

February 19, 2021

Dear Neighbor,

I am pleased to inform you that on December 15th of last year, Hartland Land Trust (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 250 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.

HLT is looking forward to partnering with our neighbors and would welcome your participation in the activities of our organization – by attending any of our meetings, by becoming members of HLT, or by joining with us in the stewardship of the Preserve. We are enclosing some information on HLT and our recent activities. In addition, I encourage you to contact me at (860)379-5868 with any concerns you may have about the Mill District Preserve or HLT's management of the property.

With my best wishes,

Fred W. Jones,
HLT President