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2022

A Love Letter to Nature



Dear Friends,

This “Love Letter to Nature” is more than just an Annual Report—it is the shared, ongoing commitment of TNC and supporters like you to protect this world that we cherish.

It is our passion and promise to protect the environment here in Connecticut and across the globe. But the urgency of our mission—and the drive that animates all our efforts—is born of love.

Love can push us to tremendous new heights, and in the past year we have achieved significant progress by tackling the twin crises of biodiversity loss and rapid climate change at every level, from local to global.

This year, The Nature Conservancy in Connecticut successfully advocated for clean energy legislation in Hartford—a vital step toward achieving our climate goals; helped secure increased federal funding to protect Long Island Sound; expanded our Community Resilience Building process, which collaborates with communities to prepare for climate change; and so much more.

We only succeed because of our indispensable people, partners and supporters, especially our trustees and donors.

Thank you! The accomplishments outlined in these pages are yours to celebrate.

In the year ahead, we will continue to keep the promise that we have made to each other and to future generations. We will protect the lands and waters on which all life depends, and we will do it together.

Yours in conservation,

Dr. Frogard Ryan, Connecticut State Director

Oskar and Louisa Wester-Ebbinghaus, Frogard Ryan and puppy Ella © Ruben Wester-Ebbinghaus

Dear Friends,

“A Love Letter to Nature”—what a wonderful way to introduce myself to The Nature Conservancy’s Connecticut family.

I joined TNC in March 2022 after decades of work in international public policy, sustainability, commodities, supply chain, agribusiness, and global trade arenas, including with the Edelman Global Advisory, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Foreign Agricultural Service, the Senate Finance Committee, and the office of the U.S. Trade Representative. Now at TNC, I lead a team working to achieve policy changes globally, regionally, nationally and locally. One of our primary activities is building state-based influence campaigns that deploy a mixture of advocacy tactics, all to advance climate and clean-energy policies.

Many on my team, including Director of Climate and Energy Policy Jason Albritton, have already worked with the Connecticut Chapter on efforts driven not only by loving nature but also by acting to protect it. Your Board Climate Task Force has crossed borders to make the case for our climate and energy policy priorities to other trustees. You have successfully supported

the passage of important climate legislation. Through your “Connecticut Energy Future” initiative with the Connecticut Green Bank and Connecticut Sustainable Business Council, you boldly engaged more than 40 business leaders. And hats off for your decades-long commitment to get the Long Island Sound Blue Plan passed in 2021.

From the “boots on the ground” in Devil’s Den or Burnham Brook Preserves to the policy teams in the halls of Congress, our work together drives long-term change on climate and energy. We take action through grasstops and grassroots engagement, partnerships and coalition building, strategic communications and research, stakeholder convening and targeted advisors.

It is inspiring to see the Connecticut Chapter already taking many of these actions. Keep up the good work, Connecticut—we need your leadership!

Thank you,

Amb. Darci Vetter, Global Head for Policy and Government Relations



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A Climate Change Call to Action



"Our 'Pale Blue Dot', Mother Earth, is in trouble. From ocean depths to mountain tops, the planet is warming and nature is suffering. For richer or poorer, especially for poorer, all are in danger. Protecting our land and water, The Nature Conservancy mission, now must include combatting climate change and we need your help. What could be more important?"

*—Phillip O. Livingston, M.D.
The Nature Conservancy in CT Trustee*

The childhood trail where you first tested your growing independence. The sound of a murmuring, sunlight-dappled brook that—well before you can even see it—lowers your blood pressure. The vista that takes your breath away, even decades later.

Nature's power often manifests as a place—a hidden glen or well-loved path—that we come to love. And when something we love is in danger, action is immediate and instinctive. Apathy is unthinkable.

Climate change has put nature and people in danger. At The Nature Conservancy in Connecticut, our promise to protect the lands and waters on which all life depends compels us to tackle climate change because even the best-protected forest or cleanest river will struggle to adapt if we fail.

