Our Mission …

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.
NCLT Continues Environmental Ed. Program at Fitchburg’s Longsjo Middle School

With funding from the Ansin Foundation and the help of old and new partners, NCLT completed another successful Fitchburg Environmental Education Program during the 2012-2013 school year. This program served 126 5th graders at Longsjo Middle School, providing experiential, hands-on science instruction during the fall and spring. Field trips were an important part of the program. Students had the opportunity to learn new things in familiar environments, including the Nashua River and NCLT’s own Crocker Conservation Area, both within walking distance of the school.

NCLT Provides New Environmental Education Programs for 3rd graders in Gardner and Hubbardston

For the first time this year, NCLT provided environmental education programs to elementary schools in Gardner and Hubbardston. The programs were funded by a grant from the Gardner Cultural Council and a private donor in Hubbardston; they served 70 students in Gardner’s Helen Mae Sauter Elementary School and 64 students in the Hubbardston Center School. Led by NCLT’s Environmental Educator, Laurie Nehring, these experiential science programs encourage students to see, feel and experience what it’s like to be a woodlands creature.

NCLT Continues Successful Nature Walks in Fitchburg, Gardner, Hubbardston and Leominster

In the past year, NCLT and our partner, Mass. Audubon Society organized 22 hikes on 6 conservation areas in Fitchburg, Gardner, Hubbardston and Leominster. More than 175 people enjoyed these guided hikes on NCLT and Audubon conservation areas. The Fitchburg hikes were supported by a grant from the Fitchburg Cultural Council.

Our new Environmental Education partner this year is Applewild School, whose 8th grade students mentored Longsjo Middle School 5th graders. We want to thank the continued participation of our loyal partners, Massachusetts Audubon Society and the Nashua River Watershed Association.

Applewild and Longsjo Middle School students worked together, making careful observations of natural objects and writing detailed descriptions of them.
They may not look like conservationists, but Patricia Smith and Mary Jane Rodecki have proven that they are. Patricia and Mary Jane are sisters who grew up in a small house set on 122 acres on the Otter River in Gardner. This month, in a project facilitated by NCLT, with funding from a state Water Supply Protection grant and a federal Forest Legacy grant, the land owned by the sisters and their family for 100 years will become the Cummings Otter River Conservation Area, owned by the City of Gardner. NCLT wishes to thank the landowners for conserving their land and the City of Gardner for its patience and assistance in seeing this project to a successful conclusion.
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Thanks, Jenn!

Our spring trail work day on Rome Conservation Area in Gardner was the last stewardship event Jenn Tuomala will organize for us, before her AmeriCorps service with NCLT ends in August. Jenn has served as NCLT’s Land Steward for 2 years through the MassLIFT AmeriCorps program. In addition to trail stewardship, Jenn prepared Baseline Documentation Reports, monitored conservation restrictions and worked with Stewardship Committees. We wish Jenn the best of luck in her future endeavors.

NCLT’s Program Coordinator, Laurie Nehring and hikers listen for a response to her owl call at the “Owl Prowl” on Fitchburg’s Crocker Conservation Area in May. Laurie has had excellent success calling in Barred Owls, to the delight of hike participants.