

June 3, 2006 Annual Meeting

Applewild School, Fitchburg, MA

NCLT's **Annual Meeting** was a success despite the rain. Although most of the scheduled outdoor activities were rained out, the first annual North County Land Trust Trail Race was held on the Crocker Conservation Area. (Trail runners actually like rain.)

- The following **awards** were presented:
- For Community Support - **Applewild School**
 - For Organizational Support - **Bovenzi, Inc.**
 - For Support of Crocker Conservation Area – **Red Line Wall Systems, Inc.**
 - Wachusett Development & Construction, Inc.**
 - For Service to Rome Conservation Area – **Tom Rousseau & Boy Scouts of Gardner Troop 4 Paul DeMeo**



Brian Campbell (left) accepts the CCA award for Wachusett Development & Construction Co.

Upcoming Events: **Harvest Fair, Applewild School, October 14 2006.** In conjunction with Applewild School, NCLT will host a day of outdoor activities on the **Crocker Conservation Area** in Fitchburg. Planned activities include: *Trail Race *Biodiversity Day walk *Children's Activity *Hike on newly constructed trails



First Summer Work Program on Crocker Conservation Area a Success

This summer has been a productive one on the Crocker Conservation Area in Fitchburg. NCLT sponsored the work of five local teens, to maintain and construct trails on its 150-acre conservation property near Overlook Reservoir. Lead by Stewardship Coordinator, Christopher Reed, the crew has constructed over 1.3 miles of new trails and posted more than 350 trail markers on the CCA, since it began work on July 1st.

Three of the workers are participants in Montachusett Opportunity Council's Youth Works Program, which provides part-time job placements for eligible teens.

In addition to their work on the Crocker Conservation Area, the crew has done clean up and trail work at Overlook and Marshall Reservoirs, where the land trust holds a conservation restriction.

Principal funding for the Summer Work Program was provided by Red Line Wall Systems, Inc., a construction company based in Leominster.

Our Conservation Areas

Crocker Conservation Area, Fitchburg

In May, students from Francis Parker Charter Essential School spent a day on the CCA, doing environmental field work. Teacher and NCLT director, Clayton Hobart lead a "birding" group, while another group worked with a GPS unit and compass to locate property boundaries. After an outdoor lunch at Overlook Reservoir, the groups exchanged leaders. Everyone learned something, while enjoying the conservation land on a beautiful day.



Rome Conservation Area, Gardner

May 20th was the **Public Opening** of this 175 acre conservation area. It was an occasion to honor the Rome Family, donors of the conservation land and to thank city officials and citizens whose support made the opening possible. NCLT president, Alan Rousseau announced the creation of the Rome Conservation Area Stewardship Fund. After the ceremony, participants had the opportunity to hike on 1.5 miles of new trails constructed by Boy Scouts of Troop 4 in Gardner.



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North County Land Trust depends on membership dues and contributions to fund our operating budget, stewardship of our conservation areas and our land protection work. Please take a moment to make a contribution and join us in the important work we do.

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