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**WEANTINOGE HERITAGE LAND TRUST
RECEIVES \$11,875 IN GRANTS**

KENT - Weantinoge Heritage Land Trust (Weantinoge), a nonprofit regional land trust based in Kent, CT, started the year by receiving \$11,875 in grant awards to support its environmental education and stewardship programs. The grants leverage an additional \$7,500 of in-kind support

A \$10,000 grant from the national Land Trust Alliance will enable Weantinoge to offer stewardship services to partnering land trusts and a \$1,875 grant from the National Environmental Education Foundation will be used to support three educational hikes at the Kahn and Nostrand Preserves in New Milford this spring and summer. All of Weantinoge's guided hikes are free and open to the public.

Founded in 1965 to benefit the general public through the preservation of natural areas, fish and wildlife, and working farmland, Weantinoge is the largest land trust in the State of Connecticut and the 18th largest in the United States by the number of lands it conserves. Over the organization's 50-year history, Weantinoge has permanently protected more than 9,000 acres in 17 communities throughout Litchfield and northern Fairfield Counties.

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