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**WEANTINOGE HERITAGE LAND TRUST
RECEIVES TWO GRANT AWARDS SUPPORTING
LAND CONSERVATION AND PUBLIC RECREATION**

KENT - Weantinoge Heritage Land Trust (Weantinoge), a nationally accredited, regional land trust based in Kent, CT, received a \$5,000 grant from the Ellen Knowles Harcourt Foundation and \$1,100 grant from the Khurshed Bhungara Fund of The Community Foundation of Northwest Connecticut.

The Ellen Knowles Harcourt Foundation's unrestricted grant will support Weantinoge's ongoing efforts to conserve natural lands, fish and wildlife, and working farmland throughout Northwest Connecticut. Founded in 1965 to benefit the general public through the conservation 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 9,700 acres in 17 communities throughout Litchfield and northern Fairfield Counties. In addition to its regional conservation work, each year Weantinoge provides free environmental education programs to more than 300 children and families.

Funds from The Community Foundation of Northwest Connecticut will be used to support the printing of Weantinoge's updated trail guide, which are widely used by the land trust's members, volunteers, and the general public. Trail maps will also be posted to the organization's website and free to download. Weantinoge currently maintains 12 nature preserves open to the public with almost 18 miles of hiking trails.

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