

February 19, 2021

Dear Ruth,

I hope this letter finds you well and safe during these challenging times. It seems like yesterday that our group formed the Hartland Land Trust (HLT). I want to thank you for being one of our founding members. I hope that you have been receiving our annual newsletter so that you can remain informed of our activities. Since 2006, we have accomplished a great deal. We are a major presence in the town providing our educational programs and have worked to preserve over 250 acres of pristine forest wetlands.

I am pleased to inform you that on December 15<sup>th</sup> of last year, HLT acquired a 52-acre parcel in the area near your property. This parcel will be added to a 65-acre parcel that HLT purchased on October 30, 2019 to form what will be known as the **Mill District Nature Preserve (MDNP)**. HLT was the recipient of grants from Audubon Connecticut's In Lieu Fee Program and from the Farmington River Coordinating Committee that have enabled our land trust to purchase two beautiful parcels from the Stoeke and Bosco families. These two adjoining properties combined with our Bassett / Kell Preserve and the Connecticut Audubon's Pasquariello Wildlife Sanctuary means you now have approximately 280 protected acres in your neighborhood.

Under the terms of the Audubon grant, HLT is obligated to maintain the Preserve as "protected property" in perpetuity. We contracted the prominent local ecologist Harry White to write the Conservation and Management plan that will guide our actions on the Preserve. It is our intent to maintain the pristine character of this beautiful land to the best of our abilities.

Please feel free to contact me at (860)379-5868 with any questions or concerns you may have about the Mill District Preserve or HLT's management of the property.

With my best wishes,

Fred Jones,

HLT President