

SLC NEWS



Newsletter for SLC Members

Fall 2018/Winter 2019

SPOTLIGHT

The Land Conservancy's South Grand Street property has gone through some recent reclamation work this past spring and summer. The 60 acre property was given to the Land Conservancy from the Tennessee Gas Pipeline as part of their wetland mitigation program last fall. We are happy to announce that so far a new parking lot space has been created for a few vehicles to utilize. There has also been the addition of gravel for the road leading to the parking lot, with a new fence at the end and the old structures removed.



It is the Land Conservancy's goal to delineate and remove invasives in the cropland fields to deter them from seeding in 2019. As recommended by the Army Corps, if the removal work is successful then we will seed wildflowers in the meadow to attract native birds, bees, and butterflies. Another goal is to create a path around the outskirts of the field to allow for a walking trail on the North side that will overlook Stoney Brook. Another workday is planned for October 14th, so please join us at 9am.

On the property you can enjoy many types of flora and fauna. Greeted at the entrance to the parking lot is a containment of honey bees hard at work. You will find them sipping water out of small puddles nearby to cool off in the heat. Large white oaks, pin oaks, maples, grey birches and cedar trees are just a few species that dot the land around the meadow. Right past the parking entrance you are welcomed by the first large meadow, outlined with Goldenrod and Evening Primrose. The planned trail will begin here and will line the perimeter of the meadow as well as a portion of Stoney Brook to encourage bird watching. Signs and a kiosk will be added when the trail work is completed.

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North Pond Needs Your Help!



Just over the Massachusetts state line, a fundraising campaign to save 62 acres of waterfront land on North Pond in Southwick is in its final stages and needs your help! The land is the last pristine shoreline on the northern end of the Congamond Lakes, and is a popular destination for fishing, swimming, and birding. The land could be developed into dozens of homes, forever altering the character of North Pond, disrupting sensitive habitats, and threatening drinking water supplies and the water quality of all of Congamond Lake.

It is also directly adjacent to the largest block of permanently protected grasslands in southern New England, which includes the State of Connecticut property in Suffield. Several threatened species of birds rely on these grasslands, such as the kestrel, woodcock, bobolink, grasshopper sparrow, vesper sparrow, and the upland sand piper. Conserving this land connects the grasslands to the waterfront, ensuring wildlife will have access to clean water.

When the project is complete, the land will be open to the public with a high-quality trail network. With your help, this land will be conserved to significantly enhance the natural resource values and recreational opportunities of the region.

To learn more and contribute to this important effort, visit:

www.savenorthpond.org

Amazon Smile

A reminder that you can donate to SLC through your purchases on Amazon.com by going to the following URL:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/06-1031536>



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Fall Programs



South Grand Property Work Day

The Land Conservancy will be continuing our work on the South Grand property and encourage volunteers to join us in helping to enhance this beautiful space. The work will begin on **Sunday, October 14th at 9am**. The property location can be found about a mile down the road from the Airway's Golf Course heading South towards East Granby. Across from a large open field, you will see a small gravel driveway on the left of South Grand, just before the entrance to a residential property. The driveway will lead you down the path to the parking lot where we will meet. Please make sure to come with bug spray, long pants and boots.

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Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 8th at 7pm**. The meeting will take place in the large room towards the back of the Suffield Senior Center. Our speaker is Suffield High School's environmental teacher **Justin Kaput**, one of this year's recipients of the Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic Grosvenor Teacher Fellows. In December, Justin will be heading out with National Geographic to travel to Antarctica. Justin will touch upon his upcoming fellowship, environmental issues in CT, and the exciting new Environmental Science class offered at Suffield High School.



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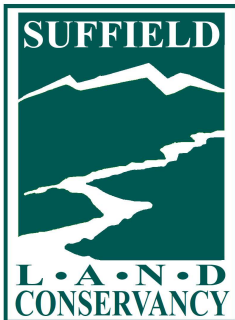
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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 14, Sunday	9am	Trail Work Day <i>@ New South Grand Property</i>
November 8, Thursday	7pm	Annual Meeting <i>@ Suffield Senior Center</i>
February 2, Saturday	Noon-3pm	Annual Ice Harvest <i>@ Noble & Cooley Mill Pond Granville, MA</i>

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please use the enclosed envelope for your annual membership renewal.
Thank you for supporting Suffield Land Conservancy!



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