthening the Nation's Communities & Local Economies	C.4	Forest Management Planning in a Changing Climate	D.4	Together for Trees: Building a Community of Forest Stewards through the CT Master Woodland Manager Program	
TRACK 3 : Protecting Biodiversity & Wildlife								
A.3	S.P.A.C.E. Suitable Places for All Critters to Exist	B.5	Prioritizing Nature-Based Solutions in CT	C.5	Creating Wildlife Habitat in an Area Overtaken by Invasive Plants	D.5		Pollinators in My Backyard
A.4	Dim the Lights: Protecting Birds, Wildlife, and Ourselves			C.6	Collaborative Implementation of CT's State Wildlife Action Plan: The Essential Role of CT's Conservation Community			
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A.6	Lidar 101: Discover Its Unique Power and Potential			C.8	Dam Ownership and Removal for Ecological Restoration in CT			
A.7	It's a Marathon: Engaging Community in Long-Term Projects	B.8	Creating Housing and Conserving Land: Bridging Community & Conservation Trusts	C.9	Northwest CT Affordable Housing & Conservation Collaboration: Finding Cross-Sector Alignment for Our Communities' Futures	D.8		Creating Accessible Communications for Conservation
A.8	Land Justice for Land Trusts: Expanding Access to the Lands that Sustain Us			B.9	Outdoor Role Models: A Conversation with Dudley Edmondson and Friends			
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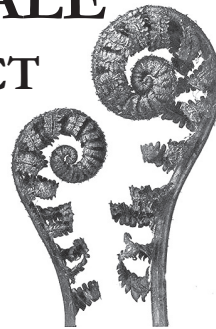
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Supplies limited, please order early.

Exception: Bare Root Evergreen and Chestnut orders due Tuesday, March 11th. Updates/possible substitutions posted on website.

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As **Windbreaks**, they reduce heating costs.
As **Wildlife Habitat**, they provide food & shelter to native pollinators, birds, and animals.



As **Streamside Buffer Plantings**, they control erosion, provide habitat, and protect water quality by filtering fertilizers, pollutants, and moderating water temperature.

PLANT LISTINGS AND DESCRIPTIONS

Key to Symbols and Notes

○ Full Sun, or 5+ hrs direct sun | ● Part Sun/Part Shade, or 2-5 hrs direct sun, or all-day dappled sun | ● Full Shade; or < 2 hrs sun
Range of Soil Moisture: Dry | Average/Medium | Moist (well-drained) | Wet (not well-drained)

EDIBLE LANDSCAPE, Part 1

CT native, except as noted.

Asparagus 'Mary Washington' (*Asparagus officinalis*): (bundle of 25 bare root) Heirloom variety. Early, high-yielding, producing long, straight, dark green shoots followed by tall, attractive leaves. Long-lived, can produce crop for 2 or more decades. First harvest one year after planting. Well-drained, organically-rich soil (6.0-7.0pH). *Mediterranean origin.* ○

Blueberry (*Vaccinium corymbosum*): (1 gal) Sets of 3 plants: early, mid, late-fruiting. 4-7'. White urn-shaped flowers in May, fruits in July-August. Excellent red-orange fall foliage, red stems glow in winter. Average to wet, acid soil. Ornamental 4 seasons. Use for patches, gardens, slopes. (Pictured center)

Bees, Butterflies, Birds. Stream Buffers. ○



Chestnut (*Castanea* hybrid): (2-yr 3-5' bare root seedling) *Please Order Seedlings Early, by March 11* 40-50' x 35', yellowish-white flowers appear on catkins followed by edible chestnut encased in a prickly bur. Leaves are coarsely-toothed, turn yellow in fall. Chinese-cross selected for its blight-resistance, and heavy nut productivity starting 1-2 years after planting. Two trees needed for cross-pollination. Acidic, well-drained soil (4.5-6.3 pH recommended). *Asian origin.* Orchard, Agroforestry. Bees. ○

Eastern Prickly Pear (*Opuntia humifusa*): see description on Perennials page.

Edible Landscape continued on next page.

To view photos of our plant selections and get more information, visit our website, www.conservect.org/northcentral



EDIBLE LANDSCAPE, Part 2



Elderberry 'York' (*Sambucus canadensis*): (3 gal) 5-6', bright pinnate leaves. White July flowers, extra-large panicles of purple berries, good for jam/wine early fall. Fresh fruit has tart flavor, cooking brings out sweetness. Wet to average soil. Best choice for growing in extreme climates. Shrub borders, screens.

