

Southern Monadnock Plateau Project is Funded!

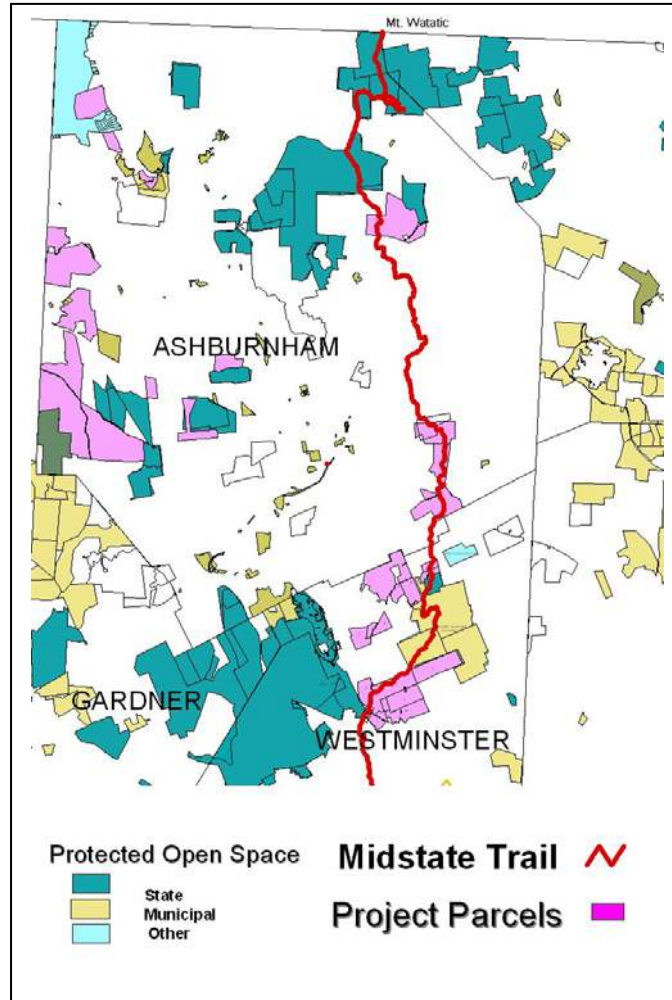
The “Southern Monadnock Plateau” Forest Legacy Project, a project to conserve open space along the Midstate Trail in Westminster and Ashburnham, has received a \$2.5 million federal Forest Legacy Program grant. A permanent easement for the Midstate Trail will be included.

Conservation Partnership

The Southern Monadnock Plateau Project is the result of a partnership that includes North County Land Trust the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Ashburnham Conservation Trust, and the Westminster Open Space Committee. The project includes the protection of 1,000 acres of land in the Midstate Trail Corridor in Westminster and Ashburnham, as well as an additional 1,270 acres in western Ashburnham. The \$2.5 million funding obtained will help pay for the protection of approximately 800 acres of land and over one mile of the Midstate Trail.

Midstate Trail

The Midstate Trail is an historic long-distance trail that bisects the state. Its northern-most section runs from Mount Wachusett in Princeton to Mt. Watatic in Ashburnham. In Westminster, and Ashburnham the Trail runs mostly through private land. The project protects the Midstate Trail, while also conserving hundreds of acres of open space in our region.



Conservation Restrictions Protect Land in Private Ownership

Landowners who choose to participate in the project are paid for the development rights on their land. The land under **conservation restriction** will remain in private ownership. Landowners can use the land and earn income from it. The land remains on the town’s tax rolls. The land can be bought and sold but it can never be developed.

