

President's Message

I am pleased to report that the state of North County Land Trust (NCLT) is strong. We are well positioned to fulfill our mission and to meet our 2007 goals. We have an active Board of Directors, a dedicated Executive Director and a growing, enthusiastic membership.

Massachusetts is the birthplace of America's land trust movement, with the founding of The Trustees of Reservations (TTOR) in 1891. Currently, there are over 150 land trusts in our state with membership of more than 250,000 households and with a record of more than 300,000 acres protected. NCLT, founded in 1992, carries on this proud tradition of land conservation in our Focus Area of northern Worcester County and northwestern Middlesex County.

Over the past year, NCLT has accomplished much, as reflected in the "2006 Year in Review" section of this report. We have met or exceeded our goals in all areas. Communication is one of the most important factors in any organization. The creation of our new website contributes tremendously to our ability to reach out to the residents and businesses of our Focus Area.

The NCLT Board has developed a comprehensive set of goals for 2007 in the areas of Land Protection Projects, Community Partnerships, Membership & Fundraising, and Organizational Development. New federal & state laws will help us in meeting our Land Protection goals, through additional incentives for private landowners to choose conservation for their land. Accomplishing these goals will also require a team effort utilizing our most important resources; the NCLT Board, Staff, and Membership. Because people are our most important resource, we will be working aggressively to increase our membership this year. I ask all of our current members to help in this goal. Over the upcoming months, please take a moment to speak with friends, relatives, co-workers, community leaders, and businesses about joining NCLT.

I would like to acknowledge the important contributions of former board members Glenn Eaton and Allen Rome. Their guidance and dedication over the past several years has been essential to fulfilling our mission. I would like to also welcome Paul DeMeo and Paula Packard to the NCLT Board. In closing, I thank our members who continue to be generous in donating both their time and money to ensuring the success of our land trust.

Alan Rousseau, President

2006-The Year in Review

Land Protection Projects – *Some Successes!*

At year-end, the *Southern Monadnock Plateau* Forest Legacy project was well on its way to final funding. The \$2.5 million grant will protect over 800 acres in Ashburnham and Westminster in the Midstate Trail Corridor.

In Gardner, we reached an agreement with a developer for the donation of 50 acres of prime habitat on Bailey Brook. Easements will link the *Bailey Brook Conservation Area* to our Rome Conservation Area.

Our Conservation Areas – *New Trails Built by Local Teens*

It was a good year for trail building projects involving young people in the community. In Gardner, 1.5 miles of new trails were built and trail signs were erected by Eagle Scout, Tom Rousseau and the Boy Scouts of Troop 4 on the *Rome Conservation Area*. On the *Crocker Conservation Area* in Fitchburg, a teen work crew was sponsored by Red Line Wall Systems and the Montachusett Opportunity Council's Summer Youth Works Program. In addition to constructing 1.5 miles of new trails and erecting trail signs on the CCA, the crew did trail maintenance and clean up work in other areas of the community.

Our Organization – *Growing with Community Support*

North County Land Trust continues to grow stronger each year, with new members, new Directors and new sources of revenue. We have been heartened by the support of the Town of Westminster for our work on the Southern Monadnock Plateau project. We are grateful for the strong community support for our stewardship programs, which allowed us to complete trail building projects on both conservation areas.

The Conservation Community – *Partnerships for Success*

NCLT is active in the Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition and in other groups which help us to achieve our land protection mission. To be effective in the areas we serve, we must work with partners. Partnerships enable us to undertake large regional land protection projects, like the Southern Monadnock Plateau project. Partnerships allow us to leverage and share resources, as we've done with the Westminster Open Space Committee, to achieve important land protection goals in the community.

Goals for 2007 – *Realistic Expectations:*

1. **Land Protection Projects:** We expect our work in the following areas to result in some successful land conservation projects: Fitchburg Water Supply, Russell and Jewell Hills in Ashburnham and the Midstate Trail corridor in Westminster
2. **Community Partnerships:** We are working to build partnerships in Lunenburg and Hubbardston which will enable us to work more effectively with landowners and residents who are interested in conservation.
3. **Membership and Fundraising:** We expect to have a membership drive in Gardner and Westminster, to increase our support in these communities. We will also reach out to community members who have a special capacity to contribute.
4. **Organizational Development:** We will continue to work hard to show we deserve the support we need to continue our work. We will strive to keep our membership and the community aware of our land protection work and to provide an enjoyable and enriching experience in our conservation areas.

Janet Morrison, Esq.
Executive Director/Director of Land Protection

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2006 Financial Report

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Board of Directors:

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Trevor Bonilla

Sharon Cronin

Paul DeMeo

Clayton Hobart

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Revenues

Membership Dues & Contributions	34,446.00
Bd. Designated Funds	17,904.00
Grants	8,786.00
Bank interest	168.00
Reimbursed Expenses	60.00

Total Revenues 61,364.00

Expenses

Contract Labor	45,625.00
Conferences & Memberships	790.00
Insurance	785.00
Printing & Copies	764.00
Office Supplies & Miscellaneous	1,372.00
Postage and Delivery	424.00
Travel	1,259.00
Telephone	342.00
Computer & Software	426.00
Land Stewardship & Protection	6,460.00

Total Expense 58,247.00

Net Income 3,117.00



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