

Hoyt campaign nears goal

Please give now to complete bird sanctuary



Far left, an excavator loads bags of contaminated soil from Hoyt Island onto a G&C Marine Services barge. More than 50 tons of soil containing toxic PCBs and asbestos had to be barged off the island.

Left, the barge, laden with equipment and soil, is tugged back to G&C's marina in Norwalk Harbor. The polluted soil had to be trucked to Ohio for safe disposal.



Charlie and Gary Wetmore, owners of G&C Marine Services, donated \$50,000 of barging to the project.

Gifts from a marine company and three foundations have the Norwalk Land Trust's campaign for a Hoyt Island bird sanctuary within \$85,000 of its goal.

Thank you to Gary and Charlie Wetmore, owners of G&C Marine Services, for a generous in-kind gift of \$50,000, to The Goodnow Fund for a gift of \$10,000, and to the Horizon and Tokeneke foundations for their \$5,000 grants.

Naming rights for the sanctuary are available. Please give now using form on reverse.

Land Trust, friends celebrate equinox at Farm Creek



Director Tammis Lazarus uncorks wine donated by Rowayton Wine Shop for the Norwalk Land Trust's Sep. 26 equinox sunset celebration, attended by more than 200 friends of conservation.



Guitarist Bill Nollman serenades attendees.



Chuck Schoendorf and Linda Fortini enjoy drinks at the autumn reception, held at the Schoendorf Preserve at Farm Creek. Schoendorf was key to the preserve's creation in 2006.



Edwin Rodriguez from Norm Bloom & Son, and volunteers Jeff Ackerman and Rob Grinn pause during a busy evening of shucking. Norm Bloom donated several hundred Copps Island oysters which were all shucked, served, and promptly enjoyed by guests.



Left to right, NLT Directors Connie Bennett, Rich Baskin, and Midge Kennedy welcome guests of all ages to the event.

NLT saplings to fill in Norwalk tree canopy



NLT Director Midge Kennedy adds peat moss to a native tree sapling harvested from four acres of donated land that is becoming the NLT's new Mary Peatman Preserve, in Silvermine.



Anna Thurston and Devan Duncan prepare a sapling for transplant to a Norwalk neighborhood with insufficient tree canopy. Duncan and Thurston, of the Norwalk Tree Alliance, teamed with the NLT for the Oct. 11 event.



Volunteers from the Norwalk Tree Alliance, One Tree Planted, and the Norwalk Land Trust take a break from digging up and potting more than 200 saplings. The saplings, which wouldn't thrive due to their position near larger, mature trees, are being replanted in areas of Norwalk that lack tree canopy. Participants from the NLT included Mary Verel, Lynne Pratt, Midge Kennedy, Patricia Hein, John Fitzpatrick, and Bill Wrenn. Volunteering from NTA and OTP were Alan Broadbent, Rob Frazier, Tom Abrom, Anna Thurston, Devan Duncan, Lantz Lyon, and Susan Simmons.

Join the Norwalkers who made their yards safe for pollinators.



Photo: Dwight Sipler, Stow, MA

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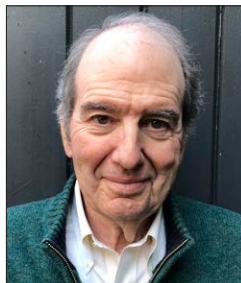
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

NLT creating sanctuary and new preserve

Since my message last summer the Norwalk Land Trust has had two major accomplishments. We completed the remediation of Hoyt Island and acquired land that is becoming the Mary Peatman Preserve on Birchside Drive.



D. Seeley Hubbard

Hoyt Island is now free of all PCBs, asbestos, and other toxic contaminants. The Land Trust is now just \$85,000 away from completing the project, which will be a bird sanctuary forever. There remains a naming opportunity for a gift of that amount.

Four beautiful acres in Silvermine donated by NLT director John Fitzpatrick are being planted with wildflowers, grasses, and native trees, and will be known as the Mary Peatman Preserve. We have already donated several

hundred tree seedlings from this land in a collaborative project with Norwalk Tree Alliance and One Tree Planted to increase Norwalk's tree canopy.

The NLT looks forward to resuming in-person activities as the pandemic subsides. It had a very successful and festive gathering at Farm Creek Preserve on September 26th where more than 200 friends of conservation celebrated the fall equinox. We reminisced about our past accomplishments and directed our attention to the serious environmental challenges ahead. Our natural open space, wildlife habitat, wetlands and watercourses are in serious danger. Species are becoming extinct at an alarming rate. The environment needs our protection.

Whether you are a member, donor, or volunteer, we cannot do what we do without your generous support. The NLT thanks you and recognizes you as being on the front lines of protecting the environment.

Sincerely,
Seeley Hubbard

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all who donated goods and services to the Norwalk Land Trust:

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