

CANTON LAND CONSERVATION TRUST

NEWSLETTER

Winter/Spring 1978 Edition

Greetings !

Here we are again, reporting that the Canton Land Conservation Trust is alive and well. We'd also like to tell you -

- we have acquired another parcel of land
- what we learned from our Land Use survey
- there is a Land Trust walk planned for May 21st (if the snow ever melts)
- our Annual Meeting is not all that far away, either
- it's time to RENEW your membership, unless you just did; or, if you are not yet a member, now's the time to join.

Look for details of these and other stories inside.

NEW ACQUISITION:

Over the Christmas Holidays, the Land Trust was the recipient of a gift of seven acres, more or less, southerly of Ridge Road in North Canton. Donors of the property were Mr. Mark C. Yellin and Mr. Robert Yellin. The land is rear land, not fronting on the highway, but as part of the gift the Trust was given a 25-foot right of way to reach the property.

We are delighted with the gift, deeply grateful to the Yellins for their generosity, and eager to mark the property so that Trust members and all residents may use and enjoy it.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME:	Type of Membership
ADDRESS:	<input type="checkbox"/> Patron \$ 100.00
CITY/TOWN	<input type="checkbox"/> Life 50.00
PHONE:	<input type="checkbox"/> Contributing 25.00
Mail application and payment to:	<input type="checkbox"/> Family 10.00
Canton Land Conservation Trust	(dues and gifts are
Box 38, Canton Connecticut 16019	tax-exempt)

CLCT -- PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

During 1977, the Canton Land Conservation Trust paused to take stock of its accomplishments since its organization in 1972 and to explore the best means for making the Town of Canton aware of the Trust properties and of making these properties available for appropriate recreation.

In February 1977 Trust members and others enjoyed a snowshoe/cross country ski trip up Indian Hill on land of the Frud'hommes. In May there was an early-morning bird walk, in June a day of canoeing on the Farmington River. Other winter activities, including ice skating and a sleigh ride, had to be cancelled due to uncooperative weather. Within the past month, members spent a cold but sunny afternoon at winter sports on our Capen property. All of these activities were open to dues paying members of the Trust and to the people of the Town of Canton and were publicized in the newspaper which, aside from our annual newsletter, is our only means of communicating with the town. Present printing and mailing charges are too expensive for an organization which receives very limited financial assistance through annual dues. Increased support by residents would permit a broader publicity and information program to inform the town.

Late in 1977 the Trust conducted a successful and very popular sale of firewood from Land Trust property thanks to the efforts of directors, members, and volunteers including Boy Scouts. Although the effort was marred by the theft of some of the wood, some income was realized and the participants enjoyed a day of exercise and fellowship.

In December, the Trust received an additional seven acres of land in North Canton, south of Ridge Road, together with a right of way to provide access from the highway. This was a gift from Mark and Robert Yellin.

We look forward to greater participation by members and prospective members in future activities of the Trust. The land we acquire is for the benefit of the public, not for limited use by a small group of individuals.

Robert Ferguson
President, CLCT

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LAND USE SURVEY RESULTS

Last year at this time, the Canton Land Conservation Trust mailed a questionnaire to every Canton resident. We asked your feelings about land use in Canton, and what sorts of areas most need preservation. Here is a summary of what we learned:

Five natural features received many votes for preservation: Ratlum Mountain, Breezy Hill, Onion Mountain, the Farmington River, and Cherry Brook. Many other sites were mentioned, including the view on Morgan Road and on Case Street, "any natural swimming area", land adjoining Roaring Brook Nature Center, and several abandoned town roads.

Most respondents prefer to see the Trust direct its energies toward acquiring more land, rather than establishing a network of hiking trails. A number of people asked for a trail from the Granby border to Onion Mountain, then south and west through Roaring Brook Nature Center, however.

The overwhelming majority of respondents spoke very strongly in favor of additional land acquisition and general furtherance of the Trust's goals, although two people felt that we have gone too far and are hurting development in Canton.

A number of responses indicated that some of the Trust's acquisitions are not well marked, and that boundaries and permitted uses of the properties are not publicized. As a result, the Trust is preparing a series of guides, which will answer these questions. We can use help on this project.

We appreciate your responses to our survey, we're heeding what you have told us, and we intend to make the CLCT and Canton the better for it. Thanks !

(Anyone desiring a more complete summary of the survey should contact Bill Danielson in Canton Center.)

UPCOMING . . .

On Sunday, May 21st, the Trust will hold a Spring Walk, at our property on Doyle Road donated by Dr. W. Smith.

At about that same time, our annual meeting will take place. This year it will be an outdoor affair, with cookout supper. Watch the newspapers for details! (Members will receive direct mailings of the announcements.)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. What is the Canton Land Conservation Trust ?

A. CLCT is an organization devoted to preserving some of Canton's most beautiful and typical natural places, so that all Canton people forever will be able to enjoy them.

Q. Do other towns have land trusts ?

A. Yes. Farmington, Avon, Simsbury, Granby and New Hartford all have trusts.

Q. Who can become a member ?

A. Glad you asked. Anyone who wishes to. See the membership application on page 1.

Q. Who supports the Trust ?

A. Lots of your friends and neighbors who enjoy the Canton outdoors. Our membership list is on page 5.

Q. How much property does the Trust own ?

A. About 125 acres, on eight sites in town.

Q. Who runs the Trust ?

A. A board of 15 directors, elected by members at our Annual Meeting. (Current Directors are listed on page 2.)

Q. How many paid employees work for the Land Trust ?

A. None. We are all volunteers. Some are entrusted to

Q. Is the Land Trust hurting development by removing land from the free market ?

A. No. The Trust's acreage is less than 1 % of the land in Canton, and less than $\frac{1}{2}$ that covered by paved roads. Furthermore, much of our land is wetland, rocky outcropping, and other naturally beautiful but un-developable acreage. Thus the impact is insignificant; its biggest effect is to increase adjacent property values. Preserved open space is a valuable commodity to a town.

Q. Is this the last question ?

A. Yes.

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