

***Please join us for a
guided nature walk
around Gowing's Swamp***

Sponsored by CLCT, local naturalist Cherrie Corey will be leading small groups to this special bog environment near Ripley School.

The Land Trust continues to pursue the preservation of land around Gowing's Swamp, a project that has been in the works since the beginning of the year, and is offering members the opportunity to learn more about this unique property.

**Walks are being offered on:
Friday, Oct. 7th, 9-10:30am
and
Sunday, Oct 9th, 1-2:30pm**

*Reservations are required.
Please call 978.369.6526 or
email: info@concordland.org*

If you can't make these walks but would like to visit the property, please let us know.

SAVE THE DATE!

Our Annual Meeting and Fall Walk will be on October 30th at 1pm. Look for a postcard in the mail with details.

Rogers Land Campaign A SuccessThanks to You



Congratulations to CLCT members and to the residents of Concord on the protection of the Rogers land! The town's Natural Resources Commission (NRC) now owns the 4.7 acres, CLCT holds a Conservation Restriction on it, and the process of restoring the agricultural and ecologic potential of the land is underway.

The project began in late 2009 when the opportunity to purchase land that had been farmed for 60+ years by the Angelo Rogers family was brought to the attention of the Land Trust by Anthony Rogers, one of the owners.

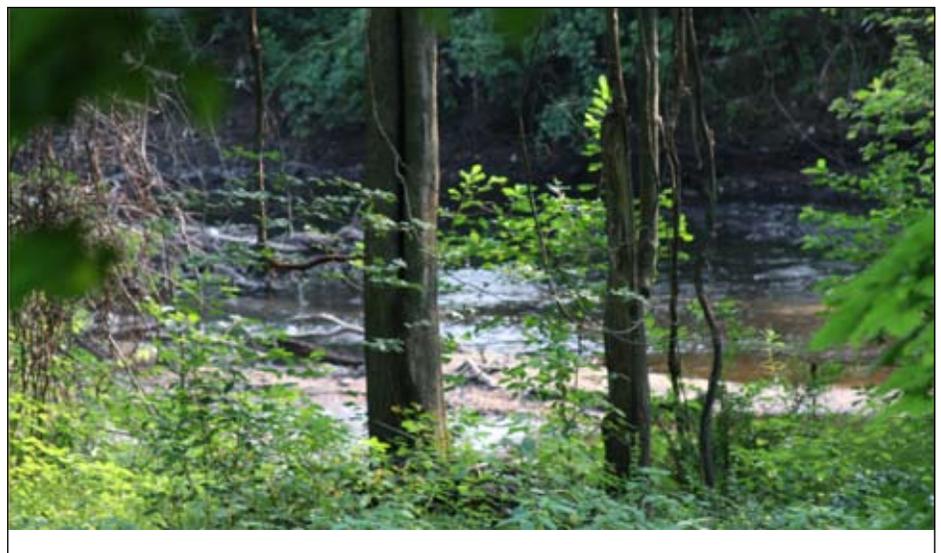
Protecting agricultural land and waterways are major priorities for the Land Trust and this parcel met the important criteria: it is good

agricultural land, it borders the Assabet River in a section federally designated as one of Massachusetts' three "wild and scenic rivers," and it is located in West Concord – a part of town in need of land for community gardens and quiet outdoor recreation.

As the project evolved, it became clear that the NRC should own the property; the Rogers land is located adjacent to town conservation land and very close to the town's Marshall Farm land. At town meeting in April 2011, Concord residents voted overwhelmingly to purchase this land, with the understanding that the Land Trust would raise \$240,000 of the funds needed to acquire it (more than 50% of the purchase price).

Fundraising began immediately with neighborhood coffees, letters to the Concord Journal, and visits and

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The Assabet River at the Rogers Land.

A Member Writes....

Hello,

I've lived in Concord for nearly ten years and have supported the CLCT for nearly all that time, but this week is the first time I've actually walked on any of the trails other than those on and around Nashawtuc Hill. Little did I know what I was missing.

