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Dear Bridgewater Residents

The Bridgewater Land Trust has been protecting farmland and open space in lower Litchfield County for the past quarter-century. Our membership numbers continue to increase, and 2017 has proven to be another great year for our Land Trust. This year’s successful Falcon Demonstration in collaboration with Burnham Library was an awesome, well-attended event designed to educate, entertain and give back to our community. Thank you to all of our generous sponsors and volunteers.

We were awarded the Ellen Knowles Harcourt Grant in 2017. We used the funds to update the Bridgewater Land Trust map (keep an eye out for a future mailer!) and refurbish the Ketchum Children’s Trail signs and other Bridgewater Land Trust signs.

For 2018 we will continue the focus on repair and maintenance of our properties, including new fencing and a new barn roof at the Town Line property. We also plan to install a public trail around our magnificent town line preserve. As always, we look to plan events and other community activities that our members can enjoy and will bring in new members to help us expand and reach our goals.

We are continuously updating our website, www.bridgewaterlandtrust.org, and believe you will find it informative and easy to use. While visiting it, be sure to sign up for future communications. We will use our website, email news and our new Facebook page (don’t forget to Like Us!) to keep our members and supporters informed about our progress and upcoming activities. We welcome your input, questions and ideas and would love to hear from you! Reach out any time on our website, Facebook or by email, or stop by our office at 38 Town Line Road. We are open Wednesdays, 10 am to 2 pm.

We have been hard at work with the stewardship of the nearly 400 acres of Bridgewater forestland, farmland, watercourses and open space. Our directors, members and volunteers spend countless hours each year walking, cleaning, monitoring and maintaining these parcels. Now more than ever, with our increasing activities, operating costs, repairs and upgrades, we depend on our members for their renewals and contributions.

We rely heavily on individual and local business contributions to further our mission. We would like to count you among those willing to help preserve Bridgewater by receiving your 2017 tax-deductible donation before this year’s end. We at the Land Trust welcome the support of any and all residents, weekenders, and visitors either through your time and/or your much needed financial contribution. Please become a member with your financial gift today.

Thank you!

Steve Shabet
President, Bridgewater Land Trust

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Membership Application/Renewal

Make checks payable to The Bridgewater Land Trust, Inc. and mail to:
Bridgewater Land Trust, PO Box 8, Bridgewater, CT 06752

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

- Benefactor \$1,000 and more
- Patron \$500 to \$999
- Sustaining Member \$250 to \$499
- Contributing Member \$100 to \$249
- Family Membership \$40
- Individual Membership \$20
- I am willing to contribute time and experience. My skills are: _____

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