

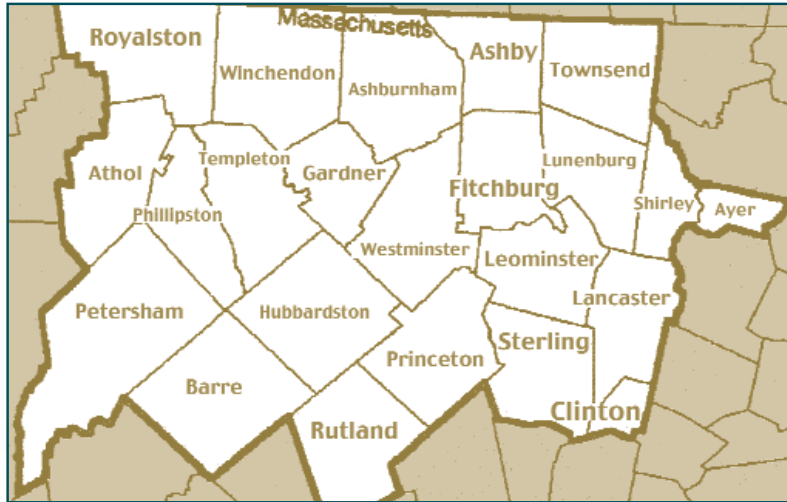
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To our members...

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



NCLT 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 upon your support to build on our success.

To become a member...

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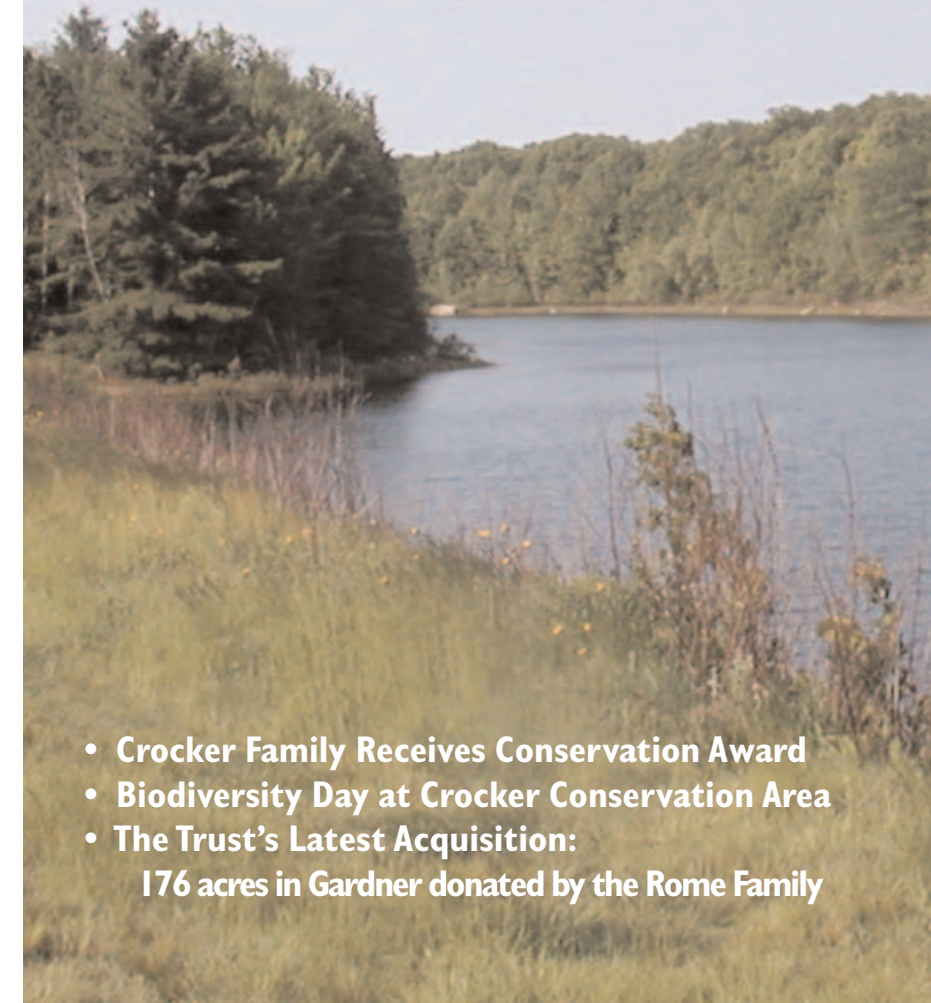
Newsletter

Spring - 2003

NORTH COUNTY
LAND TRUST, Inc.



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.



- Crocker Family Receives Conservation Award
- Biodiversity Day at Crocker Conservation Area
- The Trust's Latest Acquisition:
176 acres in Gardner donated by the Rome Family

The Crocker Family Receives Conservation Leadership Award



Award recipients: Rosemary C. Kemp, Bigelow Crocker, Jr. and Carolyn C. Winslow

In Feb., 2003 the Crocker Family received a Conservation Leadership award, in a program which honored Worcester County conservationists. The program was sponsored by Massachusetts Audubon Society and the Worcester Garden Club. This award recognizes the Crocker Family's generous donations of conservation land to the Trust and to Massachusetts Audubon Society:

- The 150 - acre Crocker Conservation Area in Fitchburg
- The 350 - acre Audubon Flat Rock Wildlife Sanctuary in Fitchburg
- Central part of the 1,024-acre Audubon Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary-Princeton

The Rome Property in Gardner is the Trust's newest acquisition.



Biodiversity Day at the Crocker Conservation Area



Gabriel ponders the meaning of biodiversity.

Families and friends of the Trust joined Bigelow and Jeanne Crocker, local officials and neighbors for a walk on the Crocker Conservation Area on Biodiversity Day, June 1, 2002. Led by the Trust's Director of Land Protection, Janet Morrison, the walk started at Overlook Reservoir (on which the Trust holds a conservation restriction) and proceeded around the reservoir. The group stopped along the way to discuss the history of the reservoir (which dates from 1863) and to watch the sunfish in the water. The walk proceeded into the adjacent Audubon Flat Rock Sanctuary and to the top of the hill. Some participants were surprised to learn that Crocker Conservation Area is the keystone of a large, contiguous area of open space in northern Fitchburg, which includes the Audubon Sanctuary and Fitchburg water supply land. This large tract of open space, comprising about 2000 acres, provides habitat for a wide variety of wildlife and is an important natural resource for area residents.



The group gathers at the new Crocker Conservation Area sign kiosk before the walk. Our kiosk was built by carpentry students from Montachusett Regional Voc.Tech.H.S.



Through the generous donation of Arlene Rome, widow of the late Joseph L. Rome, the Trust has acquired 176 acres of forested land in northern Gardner. The Rome Property was donated in connection with a residential development project, whose residents will benefit from public access to this open space. The Rome Property is drained by Wilder Brook and it is contiguous to other state and municipally owned conservation land.

Land Protected in the Trust's Focus Area

With the acquisition of the Rome Property in Gardner, North County Land Trust, Inc. now protects more than 800 acres of conservation land in 6 communities in our Focus Area.

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