With your excellent map and description of each property in hand, I headed out on Monday to explore the Newbury land and Chamberlain Woods. Newbury Field was so golden in the afternoon sun that it took my breath away. And Chamberlin Woods was beautiful in the late afternoon, chilly and fragrant with the setting sun filtering through the trees. On Tuesday, I set out for the Spencer Brook Valley. It was exciting to circle the ravine, and a joy to

relish the view and the peace and quiet from the granite bench at the top. Today I visited Wright Woods and was completely amazed by the spectacular beauty of Fairhaven Bay. I loved the up and down of the trail, which offered incredible views at every turn. Again, the afternoon light was breathtaking.

I'm eager to visit more CLCT land and revisit every one with my wife and/or friends. I'm blessed to live in a town as beautiful as Concord and proud to be associated with your wonderful organization. Thank you for all that you do.

Best,
Tara Bradley



Members of the Fenn Green Team take a break from their trail work. Left to right: Eric Zhou, Parker Weil, Jalen Winstanley, Patrick Ryan, Hayden Galusza, Peter Blau, and Walker Davey.

Rogers Land

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mailings to West Concord residents and Land Trust members. The fundraising effort received a quick boost when the state awarded the Land Trust a Conservation Partnership Grant in the amount of \$85,000. Local response to fundraising appeals was immediate, widespread and generous, and the Land Trust was able to write a check to the town for the promised \$240,000.

CLCT Receives 5 Acre Gift on Nashawtuc Hill



View looking through gate in stone wall and across the Shaw pasture.

Just before the close of 2010, the Concord Land Conservation Trust received a gift of 5.3 acres on Nashawtuc Hill from Gordon Shaw. This pasture has been in the Shaw family for over 70 years and abuts a slope given to CLCT by Gordon’s father, Walter K. Shaw, Jr., in the early sixties.

Much of the pasture is a wet meadow during the spring and part of the summer. To keep it open, Gordon has been mowing it twice a year and the Land Trust expects to keep up this practice. In the winter you might see the tracks of fox or fisher cats. In the summer you will find bluebirds.

The east side of the property includes a segment of Squaw Sachem trail, which is elevated above the pasture by a distinctive fieldstone retaining wall. The trail was planted

with rhododendrons, azaleas, mountain laurel and dogwoods by Gordon’s father.

Visible all the way from the Elm Street bridge, the protection of this pasture not only provides continued habitat but also a brilliant vista across the river and across CLCT’s Brooks-Hudson meadow.



Thank You To...

- The Cedar Tree Foundation for a \$15,000 grant to our projects.
- The Indian Spring Trust for allowing us to cross their common land during last year’s annual meeting walk.
- Lydia Rogers for tracking and assessing mammal habitat at our Elm Brook property and the Rogers Land.



For contributions to our waterchestnut program in Fairhaven Bay thank you also to:

- The Kalmia Woods Association and Conantum residents.
- Shirley Rohan and the South Bridge Boat House for donating a kayak.
- The Garden Club of Concord for a \$500 grant enabling us to purchase two kayaks.



Nat Marden, CLCT Property Manager, with the new kayaks.



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In Celebration of the Life of Gordon K. Bell

When Gordon Bell died on July 24, it was a great loss to the Town, to the Land Trust and to many of us as individuals. Gordon served as a director and the treasurer of the Land Trust's sister organization, the Concord Open Land Foundation, for many years. There is little difference in practice between trustees of the Land Trust and directors of the Open Land Foundation. We all gather around one of our dining room tables one evening a month to talk about everything affecting open land in Concord and to parcel out the tasks that need to be done. Gordon always took on more than his share.

Although Gordon retired from his Boston law firm in the 1980s, he never stopped practicing

law. He just changed his focus and became, in all but name, the Land Trust's general counsel, contributing sophisticated legal services we could have ill afforded in the marketplace. He had a talent for separating the important from the insignificant; he took delight in crafting intricate legal documents; his drafting and editing --always in handwriting, never on a computer-- were precise and elegant; he was skillful and diplomatic in shepherding conservation restrictions through the process of approval by Town and Commonwealth; and he was absolutely determined that a transaction give effect to the interests of both sides and be fair to all. Because that determination was so manifest, in transactions between



the Land Trust and the Town, both sides often looked to Gordon for legal advice.

Sitting around the table, we will all miss Gordon's careful analysis, his wise counsel and his friendship.