

Protecting Open Spaces

PLEASE SUPPORT

The Chester Land Trust

by voting this year in the
Essex Savings Bank's
Community Investment
Program.

Thank you!



Eastern Osprey

Volunteers get things done!



THE CHESTER LAND TRUST (CLT)

is an all volunteer nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that currently owns 95 acres of protected land in Chester with another 18 acres protected by Conservation Easements.

Despite a very difficult year due to Covid-19 affecting all of our daily lives, CLT has been very busy working to maintain and protect our local natural resources, open spaces, and unique environment. We sincerely thank everyone who has supported the mission and goals, and extend a warm welcome to those of you who would like to join us in our efforts.

MORE PRESERVATION WORK NEEDS TO BE DONE!

CLT continues the important work of maintaining and monitoring our 16 Preserves and 3 Conservation Easements, which takes time and funds. CLT needs your help to continue protecting the irreplaceable forests, farmlands, wetlands and wildlife in Chester.

2021 Earth Day Clean Up

On April 22nd Chester Land Trust and the town of Chester teamed up for a town-wide beautification effort. **45 people showed up.** Cleaning assignment locations were given out along with water, gloves, maps, yellow vests and trash bags. 2-1/2 truck loads of trash were collected – 41 large garbage bags full of every type of trash imaginable plus car parts, tires, rims, shovels, mufflers and even a driveshaft. Hundreds and hundreds of pounds of trash!

2021 Land Donations

CLT acquired **two undeveloped parcels** both donated by Chester residents near Cedar Lake. These two adjacent parcels consist of partial wetlands and upland hardwoods, and serve to protect a significant watercourse and provide a natural corridor for vast variety of animals, birds and amphibians.

Motley Preserve Improvements

A second **bench**, built by CLT president Bill Myers, was added to the Little Rock Nine Trail. 14 new **Tree Identification Signs** were attached to various trees easily visible along the trail. The signs with common and latin names identify both deciduous and coniferous trees. We encourage visitors to take a hike on this preserve and test your tree identification skills!

Constance Baker Motley Preserve



New Bench for Trail



Tree Identification Signs