

AVALONIA LAND CONSERVANCY

INTERIM REPORT ENDED 12/31/2016

Avalonia's Mission:

We preserve natural habitats in southeastern Connecticut by acquiring and protecting lands, and communicating the value of these irreplaceable resources.



Photo by Jeffrey Callahan—Stonington

From the President:

It was a year of change and growth for Avalonia Land Conservancy, Inc. (ALC). By way of explanation on the reporting period, ALC changed its fiscal year to coincide with the Calendar year so this report is just for the intervening 7-month period between the last Annual report and the next full calendar year. However, it was a very full 7-month period!!

Accomplishments Thanks to Team and Donors:

- ◆ ALC completed its Land Trust Alliance Accreditation filing and required additional information request in November 2016. That application would prove successful as ALC received subsequent notification of Accreditation.
- ◆ ALC received 3 parcels of 179 acres of donated land in September 2016 with a fair market value of over \$1,000,000. Avalonia now holds over 3,500 acres.
- ◆ ALC fully funded perpetual stewardship costs for all current year donations in accordance with LTA Standards and Practices.
- ◆ ALC more than doubled the Endowment Fund during the period. At Fiscal Year-end the balance stood at \$103,604 with an additional \$60,000 pledged. The long-term goal is to have perpetual stewardship costs of all 92 current and any future preserves fully funded .
- ◆ Following a BOD self-assessment, the BOD undertook re-writing the Bylaws. Last revised in 2014, the Bylaws had several major shortcomings that were addressed resulting in an increased BOD size in 2017, bringing more talent and resources to the BOD.

Thank You Land Donors!

The 94 Acre Benedict Benson Preserve, generously donated by Mimi Borden in honor of her Grandfather who loved the land, has proven a hit with rare birds and the people who enjoy them.



Photo of Cerulean Warbler
by Niall Dougherty



Photo by Chuck Toal - Bruce
Fellman hike - Benedict Benson

Thank You Volunteers!

Stewarding over 3,500 acres takes knowledge, teamwork and untold hours. Major supporters were the Kitchings Foundation and the United States Department of Agriculture.

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Major Donors such as Peter B. Perry, Henry D. Lord, Richard A. Newton and Susan Surova

- ◆ Increased Endowment invested through Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut

Additional Avalonia Lifetime Members made a huge difference.

- ◆ Funded Perpetual Stewardship for all three land donations

Leadership Circle Donors insure the future!

Corporate and Group donors and many Individuals like you continue the Avalonia mission!

**Henry D. Lord Challenge Grant—
Over Half of \$20,000 Raised!**

Treasurer's Report

Financial Statement from Yearend May 31,
2016 to December 31, 2016

Income \$1,114,350

Expense \$62,941

Land as of 12/31/2016 \$17,850,709

IRS Form 990 and Schedules filed ahead of
schedule

Stewardship Committee Report - Keeping Your Legacy with Great Habitat Projects



Photo by Rick Newton

New! Stewardship Manual—approved stewardship practices available to all property stewards.

New! Track-kit GPS app boundary files

New! Stewardship Page on Avalonia Website

- ◆ Stewardship Manual
- ◆ Stewardship activity report
- ◆ Conservation Easement monitoring form
- ◆ Management plans for each property for ready reference

Directors:

Dennis Main, President

Sue Sutherland, Vice President and Treasurer

Grania “Binti” Ackley, Secretary

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Chuck Toal, Director of Development

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