In the 2022 state legislative session, TNC in CT prioritized climate action and successfully advocated for policies that would reduce emissions, accelerate the growth of solar and wind energy, and make Connecticut a regional leader on climate. Our top priority was a bill that would set a legal commitment for Connecticut to transition to a zero-carbon electricity supply by 2040.

TNC in CT experts testified in favor of the legislation and met with representatives. We joined with our allies to organize volunteer phone calls to legislative offices. We wrote and published an opinion piece in the *New London Day* calling for the bill's immediate passage. Nathan Frohling, our Director of External Affairs, joined Governor Lamont at the signing ceremony and told reporters that the new law "is the commitment and focus we need to take action and get the job done to reach a zero-carbon electricity supply."

Our work is part of a global effort, including TNC's deep involvement in crafting the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, which will invest roughly \$370 billion in climate solutions over the next 10 years.

By 2030, TNC will help 100 million people at risk of climate emergencies around the world while reducing or storing 3 billion metric tons of carbon emissions each year. Our work in Connecticut strongly supports this global mission—while helping protect the places we love.

What you can do:

Contact your state legislators and encourage them to support clean energy and climate legislation, including increased state leadership on offshore wind power. As a coastal state, CT can play a key role in advancing offshore wind, one of the most promising sources of renewable energy!

Also this year ...

- Supported TNC's national efforts in favor of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, transformative legislation that will invest roughly \$370 billion in climate solutions over the next 10 years.
- Worked with local and federal officials to secure \$725,000 in federal funding to strengthen coastal resilience in an area vulnerable to flooding and storms at Esker Point Waterfront Park in Groton.
- Hosted our annual "Nature Talks" event virtually and live from COP23 in Glasgow, Scotland.



"A hummingbird that returns to us year after year, the thrill of a leaping salmon as it makes its way to spawning grounds, the beat of the heart of a migratory bird banded on its way to warmer climes held in our hands, the roar of the waves crashing against the shore or the murmur of a river flowing through pristine lands are magical, restorative and the legacy we all wish to pass on so our children's children can also hear the call of nature and revel in its magic."

—Joanie and Jeremy Frost
The Nature Conservancy in CT Trustees

People, Nature & Climate

Their survival depends on the "Resilient and Connected Network"—lands across North America with limited human disturbance, robust microclimates that can withstand climate change, and linkages to other sites in the network. Mapping out these habitats and the natural pathways among them shows where plants and animals have the best chances to find new places to call home. Northwest Connecticut, where the Berkshire Wildlife Linkage serves as a crucial connector for the Appalachians to the north and south, is part of this network.