Butterflies, Bees, Birds. Stream Buffers. ○●

Lingonberry 'Red Candy' (*Vaccinium vitis-idaea*): (1 gal) 4-8" mat-forming evergreen, upright branching. Small, glossy, leathery leaves, burgundy in winter. Small pinkish white bell-shaped flowers, June-July; abundant scarlet berries, juicy, tart, but tasty, August-September. Sweeter after frost. Moist, cool, acidic soil. Jams, syrups, pies. *Eurasian origin.*

Bees, Birds. ○●

Strawberry 'Jewel' (*Fragaria* hybrid): (bundle of 25 bare root) Fruit-bearing from June to July. Easy to grow and maintain. High-yielding fragrant, glossy red berries great for fresh eating and freezing. Resistant to most diseases. Fertile, well-drained soil. *European origin.*

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Sunchoke (*Helianthus tuberosus*): (1 gal) 6-10' x 3-5' showy yellow composite flowers bloom late summer, hairy stem, may spread to form colonies; difficult to remove. Root tuber is a delectable edible that can be harvested after the flowers fade in fall. Petal-like rays surrounding a single yellow disk of tiny yellow disk florets. Tolerates drought conditions and well-drained rocky soils. Informal borders/meadows. *Native central U.S.*

Butterflies, Birds. ○●

TREES

In pots (also see Bare-Root Tree Seedlings on last page, and Chestnut on first page)
CT native, except as noted.

Black Tupelo (*Nyssa sylvatica*): (3 gal) 30-60' x 20-30', densely-branched, pyramidal. Glossy dark leaves, spectacular scarlet/apricot/crimson in fall. Blue-black fruit. Gray-black ridged bark. Horizontal branching gives great winter form. Moist soil, takes wet, dry. One of the most beautiful native trees. Specimen, street tree, moist woods, low spots.

Birds, Butterflies, Bees. Stream Buffers. ○●



let in fall, with long cream-color seed tassels in lovely contrast. Twigs red, bark deeply ridged. Moist to moderately dry, acid, well-drained soil. Outstanding four seasons. Specimen, yards, wood's edge. *Native PA south.*

Birds, Butterflies, Bees. ○●

Speckled Alder (*Alnus incana* subsp. *rugosa*): (3 gal) 15-20' x 15-20', broad, rounded irregular crown. Fast-growing, thicket-forming. Green leather-like leaves.

Male and female flowers appear as catkins in spring, then 1" fruiting cones appear and persist through winter, offering seeds for birds. Typically a wetland tree, tolerates poor soils, stream banks. Roots fix nitrogen.

Birds. ○●

Flowering Dogwood (*Cornus florida*): (3 gal) 15-30' x 15-30', rounded, broadly spreading, dense horizontal layering. April blooms of clusters of tiny yellowish green insignificant flowers surrounded by four showy white petal-like bracts, 3-4" diameter. Bright-red fall fruits, good red-purple fall color. Moist soil. Desirable all four seasons. Specimen, borders, wood's edge.

Bees, Butterflies, Birds. ○●

Sourwood (*Oxydendrum arboreum*): (3 gal tree form or 3 gal shrub form) 15-25' x 6-12', pyramidal, rounded top, graceful drooping branches. Covered with fragrant white urn-flowers in 10"-long hanging clusters, July. Leaves turn a brilliant scar-

Sweetbay Magnolia 'Moonglow' (*Magnolia virginiana*): (3 gal) 35-40' x 15-18', upright, vigorous 4" cream-white cupped flowers, sweet-lemon fragrance, May-June. 3-4" semi-evergreen leaves, silver-blue underneath, lovely in wind. Red fruit-cones, fall. Trunks twist picturesquely. A graceful specimen, near patios, woodland borders. *Native MA, NY south. (pictured above)*

Bees. Butterflies. ○●

BROADLEAF EVERGREEN SHRUBS

CT native, except as noted.

Drooping Leucothoe 'Silver Run' (*Leucothoe fontanesiana*): (1 gal) 2-4' x 4-8'. 2-5" pointed leaves emerge shiny red, turn dark green with creamy-white variegation, maroon in winter; cascading on shiny zigzag stems. Masses of fragrant white April-May bell-flowers. Moist soil, sheltered spot; easy. Can form colonies. Excellent groundcover/specimen for woods, slopes. *Native VA south.*

Bees. Erosion Control. ○●●



Inkberry 'Compacta' (*Ilex glabra*): (1 gal) 4-6' soft-looking billowing holly, attractive small shiny dark leaves, small black fruit. Wet to dry. Excellent for foundations, masses, hedges.

Birds, Butterflies. ○●

Mountain Laurel (*Kalmia latifolia*): (1 gal) 5-15', picturesque with age. Charming cupped white flowers with purple dot markings, June. Moist cool soil, not windy. Beloved for borders, massing, wood's edge, hillsides. **CT State Flower. Butterflies, Birds. ○●**

• **Species:** As described above (*pictured above*)

• **'Nipmuck':** 4-5' x 4-6', upright, dense, rounded form. Intense red flower buds open to ample numbers of light pink flowers with darker pink petal backs in late May. Shiny foliage with a little twisting. *One of Richard Jayne's first color crosses, developed in 1971.*

Rosebay Rhododendron 'Independence' (*Rhododendron maximum*): (2 gal) 8-12'. Huge domes of clear pink flowers, June/mid-July. Long drooping dark leaves. Picturesque trunks. Moist well-drained to average, cool, organic soil. Specimen, in shade, woods, screens, paths.

Birds, Butterflies. ○●

Sheep Laurel 'Hammonasset' (*Kalmia angustifolia*): (1 gal) 1-3' low-growing, upright branching. Showy dark pink-rose flowers with mountain laurel shape, June-July. Wet to dry acidic, takes infertile soil, not windy. This variety discovered near Hammonasset River in CT. Use for groundcover, edge of woods, foundations.

