



Litchfield Land Trust

Conserving and Protecting Land. Forever.

Linda and Herb Schettler – Protecting Land in Litchfield



“Harmony with the land is harmony with a friend. The land is one organism.”

~ Aldo Leopold
environmentalist/conservationist



Linda and Herb Schettler exemplify the words of this environmentalist and conservationist. They are friends to many people as well as to the land that surrounds them. The actions of these modest individuals reveal their uncommon empathy and sterling character.

Linda and Herb moved to Litchfield, attracted by the beauty of undeveloped land. When

160 acres of cattle grazing land was available in 1985, they invested in it. Almost immediately, they were approached by Graham Thompson, one of the founders of the Litchfield Land Trust. They discussed the merits of establishing a Conservation Easement and it soon became a reality.

In 2001, Herb and Lina purchased and adjoining parcel of land which was aesthetically stunning and ecologically vital. The meadows and forests protect clean water, sustain native flora diversity and serve as a significant, non-fragmented habitat.

The Schettlers love the land and cherish memories of raising their family there. They dream of preserving the land for future generations. They made this dream a reality. Encouraged by their neighbor Peter Litwin, they established four conservation easements to protect in perpetuity over 180 acres of Litchfield's critical habitat.

Herb and Linda are supporters of the Litchfield Land Trust's mission and have been long time volunteers. We are grateful for their friendship and care of the land.

You, too, might consider establishing a land conservation easement to protect land forever. This is one way of living in harmony with the land and in harmony with a friend.

Establishing Pollinator Pathways in your Backyard



“Establishing Pollinator Pathways in Your Backyard” will be presented by the Bethlehem Land Trust on Saturday, February 12 at 2:00 pm in the Lever Room of the Bethlehem Library.

John Markelon will be the featured speaker. He is the President of the Litchfield Land Trust and a retired Environmental Science Teacher. Markelon will give tips on how to help pollinators and how to make deliberate and informed ecological decisions about land management to attract diverse pollinators in the creation of a backyard pollinator habitat.

In addition, Markelon will give advice on optimizing plant choices to maximize success for pollinator diversity. Sample mapping tools will be shared to visualize interconnected Pollinator Pathways.

Participants will learn about the tools to organize a Pollinator Pathways, including cost effective native plant propagation, community organizing, volunteer engagement, and other related topics.

All attendees will be required to wear face masks. For information contact Stuart

Rabinowitz, President of the Bethlehem Land Trust at 203-910-3836; to register, please email Bethlehemlandtrustct@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATES

Give Local Online Campaign

April 26 & 27

Litchfield Land Trust Native Plant Sale

Pick up May 21

CT Trail Days Hike

June 4/5

Fall Sunset Party

September 9



GET INVOLVED

As three of our cherished board members hang up their hats, we are in search of new, energetic volunteers who share our vision of conserving and protecting our local forests, wetlands, and habitats forever. If you are interested in joining our dynamic board and helping it move forward, please email Litchfield Land Trust President, [John Markelon](mailto:John.Markelon@litchfieldlandtrust.org).



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