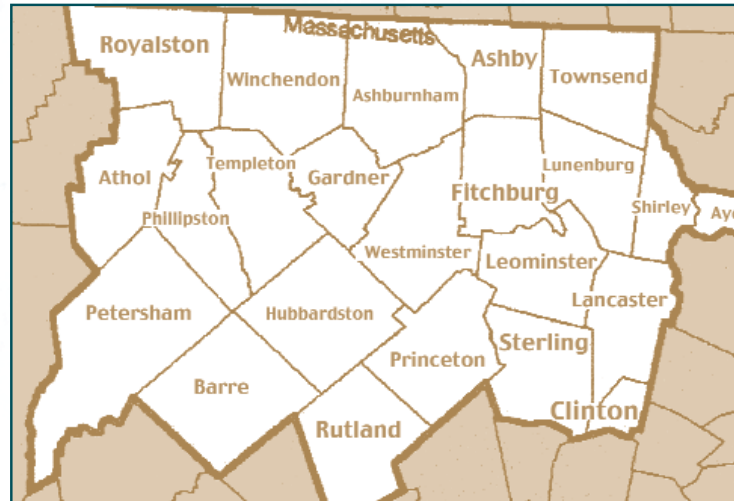


# North County Land Trust, Inc.

P.O. Box 2052 Fitchburg, MA. 01420

## To our members...

*Thank you for your commitment to the protection of open space in our region*



## Our Focus Area

## Please join us...

*For the past 10 years, NCLT has successfully completed 15 land protection projects in our Focus Area, conserving more than 800 acres of open space. We depend on your support to build on our success.*

## To become a member...

Please contact our **Director of Land Protection:**

**Janet Morrison, Esq.**

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### Board of Directors:

- President, William Marshall • Treasurer, Brian Roberts •
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*Our mission is to protect the land and water resources of north central Massachusetts, by preserving the farms, forests and landscapes that define the character of our region.*

## Director of Land Protection is awarded MS in Environmental Studies

Our *Director of Land Protection*, Janet Morrison recently graduated from Antioch New England Graduate School, where she earned a *Master of Science in Environmental Studies, Resource Management and Administration*.

Janet, who is also a lawyer, looks forward to using her professional skills to build the capacity and increase the effectiveness of the North County Land Trust.



## Campaign for the Trust

We have begun a fund-raising campaign to increase the Trust's capacity over the next three years, through pledges and donations. The Campaign kicked off with an event in May at the Fay Club in Fitchburg, hosted by Bigelow and Jeanne Crocker. To date, we have received pledges and donations of over \$25,000, toward our goal of raising \$35,000 in 2003.

## Stewardship Committee

The job of maintaining, monitoring and protecting our conservation land is an important one and we need your help. Please join a stewardship committee for a property in your area. Please contact our Director of Land Protection for more information. Volunteers are needed for the following properties:

- Crocker Conservation Area, Fitchburg •
- Rome Conservation Area, Gardner •

## Strategic Planning

This fall, the NCLT Board of Directors embarked on their first strategic planning effort. Directors took time from their busy schedules to participate in a strategic planning retreat to chart the future course of North County Land Trust. We are working to develop strategies for the most effective use of our resources to achieve our land protection goals.

Echo Hill (cover image) is a 47 acre orchard and woodland in Fitchburg, protected by a Conservation Restriction held by the Trust. This property was recently sold by the donor of the conservation restriction, Bartow Kelly. The new owner is enjoying his period home, surrounded by permanently protected conservation land.

## Biodiversity Day at the Crocker Conservation Area

The rain stopped in time for our annual Biodiversity Day walk on the Crocker Conservation Area in June. In preparation for the day, members of the CCA Stewardship Committee joined staff and students of the Applewild School and members of the Prospect and Arlington Street Neighborhood Association for two clean up days on the conservation area. We thank Applewild Head of School, John Aimé and his wife Katie for their help and support. Thanks also go to Ann Calcaterra and members of the neighborhood association for their help and interest in supporting conservation land in their neighborhood.



Can you guess the circumference of this sugar maple tree? This question was posed to participants in our Biodiversity Day walk on the Crocker Conservation Area. The correct answer is 14.5 feet!

## Campaign Pledges and Contributions

Lucy Crocker Abisalih	Charles Gelinas
Banknorth, Massachusetts	Eva M. Hakala
Peter Bovenzi	Linda Hoffman
Christopher W. Bramley	Bartow Kelly
Bigelow Crocker, Jr. and Jeanne Crocker	Rosemary C. Kemp
David Crocker	Brandon Kibbe
Lucilla Crocker	William C. Marshall and Donna C. Marshall
Martha P. Crocker	Susanne Richey
Todd and Caroline Crocker	Brian Roberts
Lorraine DeSouza	Allen Rome
Fitchburg Savings Bank	Henri L. Sans, Jr.
Allan D. Foster	Carolyn C. Winslow
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We want to thank all those who contributed to our fundraising campaign this year.