Butterflies, Birds. ○●

Weeping Arborvitae 'Filiformis' (*Thuja occidentalis*): (1 gal) 7-8' x 3-4', Yellow-tinged foliage, with bright green new-growth. Weeping habit, graceful pendulous thread-like branchlets reach to the ground. Avoid open windy sites. Wide range of soil tolerance. Specimen, foundations, shrub borders.

Wildlife Cover. ○●

DECIDUOUS SHRUBS

CT native, except as noted. 2-gallon pots, except as noted.

American Wisteria 'Amethyst Falls'

(*Wisteria frutescens*): 20-30' vine. Many 4-6" hanging clusters of fragrant lavender April flowers, (some summer re-bloom). Shiny leaves with 5-6 pairs of gray-green leaflets. Moist soil, some drought/seasonal flooding ok. Not aggressive like Asiatic wisteria. Excellent for sturdy trellises, arbors, walls, trained as small tree. Fixes nitrogen. *Native to SE U.S.*

Bees, Butterflies. ○●



Azalea 'Pink Mist' (*Rhododendron viscosum*)

: 4-6', open spreading habit. Light-pink June flowers, 4-9 per cluster, with sweet clove-like fragrance. New leaf growth reddish, red-orange in fall. Average to wet soils. Use for wood edges, natural settings.

Bees, Butterflies, Hummingbirds. Stream Buffers. ○●

Bush-Honeysuckle 'Copper' (*Diervilla lonicera*)

: 2-3', densely branched, grows 3-4'/yr., forms thickets. 4" leaves start copper-red, turn dark green with reddish mid-ribs; orange-red in fall. Sulfur-yellow June-August flowers. Dark-red arching stems, bark peels to inner orange. Dry to moist; takes heavy shade, but fewer flowers/less vigor. Rugged, adaptable. Excellent for naturalized massing, ground cover, filler, dry shade.

Birds, Hummingbirds, Butterflies, Bees. Erosion Control. ○●●

Buttonbush 'Sugar Shack' (*Cephalanthus occi*)

: (3 gal) 3-4', open rounded dwarf form. Showy spherical white flower heads with halo of projecting styles, like pin cushions, June-July. Showy rounded red fruit through fall. 2-6" bold glossy leaves, burgundy in fall. Smooth gray/olive bark, twisted trunks. Native to flood-prone banks, but can be used in moist areas of gardens in shrub borders, rain or pollinator gardens.

Bees, Butterflies, Birds, Waterfowl, Amphibians. Erosion Control. Stream Buffers. ○●

Dwarf Fothergilla (*Fothergilla gardenii*)

: 2-3', rounded, dense. White bottlebrush May flowers with honeyed perfume. Attractive blue-green leaves, fall color a blazing yellow-orange-red. Average to moist acid soil. Excellent for foundations, shrub/perennial borders, grounds. *Native to SE U.S.*

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Meadowsweet 'Pink Mountain' (*Spiraea latifolia*)

: 2-5', mounded, fast-growing. Frothy whitish-pink June to September flowers. Numerous fine-textured reddish stems. Small shiny blue-green leaves turn a good yellow-gold in fall. Wet to dry soils. A tough plant, can even be mowed. Use in mixed borders, meadows, for naturalizing, damp areas.

Bees, Butterflies, Birds. Stream Buffers. Erosion Control. ○●

Red Twig Dogwood 'Bailey' (*Swida sericea*, formerly *Cornus sericea*)

: (3 gal) 6-9' x 6-9' small, star-like white flowers turn into tiny bluish berries in fall along with reddish-purple foliage. Striking bright-red stems stand out in winter. Fast-growing, adaptable, takes wet areas. Massing, borders, bank-cover.

Birds, Butterflies. Stream Buffers. ○●

Shrubby Cinquefoil 'Pink Beauty' (*Potentilla fruticosa*)

: 2' x 2.5-3', low-spreading, shiny-brown slender arching stems, neat habit. Abundant attractive clear pink flowers, single and semi-double, with yellow centers, June, then sporadically to frost. Small shiny bright-green leaves. Good subtle fall color. Wet to dry soils, low maintenance. Flower borders, edging, low hedges, foundations.

Bees, Butterflies, Birds. Erosion Control. ○●

Sourwood (*Oxydendrum arboreum*)

: see Trees on prior page.

Sweet Pepperbush (*Clethra alnifolia*)

: 6', upright, densely leafy. Wonderfully fragrant dark rosy-pink flowers, July-August. Glossy deep-green leaves, then glows golden all October. Easy; medium to wet soils. Near patio, in shrub borders, screens, at woods edge, for late summer bloom. (*Pictured above*)

Bees, Butterflies, Birds, Hummingbirds. Stream Buffers.

Erosion Control. ○●●

Winterberry 'Jolly Red' (*Ilex verticillata*)

: 6-10' rounded shrub, silvery smooth bark. Lustrous leaves, burgundy in fall. Profuse vibrant red berries fall/winter. Moist-wet soils, takes dry, can form thickets. Winter interest, massing, screening. 'Jolly Red' discovered in Bloomfield, CT.