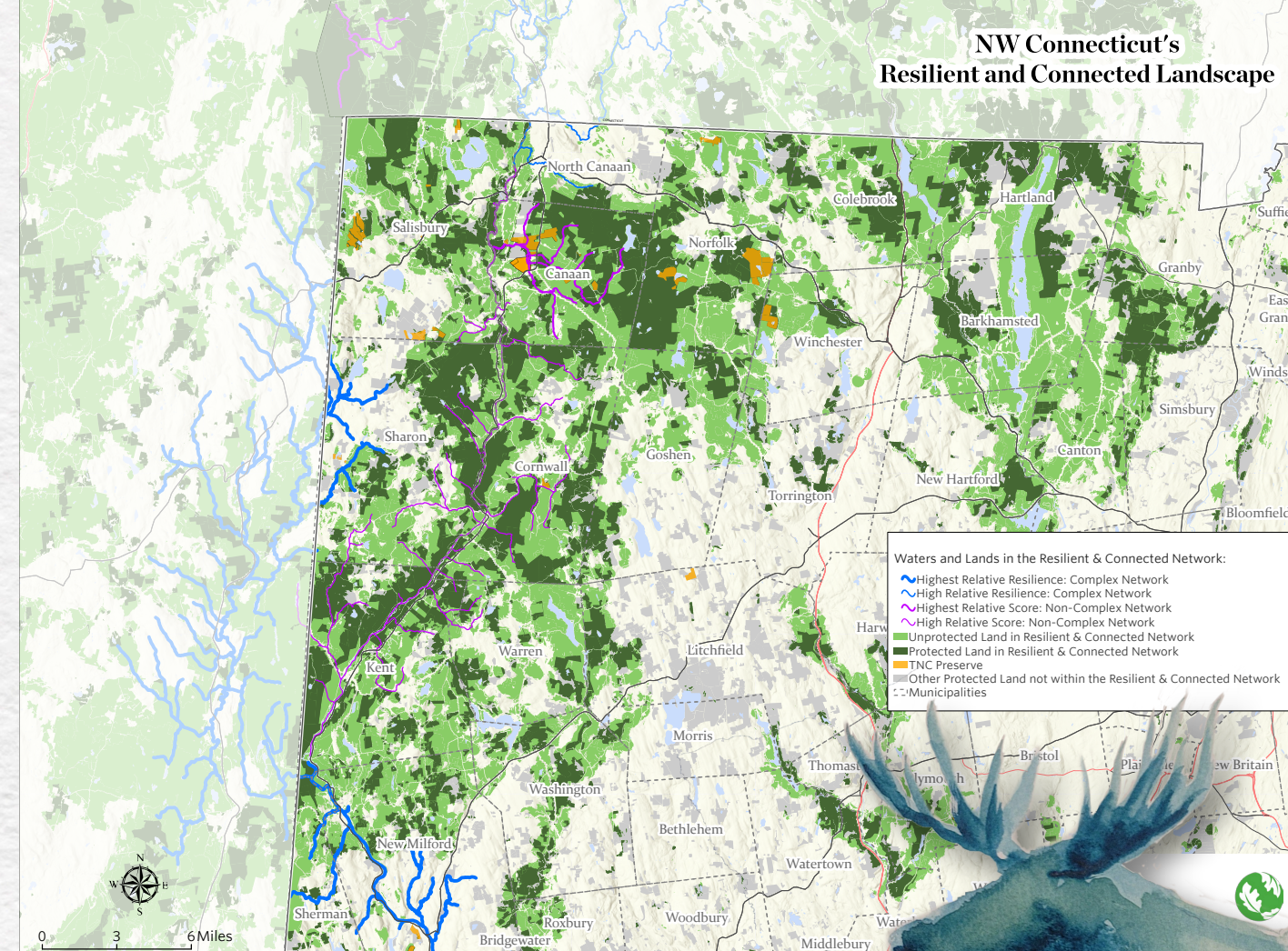
As nature faces the growing threats of mass extinctions and climate change, people face the crisis of maintaining healthy lands and waters for food, jobs and quality of life. Protecting lands and waters in the Resilient and Connected Network benefits people as much as nature. Indeed, because of their potential impact, the Appalachians have been identified as a TNC Global Focal Place for conservation—on par with places like the Amazon, Borneo and Kenya.

Northwest Connecticut has a long, rich history of local conservation efforts, with organizations like the Northwest Connecticut Land Conservancy, Housatonic Valley Association, the Staying Connected Initiative, and local land trusts all doing important work. This year, TNC in CT identified priority places for land protection, coordinating with partners and communities to effectively augment the good work already taking place. The next phase will be a

We're all in this together

One cool early morning out in the woods in Union, a Tolland County town in the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley, a TNC supporter heard a loud bellow. Could it be? Yes! It was a moose bellowing for a mate while foraging for food and water, its routine in the cool early mornings and evenings.

After more than 200 years, moose have recently returned to parts of their historic range, including Connecticut. Another was spotted this year at The Nature Conservancy's Beckley Bog Preserve in Litchfield County. In a warming world, though, their thrilling presence in Connecticut and states further south is likely temporary. And as the impacts of climate change continue to affect their range, it will be critical for moose to be able to travel back northward to colder climes.

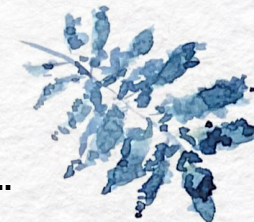


collaborative process to create a shared regional vision for conservation based on resilience and connectivity to catalyze long-term protection of this important area.

