



December 2016

Dear Member of the Clinton Land Conservation Trust:

This year has been an amazing year for us. On September 21st we completed the purchase of the Weiss-Loveday land which consists of 38 acres of forest in the northwest corner of Clinton. We plan to establish a parking area and begin marking and clearing trails so the public can enjoy this beautiful property. We have continued our work at The Elliot Preserve mowing the pathway for walkers and spending time removing invasive plants such as phragmites and Japanese knotweed. In the spring, we planted wildflower seeds in areas of The Preserve trying to encourage pollinators such as the Monarch Butterfly to visit Clinton on their yearly fall migration south. You can enjoy the wonderful views of the Indian River, Cedar Island and Long Island Sound while sitting on a bench that Betty Shea donated in memory of Tom Gladwin. This area is beautiful and quiet and is welcoming to artists and anyone who is looking for a place to sit and reflect. We have continued trail and entrance maintenance throughout the year at Peters Memorial Woods, Jesse Buell Forest, Kenilworth Forest, Chittenden Hill Preserve, and Lar Fagan Sanctuary.

Throughout the year we have sponsored wonderful events for children such as the Peeper Prowl, the Tracking program and a library program in memory of Lynnabeth Mays. We awarded the \$1,000.00 Alice & David Crosby Scholarship to Emily Popp who is a Skidmore College Freshman majoring in Biology. We also sponsored four scholarships in memory of Eunice Symonds to Pierson School students to attend the Bushy Hill Summer camp.

Membership 2016-2017 Annual Dues

- ___ Individual \$25.00
- ___ Family \$40.00
- ___ Business \$50.00
- ___ Additional Contribution
(Weiss-Loveday, Trail Maintenance, Outreach)

\$ _____ **TOTAL CONTRIBUTION**

Name _____ Tel. No. _____

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Along with Clinton Park and Rec we co-sponsored a summer Ecology Camp led by Dana Skidmore, a fellow board member and Pierson School teacher. This program is very popular and always has a waiting list.

We want to thank our members, volunteers, and supporters because without you we would not exist. We are **not** an agency of the Town and we are **not** supported by tax dollars. We are a private nonprofit land trust that is supported solely by private donations and volunteers.

As we head into our 50th year anniversary we are brainstorming exciting new initiatives. One idea is to create a document which highlights CLCT's history.

By renewing your membership, your contribution will help us to continue our outreach programs and land management stewardship. Please make your check payable to C.L.C.T., Inc. and use the enclosed envelope to send us your tax deductible contribution **today**. For updates on all that we do please visit our website at www.clintonlandtrust.org.

May we count on you?

Michael Houde
President