Bees, Butterflies, Birds. Stream Buffers. ○●

Non-fruiting males also offered to aid pollination and berry set.

Witch Hazel 'Harvest Moon' (*Hamamelis virginiana*)

: (3 gal) 8-20', beautifully open with picturesque crooked branches. Scallop-shaped leaves emerge bluish-green with bronze, turn glossy green in summer, then vibrant yellow in fall. Spidery yellow spice-scented flowers bloom around Thanksgiving and the Harvest Moon. Moist (seasonally wet) to average, fast-growing, easy. Shrub borders, woods.

Bees, Hummingbirds. Stream Buffers. ○●

Why Are Native Plants Important?

Native insects need native plants to thrive.
Native birds and mammals need native insects, as well as native plants, to thrive.
Thus, native plants are critical to all life forms.

Often, ornamental plants from Asia and Europe do not supply food for our native insects.

For example, our native oaks support over 500 native butterflies and moths.
Invasive Phragmites supports 170 species in its homeland, while supporting only 5 species here.



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PERENNIALS

CT native, except as noted. Also see Groundcovers and Plugs sections on next page.

Aromatic Aster 'Raydon's Favorite' (*Symphyotrichum oblongifolium*): (5 pt) 1-3' x 1-3', Showy small blue-purple composite flowers have long bloom from late summer to first frost. Leaves and stems give off balsam fragrance when crushed. Rock outcrops, well-drained dry soil. Borders, meadows. Deer & rabbit resistant. Replacement for fall mums. Drought & salt tolerant. *Native PA south.* **Bees, Butterflies. O**



Blue Flag Iris (*Iris versicolor*): (5 pt) 2-3', narrow arching sword-like leaves. 3/4" boldly-veined violet-blue flowers, May-June. Moist to wet soil, or up to 3" of water. Use beside/in pond or water gardens, or in moist borders/meadows. **Pollinators, Birds. OO**

Bottle Gentian (*Gentiana andrewsii*): (5 pt) 1-2' rounded clump, non-branching stems. Showy tight clusters of 1-1.5" intensely deep-blue September-October flowers that look like inflated buds that never open. 4" glossy leaves. Prefers moist, cool, humusy, mildly acidic soils. Use in moist wildflower gardens, meadows, woods, shady borders. **Bumblebees. Stream Buffers. O**

Cardinal Flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*): (5 pt) 2-4' clumps. Brilliant cardinal-red tubular three-lobed flowers, on leafed sturdy spires/side shoots, July-Sept. Fine-toothed lance-like leaves; unbranched reddish-purple stems. Rich moist to wet soil. Use in moist borders/meadows/woods. **Bees, Butterflies, Hummingbirds. Stream Buffers. OO**

Coreopsis 'Moonbeam' (*Coreopsis verticillata*): (5pt) 15-24" airy clumps. Profuse pale soft-yellow daisy flowers, June-July crescendo, a bit of rebloom until frost. Color complements many garden flowers. Dense fine stems, soft threadlike leaves. Average, tolerates poor dry soil. Border fronts, edging. *Native MD south.* **Bees, Butterflies. OO**

Downy Skullcap (*Scutellaria incana*): (5 pt) 2-3' upright bushy open-vase-shape clump. 3-6" showy spikes of many small deep-blue-violet downy flowers, each with flared lower lip with white patch, and rounded hooded upper lip. July to Sept., about 4-6 weeks. 2-4" gray-green leaves; unusual saucer-like seedpods. Moist to dry, likes moist rich soil, but adaptable; can form tight colonies. Borders, meadows, along paths. *Native NY south.* **Bees, Butterflies. OO**

Eastern Prickly Pear (*Opuntia humifusa*) (5 pt) 0.5-1' x 1-1.5' New England's only native cactus. Showy 2-3" diameter waxy yellow flowers, sometimes with red center, June to July, 2". Edible fruit in fall, likes well-drained soil in full sun. Salt and drought tolerant. Easily propagated by cuttings. Semi-prostrate and clump-forming, pads have barbed bristles (glochids) which can irritate skin. Rock gardens, sandy slopes. **Wildlife, Birds, Bees. O**

Hairy Beardtongue (*Penstemon hirsutus*): (1 qt) 1-2', hairy stem distinguishes this beardtongue from the rest. Stemless lance-shaped leaves, irregular flowers of elongated tubes with protruding hairy lip of pale hues of purple, blue to white bloom late May to late June. Wet to dry soils. **Butterflies, Bees, Hummingbirds. OO**

Hyssop-Leaved Boneset (*Eupatorium hyssopifolium*): (5 pt) 1-3' x 1-2' Clumping habit. Abundant clusters of small tubular disk flowers blooming from summer to fall. Dark purple hairy stems. Aster family. Dry, sandy soils. Whorls of 3-4 narrow leaves. Winter seeds for birds. Drought, salt, and deer resistant. Ideal for pollinator gardens. **Birds, Pollinators. OO**

Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*): (5 pt) 2-3.5' x 1.5-2' robust upright clumps, slowly expanding crowns. 3-5" daisy flowers, 10-20 rich rosy-pink rays, curving down from a large robust mahogany-orange cone, July-August. 5-7" dark toothed leaves. Moist to dry, likes moist loams. Easy care. Borders, meadows, cut flowers. *Native to Midwest.* **Bees, Butterflies, Birds, Hummingbirds. OO**

Queen of the Prairie (*Filipendula rubra*): (5 pt) 6-8' x 3-4', full/part sun, rain garden, wet meadows, stream banks. Intolerant to drought. Self-seeds, can form colonies. Tall, upright, clump-forming featuring 6-9" panicles of striking puffy pale-pink tiny fragrant flowers early to mid-summer. Fragrant compound pinnate, dark green leaves of 7-9 lance-shaped leaflets. For large plantings. Deer resistant. *Native PA south.* **Pollinators, Bees. O**

Red Trillium (*Trillium erectum*): (1 qt) 6-20" wildflower; a bit bigger each year, can form colonies. All plant parts in 3s. Nodding 2-3" red-purple flowers (rarely white, pink, or greenish) with 3 spreading petals, backed by 3 green-purple spreading sepals, April-May. A whorl of 3 broad-spreading leaves, 7" x 7", emerge March. Moist, humusy soil. Use in woods, under deciduous trees, shade gardens. **Birds, Spring Pollinators. OO**

Royal Fern (*Osmunda regalis*): (5 pt) 2-4', large, majestic. Spring fiddleheads/young fronds orangish/wine-reddish. Fine-textured compound fronds with triangular well-spaced leaflets; orange/brown in fall. Tan plumes ("flowers") of fertile pinnae, summer. Medium to wet. Rugged, adaptable. Specimen/groups in woods, shady borders, by water. **Wildlife Cover. Stream Buffers. OO**

Short-toothed Mountain Mint (*Pycnanthemum muticum*): See on next page - 2025 Perennial of the year.

Smooth Solomon's Seal (*Polygonatum biflorum*): (5 pt) 1-3' upright arching clumps. Bright 4" oval leaves, alternate down arched stem. Clusters of bell-flowers, green-tipped white, dangle from base of each leaf, April-May. Showy blue berries, late summer; yellow fall foliage. Average-moist, likes moist humusy soil. Elegant for shade/woodland gardens. **Bees, Butterflies, Hummingbirds, Birds. OO**

Spotted Beebalm (*Monarda punctata*): (5 pt) 1.5-2' x 1.5' Rare in New England. Fragrant simple leaves. The flower is yellow with purple spots. Blooms June-July, long summer blooms. Dry soils. Deer and drought tolerant. Clump-forming. Ideal for borders, pollinator gardens. **Butterflies, Bees, Hummingbirds. OO**

Summer Phlox 'Blue Paradise' (*Phlox paniculata*): (5 pt) 3-4' clumps. Large pyramidal clusters of fragrant fuchsia-purple flowers with starry white centers and dark eyes; upright branched leafy stems. Moist to medium soil, likes fertile; very good mildew/mite resistance. Phloxes are backbone of late summer borders. Good cut flowers. *Native VA south.* **Butterflies, Hummingbirds. OO**

Sunchoke (*Helianthus tuberosus*): See Edible Landscape Part 2.

White Baneberry (*Actaea pachypoda*): (5 pt) 2-3' handsome clumps, finely-cut leaves. 2-6" foamy white May-June flower-spires. Thick bright-red stems hold very showy pea-size shiny chalk-white fruit, with purple-black spot, summer to frost. Moist humusy soil, easy. Naturalize in woods, shady borders. (*Berries toxic*) (pictured above) **Bees, Butterflies, Birds. O**

Windflower (*Anemone canadensis*): (5 pt) 1-2' x 2.5'. 1.5" showy bright-white cheery flowers, butter-yellow centers, on long stalks, April-June. Deeply lobed leaves. Average to well-drained soil. Vigorous growth, slower in part shade. Brightens up wild gardens, woodland edges. *Rare in CT.* **Bees. Stream Buffers. OO**

More perennials under Groundcovers and Plugs on next page.

2025 PERENNIAL PLANT OF THE YEAR

Short-toothed Mountain Mint (*Pycnanthemum muticum*): (5 pt) 3' clumps, all parts aromatic. Dense disks of tiny pink florets, each with a pair of showy soft silvery bracts; a haze of frosted tiers of bloom. Dark oval leaves. Medium to moist. Naturalizes. Meadows, borders, herb gardens. (pictured right)

Butterflies. Pollinator Favorite. ○●



GROUNDCOVERS

CT native, except as noted.

