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# NEWSLETTER

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### **Small's Farm Riverside Memorial Trail**

Thanks to our energetic volunteers, Small's Farm Memorial Trail is closer to being cleared alongside Sevenmile River and Turkey Hill Brook, but it is now open to the public for fishing access, birding and hiking. Look for the trailhead sign along Rte 31N near the bridge at Pine Grove Cemetery. Small



orange flags mark the trail for now. Wear your waders if you want to walk the full length, the trail fords the brook!



CGLT volunteers Jeremey Snow, Josh Soojian and LouAnna Hinckley installing the new trailhead signs for the Small's Memorial Trail

#### More Trail Work to Come:

Watch your email for notice of the next **Small's**Farm trail work session.

We will be staking and installing our new boundary signs (*pictured above*) and doing more clearing of the new trail along Turkey Hill Brook.

Thank you to all members who donated items for CGLT to sell at the Spencer Town-Wide Yard Sale, including 2 full-size canoes! It was a tremendous fundraising success and we raised over \$500 to go towards our operating expenses. Please save more items for us to sell at next years sale!

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#### **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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## **Annual Meeting Held Oct 13th**

CGLT voted 2 new members onto our Board of Directors!

Welcome to Mary Barrell for volunteering as our new
Treasurer. Mary lives on Sugden Reservoir in Spencer, and
recently retired as Treasurer for the Town of Spencer.

Jeremey Snow is a member of Spencer's Board of Assessors,
and brings his knowledge of Spencer's landscape to help us
with monitoring of conservation restricted properties.

Thanks also to Bill Caulway for presenting a great program
about his experiences hiking the Appalachian Trail.

### **Thanks Ginny!**

A HUGE thank you and a fond farewell to Ginny Scarlet, who served on CGLT's board of directors as Treasurer since 2011, and who contributed countless hours in building our land trust. Ginny's knowledge, dedication and hard work were key to the success of the Small's Farm APR and Memorial Trail project. Here she is, fording Turkey Hill Brook researching the new trail:



CGLT sends it condolences to the families of those members who passed away in the past year. Their contribution to our land trust is greatly appreciated. We gratefully acknowledge their love and support for the land in our local communities.