

Cherry Valley (Kettle Brook) Donation

Common Ground Land Trust now owns a small piece of Cherry Valley on Kettle Brook! An estate has gifted 1.45 acres of land to CGLT on Auburn Street in Leicester, bordering Kettle Brook and containing a portion of an existing neighborhood trail that connects to Towtaid Park.

We are working on posting the trail with signs, but you can access the trail just south of the Auburn St bridge off Route 9. Some of the trail is wet, but thanks to the Leicester Snowmobile Club, there are wooden bridges along the wettest sections of the trail.



Above: The historic stone-arch bridge over Kettle Brook on CGLT's new property off Auburn St. in Cherry Valley

GWCF Grant Received

Thank you to the Greater Worcester Community Foundation for their recent grant to CGLT enabling us to purchase a dedicated laptop and software for our organization.

CGLT's Mission

As an all-volunteer, non-profit organization, our mission is long-term preservation of natural resources in Leicester & Spencer for natural ecosystem services, food security, recreation and educational benefits for town residents and the region.

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L=Leicester, S=Spencer

President's Message

Dear Members,

CGLT held its Annual Meeting on October 4th, and elected 3 members to our Board of Directors. Welcome to new Treasurer **Joanne Savignac**, who is the Treasurer/Collector for the Town of Charlton. She recently moved into Leicester from Paxton. Director **Mary Baker-Wood** of Spencer is now our Vice-President, and **Samantha Butkiewicz** from Leicester joins as a Director. Samantha is a local realtor with an interest in land protection.

Thank you to outgoing Treasurer **Mary Barrell** who has kept the CGLT books in fine shape for the last 2 years.

In other news, CGLT continues its dialog with the developers of a large solar farm off McCormick Rd in Spencer, in hopes of securing permanent trail access through the back land of the property along Turkey Hill Brook (Old Waite Road).

Jan Parke, President



*CGLT members have enjoyed several full-moon and stargazing events and guided local hikes over the past few months. We are scheduling more hikes - **tell us, where would you like to explore next?***

Please contact us with any requests!

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