

May 2011 SCLS Property Monitor Update



Happy Spring and Happy 2011 monitoring season!

News and Events: [Monitoring Workshops](#)

This year we will be offering two separate trainings for our monitors; one for monitors of the properties which SLCS owns and one for people who monitor conservation easements.

We're doing this to achieve two primary goals: to better assess how we manage SLCS owned land and to develop closer ties with our landowners. This is a huge step forward in developing a strong stewardship component within SLCS. What this means to you, the monitors, is that your task will have a slightly different twist.

We would like monitors to attend one of these update style trainings every two years so you have access to new information and changes in our process. We have firm dates for the two workshops listed below and plan to add others over the summer as we communicate with summer resident monitors. If you monitor both types of property, please try to come to one of each over a two year span. First time monitors will be trained in the field with a seasoned monitor as well as an office session with staff.

Fee property monitors: Friday July 15 2:00 - 4:00 PM SLCS Conference Room This training will include valuable information on how to document natural resources and using a management plan. *SLCS owned properties: Berry Mill I&II, Carnes Cove, Cook Conservation Area, Doublehead, East Rattlesnake I&II, G&C Mead Memorial Forest, Holderness Beach, Kent Island, Levi Smith, Lilly Cove III, Metcalf Preserve, Mill Brook I&II, Second Star Island, Sturtevant Bay II, Twig's Island, Unsworth Preserve.*

Conservation easement monitors: Friday September 16 2:00 - 4:00 PM SLCS Conference Room
This training will include valuable information on landowner relations and delineating boundaries.

Accreditation News:



We are finalizing our application for accreditation with the Land Trust Accreditation Commission. This is an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance which conducts an extensive review of an applicant's policies and programs to determine if they meet the national quality standards. The commission invites public input and accepts signed, written comments. These comments must relate to how SCLS complies with the national standards which address the ethical and technical operation of our organization. A full list of standards can be found at www.landtrustaccreditation.org/getting-accredited/indicator-practices.

To learn more about the accreditation program and to submit a comment, please visit www.landtrustaccreditation.org. Comments may also be faxed or mailed to the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, Attn Public comments (fax) 518-587-3183; (mail) 112 Spring Street, Suite 204, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Comments will be most useful if submitted by July 1, 2011.