



TRUST

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**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- **Annual Meeting,
May 12, 2011**

Business Meeting 6:00 pm

Program 6:30 pm

- **Election of Officers**
- **Property Highlight**

PINE HILL ESTATES

Pine Hill Estates is the most recent acquisition of the North Haven Land Trust, having been acquired from Pine Hill Estates, LLC & Louis D'Amato in April, 2008. The property is located at the corner of North Hill Road and Beach Lane.

Much of the 11.40 acre property is wetlands, but it is generously spotted with white and red oak trees, red maples, silver beech, eastern white cedars, a few yellow poplars and plenty of milkweed. This wetland feature makes this a very inviting habitat for birds, butterflies and other species of wildlife.

Another interesting feature of this property is its proximity to 20 plus acres of open space at nearby Sugar Hill Road owned by the homeowners association. This provides over 30 acres of protected space between these two contiguous properties.



A view of Pine Hill Estates from North Hill Road.

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The Land Trust continues to explore additional land acquisition opportunities throughout the town to continue its goal of open space preservation.

ANNUAL MEETING MAY 12, 2011

The Annual Meeting of the North Haven Land Trust will take place on Thursday, May 12, 2011 at 6:30 pm at the North Haven Middle School Cafeteria.

Following a brief business meeting there will be an educational program featuring

Reptiles on the Move.

The educational programs are always a popular event especially for our children. While the primary purpose is education, they are also an entertaining experience when we have unusual visitors. This year's program promises to be

another such experience. Please join us and perhaps we'll have a visit with Toby the Tortoise, an Albino Burmese Python, an American Alligator or even a Bearded Dragon! We won't know who will show up until the night of the meeting, but it's sure to be fun.

THE SEAL OF THE NORTH HAVEN LAND TRUST



The Seal of the North Haven Land Trust depicts the Snowy Owl, a bird whose normal habitat is the Arctic Tundra. During the winter of 1971-1972, one made a temporary home in the Quinnipiac marsh, where it was seen and photographed by many people near Sackett Point Road.

The arrival of the Snowy Owl happened to coincide with the organization of the North Haven Land

Trust which was officially incorporated in September of 1972.

It seemed only natural that the Snowy Owl should be adopted as the symbol of the Land Trust. This seal has become symbolic of the North Haven Land Trust, whose primary purpose is to preserve land in its natural state, both as a refuge for wildlife and as a resource for the education and enjoyment of the people of North Haven.

WEBSITE

During 2009, the Land Trust launched its website to provide an additional means to communicate with our members and the public. The website includes a listing of all properties including a brief history of the property, photos and a link to a map to locate the property.

Included also are educational links, a history of the Land Trust, and a listing of current members of the Board of Directors.

The website is a work in process and will be regularly updated to bring you news of the Land Trust.

The website may conveniently be found at www.northhavenlandtrust.org.

DONATIONS OF LAND

The North Haven Land Trust is always interested in obtaining land to preserve as protected space for the enjoyment of all residents of North Haven. If you have land that you are willing to donate, please contact any board

member. The Land Trust will be happy to discuss with you the process and options available for accepting donations. These could include outright gifts of land or a conservation easement.

Your gift will become a perpetual gift to all the residents of our town for generations to follow.

YOU CAN FIND US ON THE WEB AT
www.northhavenlandtrust.org

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Current Board Members include:
 (Front row) Pat Buonpane, Heidi Boettger, Kim Carew, (Back row) Mark Cofrancesco, Jim Giulietti, Claudia Giulietti, Sandy Stetson,

John Tibor. Missing from photo are Phil James, Cathy Vegliante, and Joe Vegliante.

Board members of the North Haven Land Trust serve on a voluntary basis, committed to the preservation of open space for the enjoyment of all North Haven residents. If you share a commitment to these standards and can serve on the Board of Directors, please contact us. Meetings are generally held on the second Thursday of each month, excluding the summer months.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS

In recent years the Land Trust has enjoyed working with the Boy Scouts in support of Eagle Projects. In 2007, Matt Baransky worked at Morning Mist preparing walking trails and providing habitat for birds and other animals including nesting balls to encourage the bird population.

In 2010, Matt's younger brother Nick returned to Morning Mist to update the trails and regenerate the nesting balls. The Land Trust is pleased to be able to offer opportunities to Boy Scouts exploring this important part of their scouting experience.



Heidi Boettger, President of NHLT and Nick Baransky

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- Student (under 18 years). . . . \$ 2.00 I am enclosing an additional contribution for land acquisition. \$ _____
- Individual \$ 15.00 I am enclosing an additional contribution to defray operating costs. \$ _____
- Family \$ 20.00 I would like to volunteer my time to help the Trust. Please call me.
- Life. \$ 200.00

NAME	PHONE
STREET	TOWN
STATE	DATE

Mail application and check to: **NORTH HAVEN LAND TRUST**, P. O. Box 262, North Haven, CT 06473
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**Preserving open space for the benefit of
the community.**

The North Haven Land Trust is a non-profit corporation dedicated to acquiring and preserving open space in our town. The NHLT accepts donations of land, conservation easements or money to purchase land.

The more than 125 land trusts in Connecticut have acquired and preserved more than 22,000 acres of land. Through the Connecticut Land Conservation Council the NHLT works closely with The Nature Conservancy and other environmental organizations. It is independent of town government but cooperates with the North Haven Conservation Commission and town officials to achieve common goals. The Board of Directors, officers and members are your neighbors who have joined together to save some of our streams, ponds, woodlands and marshes.

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