Allegheny Spurge (*Pachysandra procumbens*): (1 qt) 10" x 1.5-2' pretty native groundcover (*not common invasive Asian Pachy.*), tight clumps, spreads slowly. 3" semi-evergreen matte-blue-green leaves, silvery markings. 3" white bottlebrush flowers, spicy scent, April. Moist-dry, likes moist rich soil; reliable. Shade gardens, woods. *Native WV south.*

Spring Pollinators. ●●



Mayapple (*Podophyllum peltatum*): (5 pt) Spring shoots like closed umbrellas, unfold to showy round single or paired 1' leaves, on 1' stalks. Single pearl-white 2" flower, under leaves, April-May. 2" yellow fruit ripens late summer. Wet-dry, likes moist soil; tough. Spreads 6-12"/year, forms colonies. Can go dormant in drought. Bold ground cover in woods/leafy areas. (pictured left)

Bees, Box Turtles. ●●

Creeping Phlox 'Pink Ridge' (*Phlox stolonifera*): (5 pt) 6" creeping mats of semi-evergreen foliage, can spread 6'. Sweet-scented bright pink flowers with rounded overlapping petals, float on thin 8" stems, early/mid-spring. Paddle-shape 1" leaves. Moist to medium soils. Groundcover, shade gardens, border fronts, with spring bulbs. *Native PA south.*

Butterflies, Birds. ●

Wild Stonecrop 'Larinem Park' (*Sedum ternatum*): (1 qt) 4-8" rounded succulent semi-evergreen 3/4" leaves. Spreads slowly, can form carpet. Covered with tiny white star flowers with purple stamens, April. Dry-moist, likes humusy soil; adaptable, easy. Use for borders, edging, slopes.

Bees, Butterflies. ●○○

A Word on Spring Ephemerals: Native to Eastern woodlands, these spring wildflowers emerge, flower, set fruit, and die back in the sunny window between ground thawing and tree leaf-out (often March to May). They play a critical role in forest ecosystems by stabilizing soils, slowing water runoff, contributing important nutrients, and sustaining early native bee/insect populations. Habitat fragmentation, invasive plants and climate change are causing declines in populations. These plants establish slowly, and can take decades to even reappear.

Spring ephemerals offered this year are Red Trillium, Mayapple, and Woolly Violet.

NATIVE PERENNIAL PLUGS



Low-cost plant plugs sold in bulk, for establishing groundcovers, meadows, drifts, erosion control. Less than a year old, they are very easy to plant.



Jacob's Ladder (*Polemonium caeruleum*): (8 plugs, 2.2" square x 4" deep) 1-3' mound with profuse clusters of nodding cup-shaped deep blue flowers with contrasting yellow stamens, May-June. Lovely bright-green ladder-rung leaflets. Prefers moist well-drained humusy soils. Shady locations in fronts of borders, woodlands, naturalized areas.

Butterflies. ●



Rose Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*): (10 plugs, 2" wide x 5" deep) 2-4' x 2'. Beautiful fragrant clusters of 1/4" bright pink, mauve-rose, and white flowers, July-August, atop tall branching stems; 6" narrow leaves. 4" teardrop-shaped pods hold white silky-tail seeds. Average to wet soil, prefers moist. Self-seeds, not aggressively. Borders, banks, meadows, damp spots.

Bees, Butterflies (vital for Monarchs). ○●

Purple Love Grass (*Eragrostis spect.*) (10 plugs, 2" wide x 5" deep): 1-3'. Leaves green, red tints; fall color bronze-red. In August, clouds of soft-purple flowers hover like a fog above plant, nearly obscuring it. In fall, inflorescence tans, breaks off, blows like tumbleweed. Moist to dry, likes poor sandy soil; can spread. Group/mass in borders/meadows, dunes/banks, cut/dried flowers.

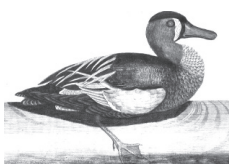
Butterflies. Erosion Control. ○

Woolly Violet (*Viola sororia*): (10 plugs, 2" wide x 5" deep) 4-6" mounds. Ruby-red flowers, April-May, 4-6 weeks. 2-3" downy heart-shaped leaves. Likes rich moist soils. Spreads by seed & rhizomes, so site where suitable. Lovely massed in wildflower/naturalized areas, by walks, under shrubs.

Bees, Butterflies, Birds. ●

GARDEN EXTRAS - All Connecticut-made

Barley Straw for Ponds (bales): An inexpensive and environmentally sound method for safely controlling algae. Algae deplete oxygen and can kill fish and other plants. In early spring, a loose bundle, contained in netting, is anchored with a brick or stone in pond. Netting included. One bale treats approximately one half acre.



Bluebird House: Rough-cut native timber. Provides valuable nesting habitat for the Eastern Bluebird, one of the most loved and beneficial birds. This threatened species has lost suitable nesting cavities due to changing land uses and urbanization.

Collins Compost (40 lb bags): Leaf and cow manure, fully composted. Adds organic matter to soils, improves soil drainage, texture, and moisture-holding ability. NO manure odor. Our most popular item!

EVERGREEN BARE-ROOT TREE SEEDLINGS

Bundles of 25, except as noted. Native to Northeast unless otherwise noted. All evergreens provide bird habitat.