No other organization can match TNC in its ability to fight for the environment at the local, state, national and global levels. With your help, Connecticut will do its part to fulfill TNC's world-wide mission to conserve 1.6 billion acres of land, 620,000 miles of rivers, and 74 million acres of lakes and wetlands by the end of the decade.

What you can do:

Support community infrastructure upgrades, riverside and marsh restoration, and land conservation projects that will help improve local resilience, address flood risks, and reduce water pollution from storm-water runoff and sewage.



Also this year ...

- Grew our Community Resilience Building process presence in Rhode Island and Massachusetts and expanded to Maine, Pennsylvania, Minnesota and California for the first time.

- Brought the total of completed Community Resilience plans in Connecticut to 45, which means that 1.2 million state residents—a third of our population—now have climate action plans.

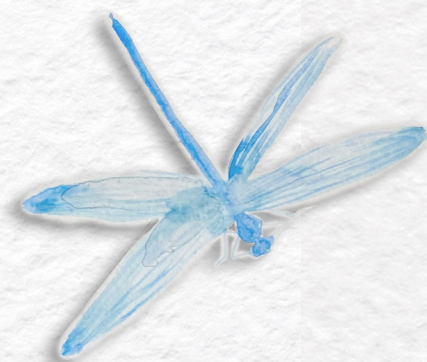
- Worked with the City of New London, Town of Groton, City of Groton, and more than 15 area organizations to identify and co-develop shared priorities for the design and engineering of resilience projects.

- Adjusted land management at our 182-acre Hollenbeck Preserve in Falls Village based on climate-driven ecological shifts. Our new plan will allow for a natural transition from grassland to wet meadow/floodplain along the river's edge, providing natural flood and erosion control and additional habitat for plants and animals.



"Nature can be approached as a world of science, metrics and systems, or it can be experienced as a wonder with mystery and beauty that touches and calms us, putting our world into a just perspective. Our communities need its healing access and proximity to bring more balance to an existence that can be sharply out of kilter, pushed there by poverty, pollution and separation. Pulling back the barriers to experiencing its freshness pushes us toward the highest form of justice that our environment can offer."

—Adrienne Farrar Houël
President and CEO of Greater Bridgeport Community Enterprises, Inc.



Nature Is for Everyone

On a fall day at the Devil's Den Preserve—The Nature Conservancy in Connecticut's largest continuous preserve and the largest tract of protected land in densely developed Fairfield County—not only the foliage will catch your breath and make you pause. You will also meet runners training for the NYC Marathon, families hiking, and birders hoping to catch the hawk migration. Devil's Den is the crown jewel of our state chapter and one of the most visited TNC preserves in the country.

It is vital that we make Devil's Den welcoming to everybody—and a model of how to do this. As part of that process, TNC in CT was thrilled to participate in the Yale Conservation Scholars (YCS) Early Leadership Initiative, which connects undergraduate students interested in conservation, nature and the environment with internship opportunities. We hosted Marissa Naclerio (she/her) and Hannah Rhodes (she/her) from YCS to address issues around accessibility, with a particular focus on Devil's Den.

"I conducted research on how to incorporate language accessibility into our work," Marissa says. "This involved learning about the technical aspects of culturally relevant translations and easily available translated documents, while also identifying community groups TNC could partner with to co-create accessible and representative outdoor experiences for historically underrepresented groups."

Hannah Rhodes & Marissa Naclerio, and pinecone © Sophie Duncan/TNC, Flowers © Diana Nguyen

"Accessibility encompasses many things, including physical aspects as well as the feelings that are evoked by being at a preserve," Hannah says. "My work has focused on data collection and creating forms that will streamline the data collection process for these assessments."

"I really enjoyed getting to accompany TNC in CT staff Sophie Duncan on shorebird monitoring and learning about sign making from TNC in CT staff Ben Croll," Hannah says. "I felt very supported in my work by TNC in CT throughout my time here, and I will definitely remember the awesome people that I met."

