



# BETHANY LAND TRUST

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Dear Bethany Friends and Neighbors,

Again we look back on a busy year for the Bethany Land Trust!

At the end of last year (after the 2008 annual letter was mailed) we were the recipient of a gift of the 4.4 acre Niederman Field Conservation Easement which abuts our own Niederman Sizer Field. Investigation of the conservation features of the property revealed the presence of an Eastern Meadowlark, a species of concern in Connecticut.

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New Marquee signs with maps were placed on Mendell's Folly and Bethany Farms featuring the J.B. Gardner Trails. The Trust completed clearing and blazing the Watch Hill Trails. Maps for these and other properties are featured on our website www.bethanylandtrust.org and are also available at Bethany Town Hall. The Land Trust also purchased a mapping GPS to help locate and map our trails and boundaries. Over time these maps will be added to the Land Trust web site to help our members enjoy the properties.

As we have done in the past, we continued to sponsor programs on local nature, plants and animals. This past year the Land Trust co-sponsored with other area land trusts a talk at the Yale Peabody Museum by Scott Weidensaul about migratory birds. Linda Francois was a speaker at the Connecticut Land Conservation Conference on the subject of Conservation Easements

Andrew Maude completed his Eagle Scout Nature Trail project on the Carrington Lowell property. The Land Trust congratulates Andrew and BSA Troop 59, who spent 130 man hours on the project. With the cooperation of neighboring landowners we will soon be erecting a pedestrian friendly gate at the end of the paved section of Northup Road where the unpaved woods road leads down toward the Mendell's Folly Preserve.

The Bethany Land Trust is an all-volunteer, non-profit, IRS recognized charitable corporation. We currently provide protection and preservation of open space for over 430 acres of land in Bethany. We welcome your input and participation. Please help us to move forward into the New Year.

Sincerely,

Joel Nesson, Membership Chair  
Bethany Land Trust

***Your tax-deductible contribution or membership fee will help preserve Bethany's open space for the future. Please make checks payable to Bethany Land Trust, Inc.***

( ) \$15.00 ( ) \$25.00 ( ) \$50.00 ( ) \$100.00 ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) Life Membership (Individual or Family) \$250.00 ( ) Acquisition Fund \_\_\_\_\_.

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