

HARTLAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

Another busy year ! Many thanks to Commission members for donating their time, energy and considerable talents to the Commission's work. Here are some of the projects we undertook this year:

- Finished our policy on Land Preservation Criteria that will guide us in making priorities for conservation projects in town;
- Increased the balance in our Conservation Trust Fund through a July appeal letter sent out with tax bills – thank you to all contributors!
- Worked with area land trusts to write support letters and provide local matching grants for 3 projects totalling 340 acres;
- Continued to work on the opportunities and challenges of the I-91 interchange;
- Made further comments on the Route 5 bridge plans;
- Had another wonderful round of photos at Old Home Day from our Hartland Conservation Commission Photo Contest – thanks to all participants and to our volunteer judges;
- Worked with the regional planning commission to create an updated map showing special natural resources in town and conserved lands; the map should be complete in February 2000;
- Had a very successful Green-Up Day – turnout was three times more than previous years, nearly 150 people, 51 of whom were students from the Elementary School. The Hartland Flower Farm generously donated a calendula plant for each student that helped the annual clean-up.

For the new millenium we will continue our land conservation efforts, as well as take on some survey and field projects on exotic invasive plants such as Purple Loosestrife.

Members of the Conservation Commission:

Jennifer Waite (Chair), Deborah Luquer (Vice-Chair), Sue Achenbach (Secretary), Scott Richardson (Treasurer), Philip Nothnagle (Planning Commission Representative), Andrea Ambros, Geoff Dates, Tom Ramsey, Andy Stewart, Ginny White