"The opportunity to travel from forests to beaches and see the diversity of life is so unique," Marissa says. "Every TNC site we visited is so beautiful that it deserves its own poem."

Or love letter!



Also this year ...

- Announced a new pilot project with the Community Foundation of Middlesex County to expand access to Burnham Brook Preserve as well as conservation initiatives and experiences in the region.

- Reopened Katharine Ordway Preserve in Weston after completing a new trail system to better balance public access and conservation needs.

- Created and filled a new visitor safety and engagement position at Devil's Den.

- Continued infrastructure upgrades to improve access in our Sunny Valley Preserve, including new kiosks, trail repairs and installation of a new footbridge.

- Helped fund the Salt Marsh Stewards Program in Stratford, which provided local high school students the opportunity to gain paid experience in the field of conservation.

THE OCEANS ARE OURS — AND OUR RESPONSIBILITY

"I live on Long Island Sound. I begin and end my day walking by the water, as the sun rises and paints the sky's canvas and as the sun sets and blends the sea into the sky's darkness. I watch the hawk, osprey and other marsh creatures as they lay claim to their environment, which we must preserve for all beings on this planet. Life began in the ocean—its majesty and power reminds us of its centrality to life."

—Maryam Elahi

President and CEO of the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut



Standing at the ocean's edge remains a humbling experience of something vast, wondrous, sublimely bigger than we are, yet part of who we are. Even in a world that feels smaller and more interconnected than ever before, the ocean still manages to overwhelm our senses.

The UN has called the oceans "our greatest ally against climate change." Even as the oceans produce half of the oxygen we breathe, they absorb a quarter of our carbon dioxide emissions and capture 90 percent of the excess heat generated by these emissions. The ocean, the UN says, "is not just 'the lungs of the planet' but also its largest 'carbon sink.'"

The Nature Conservancy has pledged to conserve nearly 10 billion acres of ocean by the end of the decade through new and better-managed protected areas, global-scale sustainable fishing, innovative financing, and positive policy changes to how the world governs the seas.

In Connecticut, we are custodians of our own corner of the global ocean, Long Island Sound. More than 23 million people live within 50 miles of the Sound, and we have worked alongside supporters, partners, allies and communities for decades to help protect and clean up the waters of this tidal estuary.

To improve water quality, we must address what flows into it. Nitrogen pollution can have severe effects on the Sound, leading to rampant algae blooms, fish kills and thick mats of seaweed that damage coastal habitats and harm wildlife. Through infrastructure investments and better water treatment, the annual nitrogen load to Long Island Sound is now about 47 million pounds less than it was in the early 1990s.

We think so often about the future impact of our work that it can be easy to miss the moment when that future arrives.

Cleaner waters in Long Island Sound, combined with more responsible fishing limits, have led to a dramatic comeback for the Atlantic menhaden (also called bunker)—a foundational link in healthy ocean food webs. Humpback whales feeding on these

menhaden are now appearing in the waters off New York City frequently enough that they have spurred the rise of a new whale watching industry. These changes have also brought dolphins and harbor seals to Connecticut's coasts in greater numbers, with sightings thrilling boaters and beachgoers from Westport and Darien to Norwich.

This year, TNC in CT led a coalition that helped secure \$32.2 million in federal funding for conservation management of the Sound. In addition, the program received \$106 million over five years from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to continue improvements for clean water, improve shoreline resilience and address historic environmental injustices in the Sound's overburdened communities.

The future of the ocean is in our hands. The rebound of our maritime ecosystems is demonstration of a promise fulfilled—and a reminder of what is so precious and what we can still save.

