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NEWS FOR OWNERS OF LAND PROTECTED BY A CONSERVATION EASEMENT

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Growth is Good

Hello SELT easement landowners! I hope your year has been enjoyable and you've been able to take advantage of some of this perfect autumn weather (save, of course, for a few of those much-needed downpours).

As I look towards the end of an incredibly eventful 2022 for SELT, I can't help but feel excited by all that has happened. For starters, as I noted in the spring issue, this year saw us move into our new home at Burley Farms. We've been here for over six months and it truly is a wonderful place - and I would encourage anyone to stop by for a tour of The Nan and George Mathey Center for People and Nature or take a walk on the trails and enjoy the views.



We have also expanded the Stewardship team with the hiring of three new staff members. Yohann Hanley joins us as the Trails and Community Engagement Manager, Connor Breton is our new Forest and Wildlife Habitat Manager, and Jenifer Dickinson joins us as our Seasonal Land Steward, helping with our easement monitoring (learn more about Jen later in this newsletter). This growth continues to allow us to meet our commitment to stewarding the lands we have protected.

Thank you for all of your support, and, as always, if you have any questions or concerns about the conservation easement or your property, don't hesitate to reach out!

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We want to hear from you!

We are always looking to provide the most relevant and interesting content and updates for our easement landowners. Thank you to everyone who has filled out our Landowner Survey. If you haven't filled out our Landowner Survey, or if you did earlier and your preferences and information have changed, please take a moment to fill out the enclosed paper version or visit the website below. This will help ensure that our records are up to date and you receive the communications you want!

To take the survey please visit:

www.seltnh.org/landownersurvey

Why Pollinators Are all the Buzz

Tips on How You Can Manage Your Property to Boost Your Friendly Neighborhood Pollinator Population

Long gone are the days where bees were considered the antagonists of summer. The threat of stingers has been eclipsed by the fact that our ecosystems depend greatly on the zig-zagging, busy work of pollinators.

The term “pollinators” applies to “anything that helps carry pollen from the male part of the flower (stamen) to the female part of the same or another flower (stigma).” (National Parks Service). As we know from our grade school biology lessons, this pollen movement is required for plants to be fertilized and eventually yield fruits and seeds. Though some plants are self-pollinating, many rely on third parties to make this all happen, including insects like bees and butterflies, as well as birds and small mammals.

Why do we need pollinators? Simply put, they positively impact almost every corner of our world, and their declining populations are cause for concern. As NH Fish and Game notes:

“Pollinator populations are in decline in New Hampshire and around North America, due to a variety of factors including: habitat loss and fragmentation, use of pesticides, introduced exotic invasive species, climate change, and the associated loss of native plant diversity.” (<https://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/nongame/pollinators.html>)

Here is just a sample of the benefits a thriving pollinator population provides:

Fresh Food

One out of every three bites of food you eat exists because of the efforts of pollinators, including many fruits, vegetables, and seeds. Pollinators not only are necessary for our own food, but support the food and habitat of animals.

Clean Air

Healthy ecosystems depend on pollinators. At least 75 percent of all the flowering plants on earth are pollinated by insects and animals! This amounts to more than 1,200 food crops and 180,000 different types of plants—plants that help stabilize soils, clean our air, supply oxygen, and support wildlife.

Healthy Economy

Between \$235 and \$550 billion worth of annual global food production relies on the contribution of pollinators.

In short: pollinators are critical to a thriving, healthy natural community, and we’d like to encourage you, as a SELT easement landowner, if possible, to consider managing your land to be prime acreage that will attract pollinator traffic.



Busy pollinating this flower is the ground nesting bee, *Andrena vicina*, one of 14 declining wild bee species identified by researchers at the University of New Hampshire.
Photo Credit: Molly Jacobson

Make Your Property Pop for Pollinators

Our friends at UNH Cooperative Extension are big into pollinators and have pulled together some handy management tips that you can implement to increase the pollinator population on your property! Read the full article here: <https://extension.unh.edu/blog/2022/02/beyond-buzz>

Inventory your plants

Take some time to document the types of plants you have growing in the area you'd like to cultivate for pollinators. List each plant noting whether it is native (to the local area) or invasive. The Native Plant Trust Go Botany website is useful for determining native status.

Visit it here: <https://gobotany.nativeplanttrust.org>.

Weed out the invasives

Remove the plants on the New Hampshire Prohibited Invasive Plants List (<https://www.agriculture.nh.gov/divisions/plant-industry/invasive-plants.htm>). These include plants like burning bush, non-native honeysuckle, barberry, autumn olive, and privet. UNH also recommends against planting butterfly bush because, while it attracts common bees, it is detrimental to overall pollination system health.

Plant natives

UNH recommends kicking things off by planting even just one native plant such as a Carolina or Virginia rose. These natives will support a broad range of pollinators, including those at risk. As soon as the native plants bloom, you will almost immediately see bee species and other pollinators show up.

Tree's company

You can boost your pollinator potential by planting a native willow or eastern redbud tree. These types of early blooming trees provide critical food to pollinators. According to a 2019 NH study, at-risk wild bees were found to depend on trees that bloom in late winter.

Jenifer Dickinson Joins the Team

SELT is excited to welcome Jenifer Dickinson to our Stewardship team. Jenifer is our Seasonal Land Steward for 2022 and she brings with her both a love of the outdoors and experience in the world of property monitoring and land management. A graduate of Keene State College, Jenifer got her feet wet in the stewardship world when she did some monitoring work for the City of Keene. She would later intern with the City's planning department before heading off to grad school to focus on Biology.

Eventually, she found a way to use her love of environmental science monitoring endangered plant species in the White Mountains, working in tandem with the US Forest Service for her grad school Master's Thesis. This experience prepped her for her next career step: working at SELT as a Seasonal Land Steward. Jenifer's primary role with the Stewardship team is to support SELT's land monitoring efforts. She works closely with Amanda Ellms (formerly Hollenbeck; Amanda got married this year!) and the rest of the team to complete the annual monitoring visits to SELT-conserved lands.



"It's been wonderful," she says. "I always tell people when they ask how it's going that I come to work with a smile every day and I'm just so excited to work outside and along such wonderful people."

Jenifer will be with SELT through the end of December.



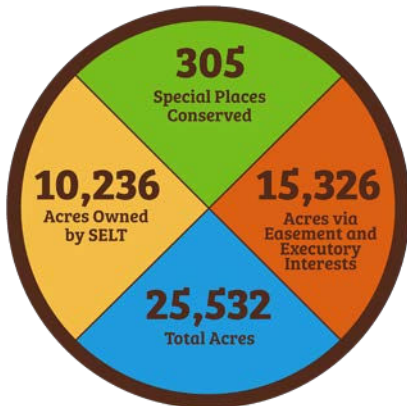
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Questions? Concerns? Comments?

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Thinking of Selling Your Land?

More and more conserved land is selling – meaning there is a whole new generation of landowners who need to understand what a conservation easement is and the associated privileges and responsibilities.

SELT can help make your sale smoother by working with your realtor to properly inform buyers about your conservation easement. Once you've decided to sell and have selected a realtor, please have them call us.

We will provide an electronic packet of information to incorporate in your disclosures and can answer questions from buyers.

Once you've scheduled a closing, please remember to give us the required notification of transfer of title in accordance with the terms of the easement.