



VLT & Audubon leading summer hike in North Greensboro—all invited!

GLT and the Northern Rivers Land Trust are sponsoring a summer hike on July 9 in the Vermont Land Trust's Murdock/Mud Pond forest along Hunt Ave. in North Greensboro. VLT is working with the Vermont Audubon Society to have the property logged in such a way as to provide varied habitat for forest birds. This is taking into account that some species nest/feed on the ground, while others choose the shrub layer, understory and canopy, respectively.

The hike will be led by the VLT's Northeast Kingdom

forester, Dan Kilborn, and Kristen Sharpless, conservation biologist with Audubon Vermont. It will take place from 9:00 a.m.- noon on Tuesday, July 9. To reach the starting point, take Hillcrest Rd. (near the Hill Farmstead Brewery) north, turn left on Tamarack Ranch Rd., then follow signs.

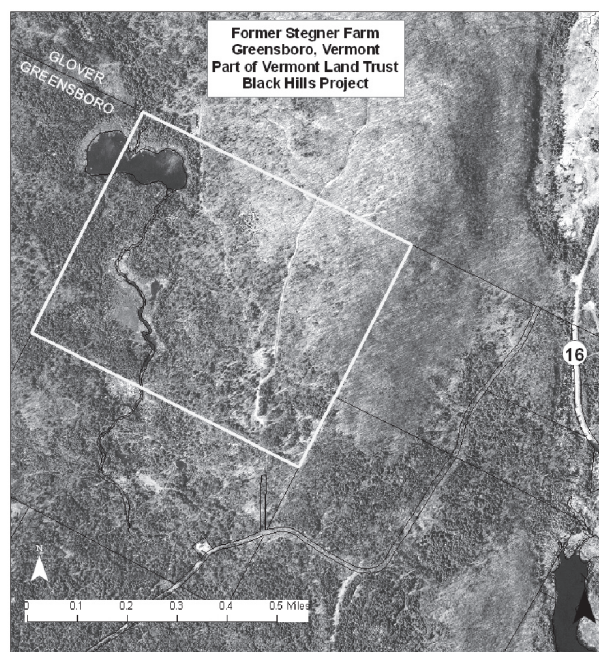
Participants can discuss with Kristen the possibility of having her explore ways of enhancing forest bird habitat on their land. Audubon/VT offers this service to Vermont landowners.

Black Hills project ready for closing

This 1879-acre project in North Greensboro and Glover was described in our 2011 newsletter. It is finally scheduled for closing in late May. The delay is due to complexities of closing the former Canadian owner's estate.

The Vermont Land Trust will hold this working forest conservation easement, the bulk of whose cost is being financed by the Freeman Foundation. Forester Rich Carbonetti, who has inherited the land, is conducting a "bargain sale," meaning that he is donating a portion of the easement value to the VLT. The Greensboro Conservation Commission, noting that a 189-acre piece of the land comprises author Wallace Stegner's one-time farm in Greensboro and bisects Mud Pond (see map), asked our Selectboard to vote \$5,000 from the Greensboro Conservation Fund. The Selectboard did so in February 2011.

The GLT committed itself to raising \$20,000, of which \$8,800 has thus far been forthcoming. To spare the burden on our General Fund, **we appeal to the Greensboro community to contribute as much as possible of the \$11,200 balance for the Black Hills.**



NRLT conserves land in Wolcott, Hardwick and Woodbury

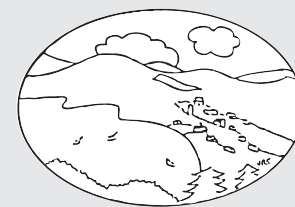
The GLT's 6-year-old sister organization, the Northern Rivers Land Trust (NRLT), serves six towns—Albany, Craftsbury, Hardwick, Walden, Wolcott and Woodbury—in addition to Greensboro. In late 2012 the NRLT acquired two conservation easements:

(1) 4-acre Keeler Pond in Wolcott is surrounded by a 22-acre parcel that The Nature Conservancy (TNC) acquired as "trade land" in 2009. TNC sold the property to a private party and donated the conservation easement to NRLT along with a \$5,000 stewardship fee.

(2) Lisa Lammi of Woodbury donated an easement on a 36-acre parcel on Nichols Pond Road, straddling the Hardwick and Woodbury town lines. The property contains a state-mapped Class II wetland (see photo). The stewardship fee was donated by the Vermont Community Foundation's Green Mountain Fund.



Lisa Lammi shows her property to NRLT trustees.



