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MARCH NEWSLETTER

Greetings!

This year marks Weantinoge's 55th anniversary of conserving the lands and waters of Northwest Connecticut. We have been honored during these many years to serve you and the communities of Litchfield and northern Fairfield Counties.

As a guardian of natural and working lands, public recreation areas, and drinking water resources,

Weantinoge permanently protects 10,500 acres (and growing) of vast, connected natural areas. Over the course of our history, we have protected on average seven new conservation properties a year. With you the sky's the limit. Thank you for making this legacy of conservation possible.



This year also marks our first renewal of land trust accreditation. The accreditation program recognizes land conservation organizations that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever. We are excited to renew our commitment to accreditation this year. The Land Trust Accreditation Commission invites public input on pending applications and accepts public comments. We welcome you to do so [here](#) . To learn more about the accreditation program, please visit the Commission's [website](#) .

Thank you,

Catherine

Catherine M. Rawson
Executive Director



CONSERVATION NEWS



Sherman Protected Land Grows

Weantinoge Heritage Land Trust and Naromi Land Trust have partnered to protect 20 acres of important land in Sherman. Naromi and Weantinoge were awarded \$148,800 in two separate grants to protect sensitive wetlands around Naromi's Wimisink Preserve. [Read more.](#)



Foxes, Land, and Lyme Disease

How does land conservation reduce the transmission of Lyme disease? Dr. Tim Hofmeester's research suggests that predators, like foxes, reduce the number of ticks that become infected with the bacteria that causes Lyme disease by controlling the tick's preferred host species, the white-footed mouse. [Read More.](#)



Spring Lambs Arrive at Maple Bank Farm

A brand new lamb declares that March is coming in like a lamb. Weantinoge is working with [Maple Bank Farm](#) and the State of Connecticut's Department of Agriculture to permanently protect this beloved, historic farm that has been in the same family since 1730. [Watch here.](#)

Connecticut's Only Barn Quilt Trail Grows

Did you know that Connecticut's only Barn Quilt Trail is growing? [New Milford's Barn Quilt Trail](#) is adding 10 more barn quilts and Weantinoge's Hunt Hill barn will be included in this expansion. [Read More .](#)

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