Upcoming Events on Our Conservation Areas

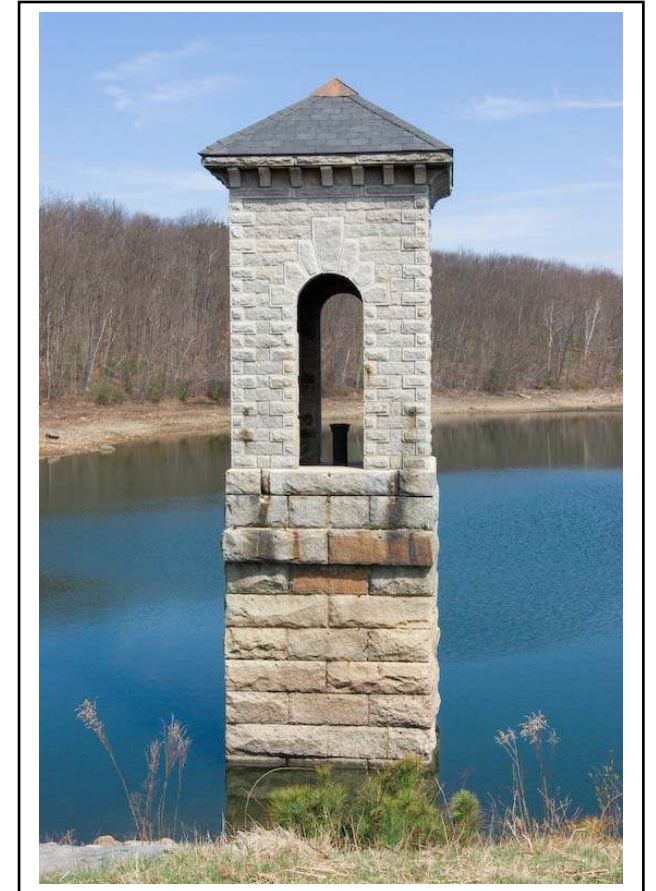
Crocker Conservation Area, Fitchburg

Help us celebrate the restoration of historic Overlook Reservoir Gatehouse and thank the generous donors whose contributions made this project possible. Please join us for brunch at Applewild School on Saturday, June 2nd at 8:00 AM. A hike to the gatehouse will follow.

Overlook Gatehouse Restoration Project was sponsored by NCLT. →

Rome Conservation Area, Gardner

Our **Annual Meeting** will take place at the Gardner Fish and Gun Club on Saturday June 9th at 10:00 AM. Awards for our photo contest, “The Natural Beauty of Gardner” will be announced and photos will be displayed. Light refreshments will be served. A hike along Bailey Brook will follow the meeting.



Membership Makes a Difference!

North County Land Trust depends on membership dues and contributions to fund our operating budget, stewardship of our conservation areas and our land protection work. Please take a moment to make a contribution and join us in the important work we do.

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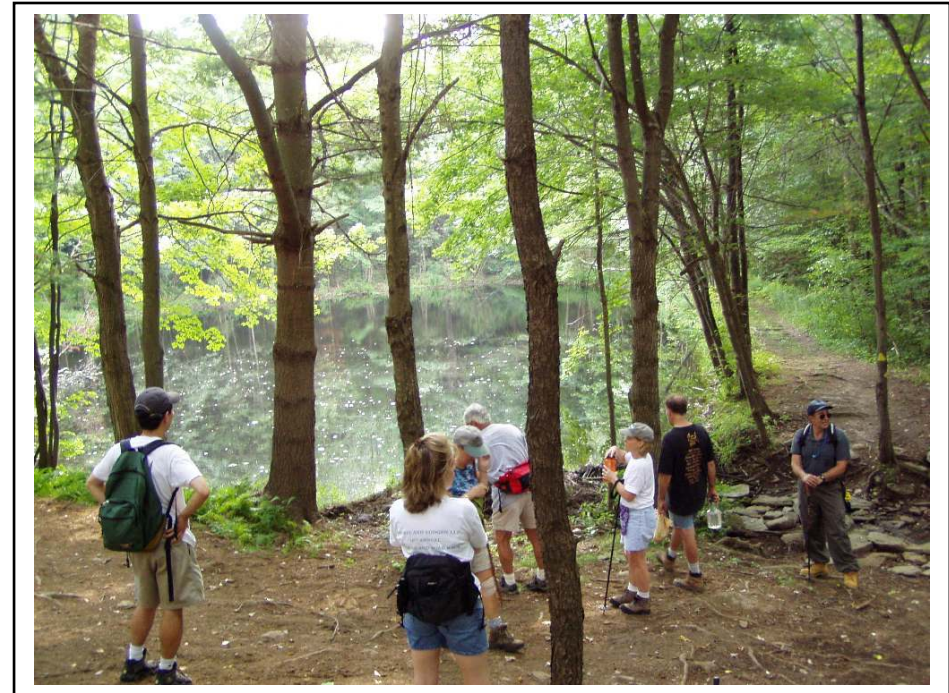


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Hikers at Muddy Pond
On the Midstate Trail
Westminster, Mass.

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.