****Please Order Bare-Root Seedlings Early: Orders Due Tuesday, March 11th****

American Arborvitae: (2-yr 7-12") 40-60' x 10-15', conical, dark-green flat scale leaves. Well-drained, takes pruning. Slow to medium growth. **Hedge, Screen. ○**

Eastern Red Cedar: (1-yr 5-10") 40-50' x 8-20', densely pyramidal, needles & bluish waxy fruit aromatic when bruised. Well-drained. Tolerates poor soils. **Windbreak. ○○**



Eastern Hemlock: (2-yr 6-10") (Bundles of 5) 40-70' x 25-35', dark soft needles, pendulous branches. Moist, well-drained, fast-growing, takes pruning and shaping. *Please note: this is the first year since 2015 we have offered Eastern Hemlock due to the hemlock woolly adelgid. In recent years there has been success controlling the adelgid with release of predator beetles. Cold winters also help keep the adelgid population down.* **Specimen, Screen, Hedge. ○○**

Balsam Fir: (2-yr 5-10") 50-60' x 20-30', fragrant shiny dark 1" needles. Well-drained, slow growth. **Specimen, Christmas tree. ○○**

Canaan Fir: (P+1*/2-yr 8-16") (Bundles of 5) 40-55' x 20-25', strong branches, dark shiny 1" needles. Moist well-drained, tolerates wetter soils, resists frost injury. *Native to W. Virginia. *Transplants are further along in root/branch development.* **Specimen, Christmas Tree. ○**

Concolor Fir: (2-yr 10-15") 50-75' x 20-30'. Dense, formal habit, tiered branches, needles silver-blue-green. Likes moist soil, but adaptable. *Native to Western U.S.* **Specimen, Christmas Tree. ○**

Douglas Fir: (2-yr 10-18") 60-80' x 15-20', conical, horizontal pendulous branches, soft needles, excellent retention. Moist, well-drained drained soil, avoid high wind. Fast growth. *Native to Western U.S.* **Forest, timber, Christmas Tree. ○**

White Pine: (2-yr 7-10") 50-80' x 30-50', soft bluish-green 4" needles with excellent retention, very good fragrance. Well-drained, fast growing. **Specimen, Hedge, Christmas Tree. ○**

Colorado Blue Spruce: (2-yr 9-15") 30-60' x 10-20', silver-blue, good retention, good fragrance, dense horizontal branching. Slow to medium growth. Soil adaptable. *Native to Rockies.* **Specimen, Christmas Tree. ○**

Norway Spruce: (2-yr 10-18") 40-60' x 25-30', pendulous branches, dark needles, very good retention, good fragrance. Well-drained, fast growth. *European origin.* **Specimen, Screen, Windbreak. ○**

White Spruce: (2yr 10-18") 40-60' x 10-20', conical, short blue-green needles, medium rate. Well-drained. **Specimen, Windbreak, Christmas Tree. ○**

Please consider including a donation to the North Central Conservation District with your order total to help fund conservation projects, programs, and services. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that relies largely on grants, municipal contributions, fee-for-service work, and this plant sale fundraiser to continue our work.



NCCD FREE SPRING 2025 WORKSHOPS



LANDSCAPING FOR BIRDS, BEES, & BUTTERFLIES USING NATIVE PLANTS

Jane Seymour, Wildlife Biologist, CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Saturday, March 1st, 10am-12pm - Virtually via Zoom (link provided upon registration)



PLANTING AND PRUNING BASICS



Ginny Patsun, Arborist and Soil Conservation Specialist, NCCD
Saturday, April 5th, 10am-12pm Tolland County Agricultural Center, 24 Hyde Ave., Vernon, CT

Register for Workshops at: www.conservect.org/northcentral

Brown's Harvest Family Farm is our new west-of-the-river location!

Brown's Harvest is a 7th-generation, women-owned family farm in Windsor, CT. Once a tobacco farm, it has evolved over 47 seasons into a beloved destination for family-friendly events. Visitors can enjoy pick-your-own strawberries, a vibrant sunflower festival, and the long-standing fall festival featuring hayrides, a corn maze, apple cider donuts, and more!

Spring 2025 Events:

- Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt – April 19th
- Spring Fest – May 11th & 12th
- Strawberry Fest - June 15th & 16th

Visit 1911 Poquonock Avenue, Windsor, and www.browns Harvest.com



2025 ORDER FORM

Skip this form and ORDER ONLINE!

Visit www.conservect.org/northcentral for Online Ordering, Sale Details, Plant Info & Photos

Plants	Price	Qty.	Total \$
Edible Landscape			
Asparagus 'Mary Washington' (25 bare root)	\$16		
Blueberry (Highbush, set of 3; 1 gal each)	\$45		
Chestnut (a 2-year 3-5' bare root seedling**)	\$18		
Elderberry 'York' (3 gal)	\$38		
Lingonberry 'Red Candy' (1 gal)	\$22		
Strawberry 'Jewel' (25 bare root seedlings)	\$12		
Sunchoke (1 gal)	\$14		
Trees			
Black Tupelo (3 gal)	\$44		
Flowering Dogwood (3 gal)	\$44		
Sourwood – Tree form (3 gal)	\$50		
Sourwood – Multi-stem shrub form (3 gal)	\$50		
Speckled Alder (3 gal)	\$46		
Sweetbay Magnolia 'Moon glow' (3 gal)	\$60		
Evergreen Shrubs			
Drooping Leucothoe 'Silver Run' (1 gal)	\$20		
Inkberry 'Compacta' (1 gal)	\$18		
Mountain Laurel – Species (1 gal)	\$22		
Mountain Laurel 'Nippuck' (1 gal)	\$22		
Rosebay Rhododendron 'Independ.' (2 gal)	\$38		
Sheep Laurel 'Hammonasset' (1 gal)	\$18		
Weeping Arborvitae 'Filiformis' (1 gal)	\$20		
Deciduous Shrubs			
American Wisteria 'Ametyst Falls' (2 gal)	\$36		
Azalea 'Pink Mist' (2 gal)	\$30		
Bush Honeysuckle 'Copper' (2 gal)	\$32		
Buttonbush 'Sugar Shack' (3 gal)	\$40		
Dwarf Fothergilla (2 gal)	\$34		
Meadowsweet 'Pink Mountain' (2 gal)	\$22		
Red Twig Dogwood 'Bailey' (3 gal)	\$40		
Shrubby Cinquefoil 'Pink Beauty' (2 gal)	\$22		
Sweet Pepperbush (2 gal)	\$32		
Winterberry 'Jolly Red' (2 gal)	\$30		
Winterberry – Male (2 gal)	\$30		
Witch Hazel 'Harvest Moon' (3 gal)	\$54		
Sub-total Plants			\$

