



WLT Fact Sheet

The Mission

To conserve, protect, and preserve the natural resources in Windham, Maine and surrounding area.

The Organization

The Windham Land Trust is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit community organization. Founded in 2000 by a small group of Windham residents, the Land Trust is governed by a volunteer board. Today WLT boasts over 250 members from Alaska to Maine.

Properties

- Our first land acquisition was the 105-acre Black Brook Preserve (BBP) in Windham Center. This land had been slated to become a 41-house subdivision.
- Frog Hollow Farm in Gorham was donated to the WLT by John L. "Jack" Dunham in December of 2003. This 63-acre preserve allows access to fields, forests, ponds, and the North Branch of the Little River.
- The 18 acre Pringle Wildlife Preserve was donated by Jane and James Pringle in December of 2006. The Otter Brook traverses the property, and during the wet spring months, many migrating water fowl can be seen in the brook. Plans are underway to build a small viewing platform near the brook.
- The WLT holds an easement on 85 acres of the Freeman Farm in Gray, just over the Windham town line. This easement was donated to the WLT by the daughters of the late George Freeman before the 100-acre property was sold. The 85 acres behind the farmhouse had been a working wood lot for many years.

Ongoing Activities

- The WLT newsletter is mailed to our members four times a year and it can also be received via e-mail.
- The annual meeting of the WLT is held every October - we encourage all members to attend and meet your fellow land trust members!
- The WLT awards a \$1000 scholarship to a deserving Windham High School senior every year.
- We have a population of beavers living in the BBP; their dams and lodges can be viewed from the existing trails.
- Many groups have helped create and maintain the trails at BBP; these include the High School Outdoor Club, Scout Troops, various church groups, students from Manchester School, the Maine Conservation Corps, and many friends and neighbors.
- Students at Windham's Manchester School have raised money to build a sign for the Pringle Wildlife Preserve and created an interpretive trail in Black Brook Preserve.

Want to help?

There are countless ways that you can get involved in conserving, protecting, and preserving open spaces and natural resources in Windham and its surrounding communities. You can donate land or money, work as a volunteer, or discuss the value of conservation with your neighbors. Get started today because valuable open spaces are disappearing quickly.