

September 22, 2021



Dear Member Land Trusts of the Lower Connecticut River and Coastal Region Land Trust Exchange:

Please find below the Agenda for the Lower Connecticut River Land Trust's (LCRLT) **September 29th, 7pm to 8:30 PM zoom meeting** (zoom link on agenda) of the members of the Land Trust Exchange (LTE). At the end of July you received a save the date letter. We hope you were able to distribute it to the members of your organization as all are encouraged and welcome to attend. We had hoped to be able to meet in person, but feel as we navigate the new concerns surrounding the pandemic, that it is best we meet on line. At this meeting we will reintroduce you to what the LTE has accomplished prior to COVID, what the LCRLT has been working on in your behalf during this most unusual time, and to hear from you about what will be useful for your organization in its future conservation efforts and corresponding service needs.

If you are unfamiliar with the LTE and the LCRLT please see the informational document that is included below following the Agenda and visit www.lcrclandtrustexchange.org. Of the many resources available there, both current and historical, 2 important ones include your beautiful regional case statement for conservation, [Inheritance](#) (of which we have hard copies available for your members and community functions) and the regional conservation plan, [The Lower CT River and Coastal Region Land Trust Exchange Natural Resource Based Strategic Conservation Plan, A GIS Overlay Analysis](#). The website is currently being revised to accommodate both organizations.

We look forward to hearing from, and seeing all of you and your members on the 29th,


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Agenda

LCRLT / LTE Meeting

Wednesday, September 29, 2021 7:00 – 8:30 PM Zoom

Online Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81594251135?pwd=SkRXM082UXRmVWxxU1hsY3UzZzNzd09>

7:00

History and Accomplishments of LTE

- Draft Regional Plan of Conservation and Development

LCRLT Overview

- LCRLT Information Document

7:20

CLCC & LCRLT Advanced Collaboration Assistance Program Project

Amy Paterson, Executive Director – Ct Land Conservation Council

7:35

Land Trust Service Needs Survey

7:55

Agriculture Grant – Regional Agricultural Council

8:00

Next Steps and Communications - what's going on with your land trust?

Q&A

River COG is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: LTE & LCRLT Meeting

Time: Sep 29, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Brainerd Quarry, Haddam, Looking West
M. Burns Photo

THE LOWER CONNECTICUT RIVER LAND TRUST

www.lcrclandtrustexchange.org - 145 Dennison Road, Essex, CT

Mission:

The Lower Connecticut River Land Trust works to conserve, study, steward, and promote the unique values and scientific significance, natural and working lands, and historic, ecologic, cultural, and scenic resources of the communities of the Lower Connecticut River Valley Region.

In 2018 the Lower Connecticut River Land Trust (LCRLT), a 501(c)(3), was reincarnated and its geographic scope expanded. The LCRLT was born to serve the Connecticut River Gateway Commission (Gateway) and its efforts to conserve the scenic and ecological values of the Connecticut River Gateway Conservation Zone. It now also serves the land and community conservation



needs of the 13 land trusts and Gateway Commission, 17 member municipalities of the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments (RiverCOG), and all other conservation and community organizations that serve the conservation needs of the lower River region who wish to become members.

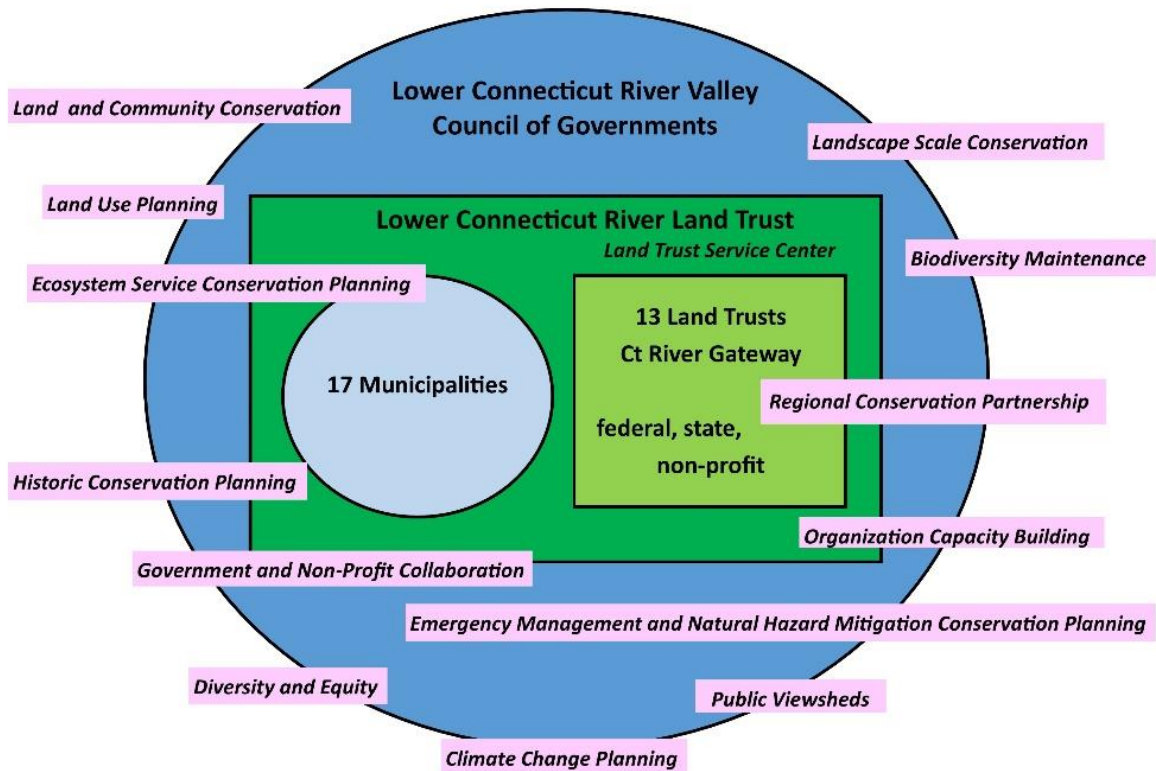


The Gateway Conservation Zone lays within the RiverCOG region and includes portions of the most southern eight towns of the lower Connecticut River valley that lay along the River from Haddam and East Haddam south to Long Island Sound. It includes scenic viewsheds from the River looking towards the land. The geographic scope of the LCRLT has grown through the efforts of RiverCOG. These efforts include programming and planning

work with the land trusts and 17 communities of the region, started in 2009 by one of its preceding organizations, the Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency. This work established what is known as a regional conservation partnership (RCP). Our RCP includes the informal organization of the Lower Connecticut River and Coastal Region Land Trust Exchange (LTE) whose participants include the 13 land trusts and Gateway, and the region's federal and state partners.

LOWER CONNECTICUT RIVER REGIONAL CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP

Partnering Through Conservation For Community Health and Well Being



The purpose of the LTE and the RCP is to 1.) build capacity of the member land trusts and 2.) involve and include their conservation perspective and purpose in the local and regional land use planning process in order to increase the pace and quality of land conservation and stewardship in the region at a landscape scale. The purpose of the LCRLT is to provide a formal structure to support the LTE land trusts working collaboratively together within the region to secure funding, services, and educational programming as well as increasing community and state-wide awareness of its member organizations. Permanent members of the LCRLT include, 11 of the LTE member organizations (land trusts and Gateway) and the 17 member municipalities of RiverCOG.

For more information or to become a member please contact Sam Gold, Executive Director @ 860-581-8554 or by email @ info@rivercog.org .