Plant Orders due April 9!

Order Bare-root Trees by March 11

Curbside Pre-Order Pick-Up Dates:
Friday April 25 & Saturday April 26

Plants, Garden Extras	Price	Qty.	Total \$
Perennials			
Aromatic Aster 'Raydon's Favorite' (5p)	\$10		
Blue Flag Iris (5 pint)	\$10		
Bottle Gentian (5 pint)	\$10		
Cardinal Flower (5 pint)	\$10		
Coreopsis 'Moonbeam' (5 pint)	\$10		
Dowry Skullcap (5 pint)	\$10		
Eastern Pickly Pear (5 pint)	\$10		
Hairy Beardtongue (1 quart)	\$8		
Hyssop-Leaved Boneset (5 pint)	\$10		
Purple Coneflower (5 pint)	\$10		
Queen of the Prairie (5 pint)	\$10		
Red Trillium (1 quart)	\$8		
Royal Fern (5 pint)	\$10		
Smooth Solomon's Seal (5 pint)	\$10		
Spotted Beebalm (5 pint)	\$10		
Summer Phlox 'Blue Paradise' (5 pint)	\$10		
White Baneberry (5 pint)	\$10		
Windflower (5 pint)	\$10		
Perennial of the Year			
Short-Toothed Mountain Mint (5 pint)	\$10		
Groundcovers			
Allegheny Spurge (1 quart)	\$7		
Creeping Phlox 'Pink Ridge' (5 pint)	\$10		
Mayapple (5 pint)	\$10		
Wild Stonetop 'Larinen Park' (1 quart)	\$7		
Native Perennial Plugs			
Jacob's Ladder (8 plugs)	\$28		
Purple Love Grass (10 plugs)	\$32		
Rose Milkweed (10 plugs)	\$34		
Woolly Violet (10 plugs)	\$34		
Garden Extras			
Barley Straw (1 large bale for ponds)	\$30		
Bluebird House (rough-cut wood)	\$15		
Collins Compost (40 lb bag)	\$12		
Sub-total Plants, Extras			\$

Evergreen Bare-root Tree Seedlings			
Order by March 11			
Bundles of 25 Seedlings	Qty. (# of bundles)		
American Arborvitae (2-yr 7-12")			
Eastern Red Cedar (1-yr 5-10")			
Balsam Fir (2-yr 5-10")			
Concolor Fir (2-yr 10-15")			
Douglas Fir (2-yr 10-18")			
White Pine (2-yr 7-10")			
Colorado Blue Spruce (2-yr 9-15")			
Norway Spruce (2-yr 10-18")			
White Spruce (2-yr 10-18")			
Total # of bundles ordered			
1-3 bundles- \$26 per bundle*		*Price based on total	
4+ bundles- \$22 per bundle*		# of bundles ordered	
Sub-total Bundles of 25	\$		
Bundles of 5	Price	Qty.	Total \$
Canaan Fir (P+1 Trumpplant, 8-16")	\$12		
Eastern Hemlock (2-yr 6-10")	\$12		
Sub-total Bundles of 5			\$

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Or Complete this Form & Mail w/Check:

SELECT A PICK-UP LOCATION:

- ☐ Tolland County Agricultural Center, Vernon
- ☐ Brown's Harvest Farm, Windsor

Circle Preferred Pick-up Day/Time (April 25/26)

Fri 10a-12p 12-2p 2-4p 4-7p | Sat 9-11a 11a-1p

Order Total: _____ Donation to NCCD: _____

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TOWN OF ELLINGTON

Budget Presentations



AVAILABLE TIMES

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025

COMMUNITY VOICE CHANNEL - SEE TOWN WEBSITE
FOR MORE INFORMATION WWW.ELLINGTON-CT.GOV

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025

12:30 PM

IN-PERSON PUBLIC BUDGET PRESENTATION AT THE
SENIOR CENTER (40 MAPLE ST.)

OR

JOIN ZOOM MEETING

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SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025

10:00 AM

IN-PERSON PUBLIC BUDGET PRESENTATION AT THE
LIBRARY (93 MAIN ST.)

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