

Summary 9/19/2012
7PM
Lower Connecticut River and Coastal Region Land Trust Exchange
Lower CT River Valley Council of Governments (RiverCOG) Office
145 Dennison Rd., Essex, CT
www.lcrclandtrustexchange.org

Attendees:

Suzanne Haig – Deep River Land Trust
Christina Clayton – Old Lyme Land Trust
Kristen Elliott Leas – Westbrook Land Conservation Trust
Tom Elliott – Westbrook Land Conservation Trust
Mark Leas – Westbrook Land Conservation Trust
David Brown – Middlesex Land Trust
Humphrey Tyler – Lyme Land Trust
Nancy Rambeau – Essex Land Trust
Melvin Woody – Ct River Land Trust
Stanford Brainard – Lynde Point Land Trust
Patrick Comins – Audubon CT
Tom Curren – Northeast Land Trust Consortium

Presenters at the meeting included Tom Curren, Northeast Land Trust Consortium, concerning capital campaigns through the introduction to the 6 million dollar purchase of the 6,200 acre Castle in the Clouds property located in Moultonborough, NH, by the Lakes Region Conservation Trust (for notes concerning this section of the meeting please contact Margot Burns), and Patrick Comins, Director of Bird Conservation, Connecticut Audubon with a talk concerning the National Wildlife Refuge System and its mission, landscape scale conservation, and the 7.2 million acre, CT River watershed based Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge, and the Friends of Conte. Patrick explored the various divisions of the Conte Refuge, their associated Friends groups, and their ecological connections to the lower Ct River Region. He also spoke about visitor service centers, their watershed on wheels called the WOW Express, and the National Blueway's Designation.

Connecting the ecological importance of the lower River and Coastal Region to the rest of the Watershed, New England, and the mission of the Conte Refuge is an important community outreach and fundraising tool.

The next meeting of the LTE will be held November 16th.