

Lower Farmington River/Salmon Brook Wild & Scenic Study

2009 Land Trust Survey

Thank you for agreeing to participate in the Wild & Scenic 2009 Land Trust Survey. Your response is extremely important as we have invited only the president (or key staff person) from each land trust. Your land trust's participation in the survey is crucial in helping to shape the Lower Farmington River/Salmon Brook Wild & Scenic Management Plan which will be a guide to protecting the special resources of the two watercourses. Your input will also help us understand your interests and needs so that we can find ways that we might work together to accomplish common goals. Please use the enclosed postage-paid envelope to return your completed survey by November 20, 2009, or complete the survey by email. Completed surveys can be returned by e-mail to alison.rau@gmail.com. Thank you!

Part I: BACKGROUND

1. How long have you been a board member/staff person (circle one) of your land trust?

- < 5 years 5 to 10 years 11 to 20 years More than 20 years

Your Name: _____

Phone No: (to follow up if needed) _____

2. Which of the ten Lower Farmington River/Salmon Brook Wild & Scenic towns does your land trust cover?

- Avon Bloomfield Burlington Canton East Granby Farmington Granby Hartland Simsbury Windsor

3. How familiar are you with the Wild and Scenic River Study?

- Very familiar Moderately familiar Not at all familiar

4. What are the three most significant challenges (internal and/or external) to your land trust achieving its objectives?

a)

b)

c)

Part II: YOUR LAND TRUST

5. How well does your land trust understand the Wild and Scenic objectives and how they relate to yours?

- Very well
 Moderately well
 Not at all
 Don't know

6. In general, **how important** is each of the following to your land trust? *(Leave an item blank if you have no opinion).*

	Very Important 5	4	3	2	Not at all Important 1	Top 5 (check only 5)
Preservation of a clean water supply for locals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protection of rivers and brooks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Current, sound scientific data & technical support	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Establishing a shared conservation vision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Working regionally to protect parcels						
Public access to river and brook	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Resources for stewardship functions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Establish and finance a river stewardship program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Historic and archeological preservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Land Trust integration in the Wild & Scenic Management Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Facilitating grant applications for corridor projects	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Building the capacity of your land trust	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Partnering on conservation deals in corridor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preserving scenic beauty, recreational and natural resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. Does your land trust target certain natural resources in its protection efforts, such as river/stream corridor, watershed land, forests, farmland, or critical habitat?

Yes ___ No ___

If yes, list your "target" resources:

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8. What are your land trust's greatest needs for enforcement against encroachments either on land trust property or conservation easements?

Legal assistance _____

Financial assistance _____

River Steward * _____

Technical assistance _____

Other (specify) _____

Comments: _____

* a shared position providing general and requested monitoring

9. Does your land trust currently provide public access to its land holdings for recreational activities?

Yes ___ No ___

If yes, complete chart. If no, skip to the next question.

Activity	Allowed Yes/No	Prohibited/Sensitive Areas Yes/No	Promoted Yes/No	Publicized (Brochures, Newspapers, etc) Yes/No
Walking/hiking				
Biking				
Fishing				
Boating				
Birding				
Ice skating				

10. What priorities does your land trust use to decide which parcels to protect? Please list from most to least important.

Part III: PARTNERING

11. With which entities has your land trust partnered?

	Have partnered	Would like to	Comments
Other land trust	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Federal agency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
State agency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Municipality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

12. If a 2-3 hour regional meeting of corridor town land trusts were scheduled to discuss collective land protection and stewardship, how likely would your land trust be to attend?

Highly likely _____ Somewhat likely _____ Not at all likely _____

If Not at all likely, please explain _____

13. Given the opportunity, how likely is or would your land trust be to partner or share resources with other land trusts for the following stewardship responsibilities?

	Highly likely	Somewhat likely	Not at all likely
Baseline reports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring reports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GIS mapping support	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Legal defense	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Part IV: STEWARDSHIP

14. What is your land trust’s annual stewardship funding? _____

14a. What % of the annual operating costs goes to stewardship? _____

14b. What is the land base requiring stewardship? _____

15. Please list your primary stewardship activities in the past year.

16. Generally, who implements stewardship activities?

Volunteers _____ Contractors _____

Land trust staff _____ Other, specify _____

Part V: GENERAL

18. Would you welcome a presentation on the Wild & Scenic Study and the benefits of designation to your Board of Directors or membership?

| Yes _____ No _____

19. What sort of training or other support would your group desire if funding were available under as Wild & Scenic designation for activities connected to protection and enhancement of the Outstanding Resource Values of the watercourses?

20. The Wild & Scenic Committee will be asking conservation organizations for letters endorsing a Wild & Scenic designation for the lower Farmington and Salmon Brook. These letters are needed to show Congress that there is local support for the designation.

Would your land trust consider providing such a letter? If so, please include such a letter supporting the management plan and the official designation attached to this survey.

Yes _____ No _____

21. Please use the space below to provide any additional comments you would like to add about your Land Trust and/or the Lower Farmington and Salmon Brook Wild and Scenic Study.

*Thank you for your participation and your support of the Lower Farmington and Salmon Brook Wild and Scenic Study. Please use the enclosed postage-paid envelope to return your completed survey by November 20, 2009. Completed surveys can be returned by e-mail to alison.rau@gmail.com. **Thank you!***