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GLT Annual Meeting, Monday, July 29

All are welcome at our annual meeting, scheduled for Monday, July 30, at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Following a short GLT business meeting, Cedric Alexander of Cabot, VT, will give a PowerPoint presentation on management of Vermont's moose herd.

Cedric is the moose project leader of the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. He will show how his agency measures the moose herd and arrives at moose density objectives in different zones of the state. (Hunters harvested 222 moose in 2012, corresponding to a 52% success rate among permit holders.)



Wonder & Wisdom Summer Journeys group on Barr Hill.

GLT co-sponsors Barr Hill 40th anniversary events

December 2011 was the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Barr Hill Natural Area by The Nature Conservancy (TNC)'s Vermont chapter. Last July the GLT and sister organizations sponsored two celebrations of the anniversary.

The top photo shows Wonder & Wisdom's Summer Journeys group about to lunch on the hill on July 11. The second photo shows some of the 50 participants arriving for the July 22 community celebration.

On that occasion remarks were offered by then Selectboard chair Marsha Gadoury and Bob Klein, head of TNC/ Vermont for 34 years until his retirement in April 2013. Barr Hill stewardship committee chair Clive Gray, son of the preserve donor, read an excerpt from Wallace Stegner's Crossing to Safety describing the donor's and his soon-to-be wife's introduction to the hill 83 years earlier.

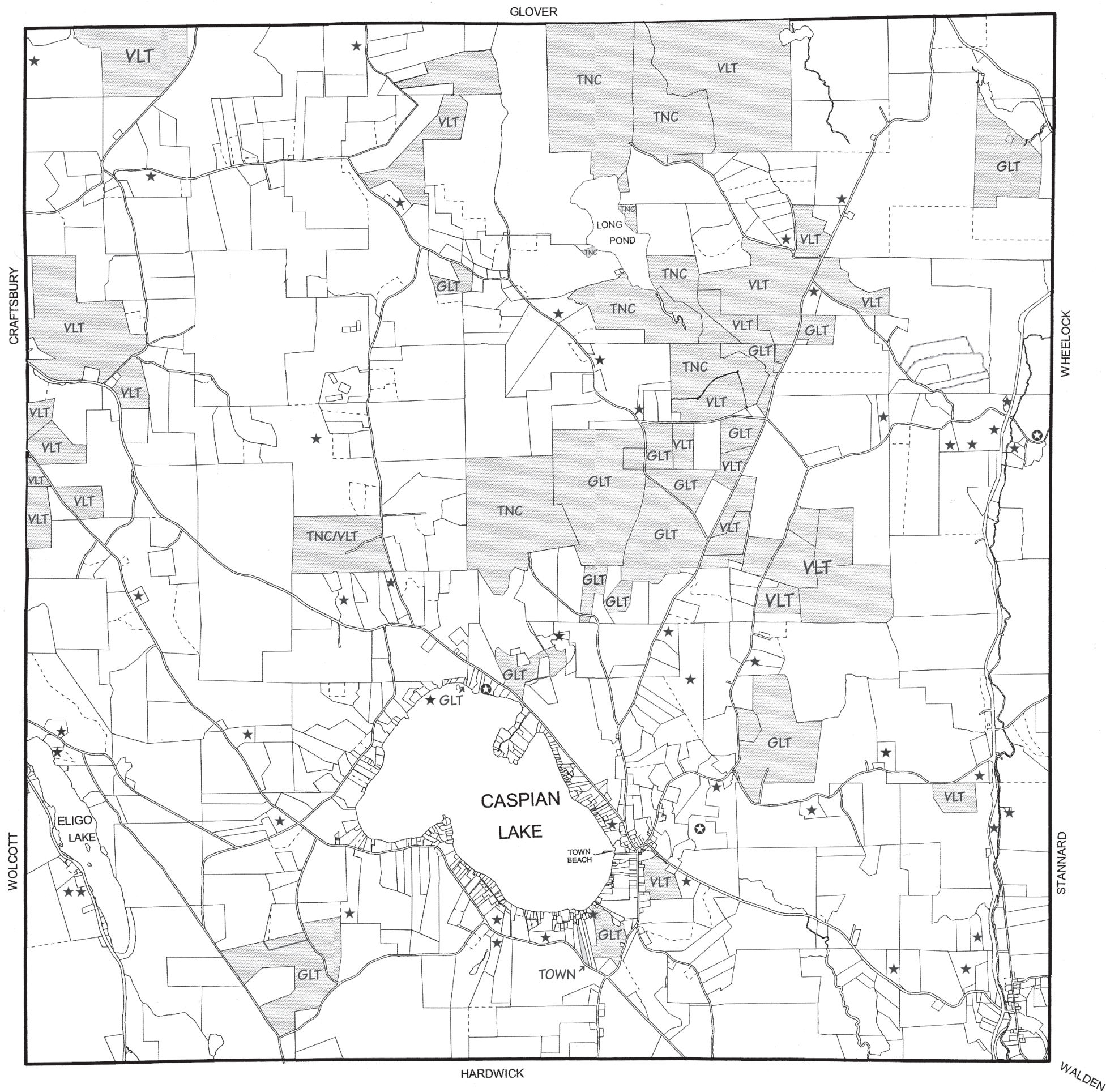
In the third photo, Marsha Gadoury is flanked by GUCC pastor Anthony Acheson and retired Willey's Store head Tom Hurst.



