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# LAND TRUST NEWS

Preserving Open Lands In Our Towns

Spring Newsletter 2024



Mills Riverside Park, purchased and conserved in 1999

Photo Credit: Chris Smith

## Help Protect our future landscape... TODAY

Please note: All JULT memberships now run on a calendar year from January 1st to December 31st.

**Please sign me up for:**

- Conservator Membership \$500
- Steward Membership \$100
- Sponsor Membership \$50
- Family Membership \$35
- Individual Membership \$25
- Student/Senior Membership \$10
- Lifetime Membership \$1,000

*(Beat inflation and avoid renewal notices!)*

**Other Considerations:**

- My employer's matching gift is enclosed.
- Please **do not** send me a "Thank-you" gift.
- I wish to remain anonymous.

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Please make checks payable to JULT and mail to the address below. Or you may pay by credit card via our website: [www.jult.org](http://www.jult.org). All contributions are tax-deductible.

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**Please contact me regarding:**

- Conservation options for my land
- Making a gift of stock
- Other planned giving opportunities
- Volunteer opportunities:
  - \_\_\_ Fundraising/Events
  - \_\_\_ Office/Administration
  - \_\_\_ Trails/Land Stewardship

**Legacy Planning:**

Please consider JULT gifts that might include a bequest or charitable income gift. Ask an attorney or estate planner about your options.

## NEW BEGINNINGS

Imperceptible at first, the subtle nuances of spring hint at the new season arriving. The drip of maple sap joins the drip of melting snow. The first tentative blossoms emerge from the heavy weight of winter. Fresh green leaves start to color the monochrome forest. Ponds open, days lengthen, and the sun warms. Bold new colors transform the countryside. Everything is new again. How fortunate we all are to experience this annual miracle firsthand, in the woods and on the meadow.



We're on the web: [www.jult.org](http://www.jult.org)

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# SPRING AT THE FARM UPSTREAM

Written by Spencer Hardy, with input from the whole team

It's barely been six months, but Jericho already feels like home. From familiar faces at Town Meeting to favorite sandwiches at Desso's - it feels good to be setting down roots for the long haul. We are the very fortunate five new owners of the Hunt Farm on Lee River Road, a dream that took multiple years and a herculean effort from many in the community. A huge thank you to all who made this pipe dream a reality and gave us a shot at building a community-centered, economically-viable farm, including but not limited to the Hunt family, Vermont Land Trust, Jericho Underhill Land Trust, the Town of Jericho, and NOFA-VT. For those that are curious, we wanted to share a bit about our plans for the coming season.



Photo credit: John Koier

With a house to renovate, one of us in graduate school and two of us expecting a baby, we're giving ourselves a little breathing room for the spring. If all goes according to plan, we will open a farmstand on Saturdays starting in August. The farmstand will be a collaboration between The Farm Upstream and Bone Mountain Farm and will offer a variety of organic veggies and a few fun surprises including our own popcorn. Beyond produce, we are also launching a native plant nursery that will have a variety of flowering trees and shrubs for sale. In addition to Saturdays at the end of the summer, the nursery will also be open for a plant sale at least one weekend this spring, in collaboration with Bird and Bee Native Plants - another Jericho small business. Details and a pre-order form will be sent out via our newsletter and on Front Porch Forum.

Future seasons at The Farm Upstream will include a growing selection of fruit and veggies plus the option to join our CSA and receive produce weekly. If you are interested in following along, send your email to thefarmupstream@gmail.com and we can add you to our sporadic mailing list.

May 2024 be a verdant and fruitful year for all!



# You Are Invited!

There is no better way to enjoy the changing seasons than to explore the outdoors. We have two events to celebrate spring.

## Annual Spring Wildflower Walk Mills Riverside Park

May 4, 2024 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Join Michele Tulis as she guides us along the park's trails. We will discover the early plants that signal warmer months ahead. Michele helps us to identify and often provides a short history of plant use. We thank Michele for leading this very informative and popular walk for many years.

## Annual Bird Walk with Evergreen Mills Riverside Park

May 11th 2024 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Let's welcome our newly arrived bird species at the park! Evergreen Erb has led our Annual Bird Walk for over 25 years! We are excited to offer a slightly different bird walk this year with several options. Evergreen will choose a location for bird watching and listening and remain seated in that area. All are welcome to remain with her.

We will also have another bird excursion that Sabina Ernst and Jason Crooks will co-lead. Sabina is a JULT board member and has led many of our bird walks, Jason is new to us. He has helped to organize a lot of Christmas bird counts in the area. These bird walks will take us along the lower trails of the park and beside the Browns River. The park is filled with excellent habitat for bird watching. Whether seated or walking, expect to see and hear an Eastern Kingbird, Red-eyed Vireo, Baltimore Oriole, Gray Catbird, various warblers, and many more. Wear good boots as the ground will be muddy and bring your binoculars.



Artist: Diana D. Dunn

# MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

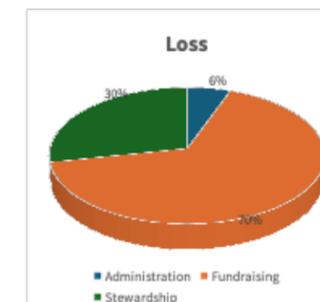
Without members like you, JULT would not be able to continue our work. We depend on your membership support to fund our land conservation efforts, land stewardship activities, and modest operating expenses. Fundraising this last year included \$58,000 to assist with the conservation of the Davis Farm and \$20,000 for The Farm Upstream's land conservation. Land stewardship includes removing invasive plants, maintaining trail access, paying property taxes, and creating management plans for the forest, farmland, and wildlife habitats. Without strong community support, we could not accomplish so much.

# THANK YOU!

## 2023 JULT Profit & Loss



Profit	
Investment	3%
Membership	97%
Other	0.3%



Loss	
Administration	6%
Fundraising	70%
Stewardship	30%

Please contact JULT at [julandtrust@gmail.com](mailto:julandtrust@gmail.com) with any questions. Other event ideas that you may have...just let us know!