

Meeting Summary

The Lower Connecticut River and Coastal Region Land Trust Exchange

Nov. 16, 2017 / 3:00 – 5:00pm

Lower CT River Valley Council of Governments, 145 Dennison Rd., Essex, CT

The Nov. 16th, 2017 meeting of the Lower Connecticut River and Coastal Region Land Trust Exchange (LTE) agenda items included a discussion led by Sam Gold, Executive Director of the Lower CT River Valley Council of Governments (RiverCOG) concerning the pending changes to the bylaws and structure of the Lower Ct River Land Trust (LCRLT); discussion concerning the willingness of RiverCOG to help with anything needed for land trusts applying to the state for open space funding that we could provide; a review of the LTE's final Funding Matrix/Guide and the next steps for regional funding; and that a grant had been submitted to the Rockfall Foundation for funding for a Private Woodland Owner Information Packet to be sent to 1,000 woodland owners within the RiverCOG region.

The group agreed that the next step would be to apply for funding for due diligence and to complete a survey for a needs assessment for projects that could move ahead if due diligence funding were available to inform the writing of a letter of intent to send to funding organizations.