



**Supporting the Conservation Needs of the Land Trusts and Communities of the Lower Connecticut River Region**

**Agenda**  
**Special Meeting of the LCRLT And**  
**Lower Connecticut River and Coastal Region**  
**Land Trust Exchange (LTE)**  
**ZOOM Meeting**  
**May 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 8:00**

**6:30 – 6:45 Special Meeting of the LCRLT Members**  
**Membership Vote**  
**Election of LCRLT Member Jim Irish, Middlefield to Board of Directors**

**6:45 – 7:30 LTE Meeting**  
**LCRLT Project for Funding Stewardship Discussion and Presentation**

- **The Lower Connecticut River 100 Trail Adventure**

**7:30 – 8:00 Regional Agricultural Council No-Till Grant**

The Regional Agriculture Council (RAC) of the RiverCOG would like to work with the Lower CT River Valley and Coastal Region Land Trust Exchange in developing partnerships for local farmer to farm parcels of land that have been farmed in the past or land that may now be farmed.

The RAC received a grant from the Department of Agriculture to develop a program and to purchase no-till equipment for farmers in the region. Three pieces of equipment have been ordered. They are:

- No-till Drill – Esch drill #5605 from Zimmerman Farm Services, Bethel, PA
- Roller Crimper – 5 foot roller from I&J Manufacturing, Gordonville, PA
- Transplanter – Model #1000 from Mechanical Transplanter Co., Holland, MI

The grant is to get existing farmer or new farmers access to more local land using no-till methods. No-till cropping is a method that provides many benefits to the soil and that can improve crop productivity. The benefits include less soil disruption and better soil management. Also, better soil aggregate which eans better soil structure, better infiltration, better water capacity, decrease in erosion and improved water quality. Other benefits include higher cation exchange capacity, which results in higher soil nutrient holding capacity and greater potential mineralizable nitrogen. No-till also contributes to increased organic matter which is a source of food for soil microbes and the cycling of both macro and micro-nutrients back into forms that plants can use.

The RAC is hoping that the no-till method could be an opportunity to connect farmers with land that could again be farmed in the region.

RiverCOG is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: LCRLT & LTE Meeting

Time: May 18, 2022 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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