



Upper Valley Land Trust - July 2018

Masthead Photo: Newly conserved Wetzel-Clay Brook Property. Baseline Documentation Photo taken by Conservation Mapping and Field Specialist Andy Boyce

Areson : A Gift of Land

The Areson family has donated 231 acres of woodland for conservation and forest management. The six siblings inherited the property from their father, a Dartmouth alum who loved the Norwich forest. After placing a conservation easement on the property in 2002, the family continued to honor his memory and chose to make an outright gift of the land fifteen years later.

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Peter Areson, with his wife Cyndy Guy, as Peter signs the deed giving the land to UVLT. (Photo By Elizabeth Howard)

Connections Build Conserved Corridors

Two recently donated conservation easements expand upon previously conserved corridors. The Wetzel - Clay Brook easement in Lyme extends protected stream frontage on Clay Brook as it runs into the Connecticut River. The Briere Woods parcel in Tunbridge completes a large forest block of conserved land that provides valuable wildlife habitat.

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The newly conserved Wetzel - Clay Brook property in Lyme, one of two new conservation easements creating stream and forest corridors. (Photo by Conservation and Mapping Field Specialist Andy Boyce)

Foundation Brings People Together to Protect Landmark

The Lake Morey Foundation has given 148 acres on Morey Mountain property for UVLT to own and manage! The property had been threatened by development. It is home to several rare, endangered, and threatened species. It's also near Peregrine Falcon nesting habitat at the UVLT-owned Cliff's Cliff property. The Lake Morey Foundation recognized how special this property is and through an inspiring, grassroots fundraising campaign raised \$400,000 dollars to purchase the property!



Views of Morey Mountain and Lake Morey from the West looking East. (Photo by Conservation Project Assistant Craig Privett)

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