Parker Meadow: Open Space Protected in Norwich

Parker Meadow, 8.5 acres of open space in the heart of the village of Norwich, has been conserved!

In the village of Norwich there is an open meadow nestled between Main Street and Blood Brook, behind the Catholic Church. The land is owned by Robert Parker and has been in his family since 1924. His family owned a farm on Main Street and the meadow once provided hay and pasture for the cows. The property includes a deeded right-of-way from Beaver Meadow Road and a walking trail runs from behind the church to the field where Robert mows a path and welcomes the public to enjoy the meadow for light recreational uses.

Read More About Parker Meadow!

Gifts from the Land

"We are back in Florida now (sweating!) but Mason continues to send me updates from his backyard in Canaan...Your program has had a real impact for learning, observation, & protection."
- Ellen Ballard, Mission Monarch participant

During this festive season of giving we wanted to take a moment to look back at all the land has given to us. The land gives both the tangible gifts of food for our neighbors from our Food Pantry Garden and heat for those who need it from...
the Robert Areson Conservation Area as well as the less tangible; the gift learning, of joy, of wonder. The land provides us with open spaces, clean air and water, and places to learn and play.

Want to help give these gifts? Make your donation to UVLT today.

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Volunteers at the Brookmead Food Pantry garden after harvesting 617lbs of potatoes for Willing Hands.

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Hypertherm at the Norwich Woodshed

Back in October employees from Hypertherm participated in a Corporate Service Day with UVLT. The volunteer day was at the Norwich Woodshed, where the group of Hypertherm volunteers bucked, split, and stacked 10 cords of firewood. Seven of those ten cords were donated from the Robert Areson Conservation Area near Burton Woods Road in Norwich. Click the photo for a link to the video and here to read more about this project.

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Permanently Protected in Sharon

On the west side of Clifford Farm Road, north of the intersection with Fay Brook Road in Sharon, are 92 acres of newly conserved land. Most of the parcel is forest that has grown up on abandoned pasture starting over 50 years ago. The southern end of the property contains a more mature forest that has been growing for over 80 years. There are old town and woods roads, stone walls, apple trees, and cellar holes and foundations marking sites of abandoned homesteads. But it’s the 12 acres of high, open land that put the property most at risk.

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View from the fields toward the southern and central Green Mountains.

Wright's Mountain Turns Twenty Five

It’s been twenty five years since the town of Bradford, Vermont purchased and conserved 200 acres of land that includes the summit of Wright’s Mountain. Our Spring 1995 newsletter described the property like this: “An old woods road leads through the property for ¾ of a mile to the open summit ledges which afford a westerly view of the Waits River Valley and the Green Mountains. Except for the exposed ledges, the property is completely forested. Northern hardwoods..."
dominate, although softwoods grow on the ridge, and several dense stands are used as deeryards.

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Upcoming Events

Solstice Hike at Lyme Pinnacle

On December 21st join us at 3pm at the Highbridge Road parking lot to celebrate the returning of the light and the coming new year! This will be a snowshoe or a hike depending on weather conditions. At the top we will have a winter bonfire and watch the sunset. Bring your headlamps or flashlights - we will be coming down in the dark!

More information here.

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