Participants in community celebration accessing Barr Hill picnic area, site of the anniversary celebration.



Rev. Acheson, Marsha Gadoury and Tom Hurst.



About GLT

The GLT is a partnership of Greensboro- area people working together to ensure that, as Vermont steadily changes, important land in Greensboro is not lost to development forever. We help farm families conserve productive agricultural land for future generations, preserving not only our heritage but also our economic future. We protect forestland that supports a healthy wood products industry and sustains habitat critical for black bear, songbirds, deer, and other wildlife. We help to permanently protect irreplaceable fields, woods, and shoreline in Greensboro essential for recreation and scenic enjoyment. All this is done while recognizing the need for town planning that allocates portions of the landscape for residential and commercial uses.

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Conserving Your Land

Using Using legal tools called “conservation easements” or “grants of development rights,” we help landowners to voluntarily limit development while keeping the land open for forestry, farming, and recreation. The property remains in private ownership with the peace of mind that it is protected now and in perpetuity. The landowner decides whether to allow public access.

Easement donations qualify as charitable contributions for federal income and estate tax purposes, but do not necessarily reduce property taxes.

We work with landowners who love their land and want to see it conserved. The GLT buys and accepts gifts of development rights. Sometimes we share a project with the Vermont Land Trust, which receives funding from The Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, the Freeman Foundation, and private donors. But mainly we rely on funds raised from residents and friends of Greensboro.

We talk regularly with potential conservators, and incur expenses for appraisals, surveys, purchase of easements, and monitoring. You can help by sending your tax-deductible contribution to **GLT, PO Box 135, Greensboro, VT 05841.**

Feel free to call any trustee or Advisory Committee member with questions. Our website, www.greensborolandtrust.org, provides details and photos of conserved land, along with GLT’s annual financial report.

Town of Greensboro, Vermont

Our map of Greensboro illustrates the lands conserved by the Greensboro Land Trust, The Nature Conservancy, the Vermont Land Trust, and the Town of Greensboro. It shows all residences constructed in the past ten years, and highlights three constructed in the past year.

Map key

Conserved areas, shaded green, comprise the following 37 parcels. Total conserved area amounts to 6.4 square miles (= 4,091 acres), or 17.4% of total town area of 36.7 mi².

1. GLT’s 16 easements, totaling 1,100 acres: Buckley, Dean, Downing, Edsall (2 easements), Gray, Shaun & Darren Hill, Nancy Hill, Von Hessert/Kehler, Knox, Mann, McGrath (2 easements), Perham, Pinkney, and St. Louis. In 2006-07, Dean, Mann, Von Hessert/Kehler, and Perham acquired parcels conserved by previous owners.
2. Long Pond Natural Area (767 acres) and Barr Hill Nature Preserve (254 acres), owned by The Nature Conservancy (TNC).
3. 30-acre “Greensboro Green”, 362-acre ex-Murdock property on Glover town line, and 30-acre ex-Brassknocker parcel on Craftsbury Road, owned by Vermont Land Trust (VLT).
4. Four VLT easements to which GLT contributed: York farm (260 acres); Shaun & Darren Hill farm (73 acres); Murdock homestead (150 acres), and Lowell Urie farm (of which 145 acres in Greensboro).
5. Nine other VLT easements: Shatney farm (313 acres); Shatney hayfield in Greensboro Bend (34 acres); York homestead (85 acres); Kehler property on Garvin Hill Rd. (37 acres); and five ex-Brassknocker parcels on Craftsbury town line, totaling 323 acres.
6. Barton Homestead Trust on Gebbie Road (VLT and TNC: 121 acres); and
7. Two 3.5-acre strips owned by the Town of Greensboro, one on Lake Shore Road donated by Currier & Dill, the other next to the town beach, purchased by the town with federal assistance.

■ ...Conserved land ★ Residence constructed in past 10 years ● ...In 2011