What you can do:

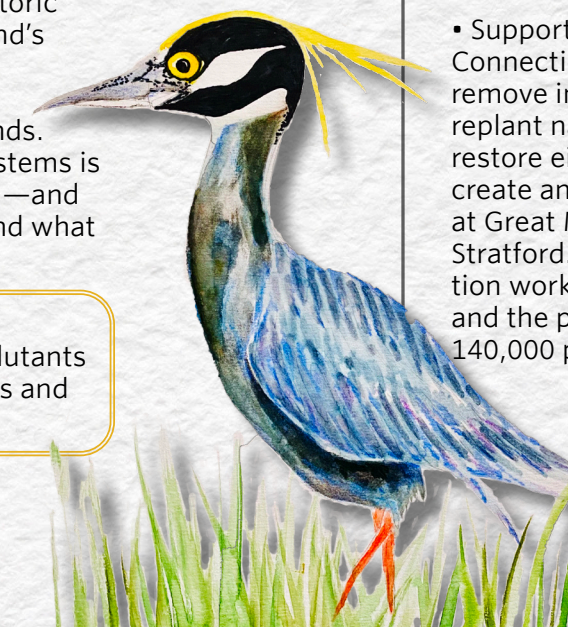
Keep litter, chemicals and other pollutants off the ground—and out of our rivers and the Sound!

Also this year ...

- Worked with the University of Connecticut, state and federal governments, and other partners to create a new National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) on Connecticut's southeastern coast. The new reserve is the 30th in the national reserve system and the first in Connecticut, and will bring a new level of protection to the Sound.

- Hosted the Long Island Sound Coastal Watershed Network webinar series to highlight solutions to our biggest water quality challenges.

- Supported Audubon Connecticut in a project to remove invasive species, replant native species, and restore eight acres and create an additional 12 acres at Great Meadows Marsh in Stratford. This year, construction work was completed, and the partnership planted 140,000 plants and shrubs.



Leaf and Yellow Crowned Night Heron © Sophie Duncan/TNC

From Left: Curled Leaves © Sophie Duncan/TNC, Photo Courtesy of Maryam Elahi

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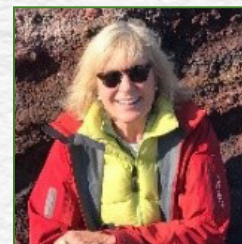


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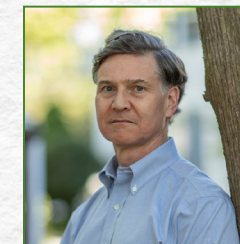
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Frances C. Ashley joined the TNC in CT Board in 2012 and brought with her a wealth of business and philanthropic leadership. She was fearless in her many leadership roles, including as Board Chair, Advancement Committee Chair and Campaign Co-Chair. Even more than her service, Frances is known for her deep commitment to the staff, who she always greeted individually every time she visited the New Haven office with her beloved dogs, Odysseus and Max.



Katherine ("Kiki") Kennedy, M.D.

Katherine ("Kiki") Kennedy, M.D., joined the TNC in CT Board in 2016 and became a singular advocate for our Long Island Sound work. Kiki never hesitated to represent us at events and was a warm and willing spokesperson with Board candidates. Her background as a Board Certified Adult Psychiatrist was a fortuitous asset for our work during the pandemic, when she and a colleague led a TNC-CT Public Broadcasting Network "Cutline" webinar on the healing power of nature.



The Hon. Daniel C. Esty, Esq.

Daniel C. Esty joined the TNC in CT Board in 2014 and immediately galvanized everyone with his enthusiastic environmental and legislative expertise. A pioneer climate change leader, published author, distinguished Yale professor and past CT Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Dan served as the Board's Government Relations Committee Chair, Nominating and Governance Committee Co-Chair and Climate Task founding member. He resigned in July 2022 to accept a World Trade Organization position in Geneva.



Marie-France Kern

Marie-France Kern joined the TNC in CT Board in 2019 and quickly became a persistent and respected voice for equitable conservation. She has served on the Board Advancement Committee and Nominating and Board Governance Committee and helped introduce TNC in CT to many prospective Board candidates and supporters. Growing up in South France, Marie-France is a global citizen and has served on many boards, putting to good use her international experience and her business management and marketing expertise.

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