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Jen's connection to Westerly began with childhood summers and family vacations here, fostering a lifelong love for the community. Her first job at her parents' Watch Hill store sparked an interest in retail, leading to a career in retail buying and management in New York City and the Boston area after graduating from Brown University.



Jen and her husband Scott spent 20 years in Wayland, MA, where they raised their two children. Throughout the years, Jen has been deeply involved in her community, supporting organizations including Mass Audubon, Rosie's Place, and the APOE4 Alzheimer's Alliance. Most recently, she served on the board of Literacy Volunteers of Washington County. Jen and Scott have owned a home in Weekapaug for the past decade, where she enjoys daily walks along beaches, trails, and vibrant neighborhoods.



## MILESTONES:

At the heart of the Westerly Land Trust is a profound truth: we don't just preserve this land; we belong to it. While WLT manages more than 1,900 acres, the true pulse of the organization is found in its people. From the bank of the Pawcatuck to the quiet woodlands, the theme of **shared stewardship** binds our community together.

Our impact is a mosaic of collective effort. It lives in the **Coffee and Clearing Club (CCC)**, whose boots-on-the-ground dedication maintains our properties to the high bar we have set. It shines in our **education volunteers**, who spark wonder in the next generation. It's guided by **hike leaders** who turn a simple trail walk into a journey of discovery. It's cultivated by our partner **farmers** who nurture the earth with a commitment to sustainability. Behind the scenes, the **WLT board and staff** provide the vision and framework, ensuring every steward has the tools they need to be impactful and feel gratified. Our **donors and members** sustain it all through their generous funding, as important to this organization as the Tuesday morning coffee.

To be a steward is to recognize that we are temporary guardians of a timeless gift. Whether clearing invasive species, blazing trails, leading a school group, or simply walking a dog on a protected path (remember to keep the trails clear for the next visitor!), you are part of a vital legacy. Together, we ensure that the natural beauty of Westerly remains vibrant, resilient, and open to all—today, and for every generation to follow.



*Goats from Röm Land and Livestock spent the winter clearing invasive plants at Avondale Farm Preserve.*

  
Jennifer Fusco,  
*Executive Director*

## ALESIA SADOSKY

Alesia (also known as Lee in some circles) grew up in Connecticut and built a distinguished career in New York City with the Department of Health and Pfizer as a health economist. She holds an impressive academic portfolio, including a PhD in Biological Chemistry, an MPH in Epidemiology, and an MBA in Finance.

A dedicated outdoor enthusiast and community volunteer, Alesia serves as a CCC member and co-leads Save the Bay's beach cleanups and assists with their monitoring of the Pawcatuck River water quality. A certified URI Master Gardener since 2022, she supports Wilcox Park as a Park Associate and helped the Park achieve Level II arboretum accreditation. And, leaning on her MBA, Alesia volunteers as a tax preparer for TaxAide, an AARP/IRS organization that provides free tax services to low-income seniors.



## JOHN TOWNSEND

In 1984, John and his wife Kate became summer neighbors to what is now Avondale Farm Preserve, and joined efforts in the 1990s that helped WLT permanently protect these environmentally sensitive acres.

A Baltimore native, John earned a B.A. from University of Pennsylvania and an MBA from the Wharton School. He worked in international finance at Goldman Sachs & UBS before founding an executive search firm focused on European and Asian banks. He brings to the Board expertise in fund management, fundraising, and nonprofit governance.

John is a choral singer and the proud recipient of a 2025 Westy Award. He has served on the Chorus of Westerly Board and continues his service today on their Finance Committee. John loves to share Westerly with his four grandchildren when they visit, taking them sailing, kayaking, and fishing.



# THE WESTERLY LAND TRUST AND JONNYCAKE CENTER OF WESTERLY PARTNER AT HAGGERTY FAMILY PRESERVE TO ADDRESS LOCAL FOOD INSECURITY

In early 2025, the Jonnycake Center of Westerly recognized that their Giving Garden at Ninigret Park, which supplies nutritious produce for their community food pantry and Summer Market, was operating at full capacity, though the need continued to grow. In search of a solution, they picked up the phone and dialed their friends at the Westerly Land Trust to explore farm expansion opportunities on conserved land. The Haggerty Family Preserve—in hay production at the time, zoned for agriculture, and conveniently located just a few miles from the Jonnycake Center—was identified as a prime site. By December of the same year, the Westerly Land Trust was awarded a grant of \$47,170 from the Champlin Foundation to support a collaborative agricultural initiative with the Jonnycake Center to convert a portion of a 3-acre hayfield at WLT's Haggerty Family Preserve (96 Dunns Corner Road) into a productive farm dedicated to growing food for distribution to food-insecure residents in the Westerly area.

This partnership illustrates a model of sustainable land use, community collaboration, and compassion in action. In her New Year's message, Champlin Foundation Executive Director Nina Stack wrote, "These are two distinct organizations, yet their goals are aligned. They realized that they could achieve more, together."

Statewide, food insecurity is on the rise. The Rhode Island Community Food Bank reported emergency food pantry usage reached an all-time high in late 2025. At the Jonnycake Center, demand routinely exceeds supply despite the Giving Garden's annual harvest of more than 3,000 pounds. With the Ninigret site at capacity, this expansion meets a pressing need.

"The Jonnycake Center of Westerly recognizes the great importance of providing the community with access to fresh, nutritious, organic produce," said Lee Eastbourne, Executive Director at the Jonnycake Center. "Our utmost thanks to the Westerly Land Trust for collaborating with Jonnycake on this wonderful project,"

The Haggerty Family Preserve was permanently protected by the Westerly Land Trust in 2014. Prior to that, a portion of the land was owned by Andrew "Buzz" Haggerty and his brother Jim. Buzz and his wife Deborah owned a neighboring parcel on which they planned to build a home, but the water table was too high, so instead, the land



*Jonnycake Center of Westerly's Director of Food Programs Sarah Shaw (center) and team at the Jonnycake Summer Market*

became grounds for their three daughters' adventures and explorations. In 2014, Buzz and Deborah sold both parcels, a total of 9.4 acres, to the Westerly Land Trust. "We wanted it to be left as farmland," Deborah said.

Buzz Haggerty, who passed away in 2018, served as a volunteer firefighter at Dunns Corner Fire Department for 50 years, earning the rank of 1st Deputy Chief. Deborah noted that community service was always top of mind for Buzz, and he was forever looking for ways to give back. "To be able to feed our community while helping the whole town with the aquifer is a win-win," Deborah said. "It's like an answer to prayer." Her daughter Carolyn added, "Dad would be so proud."

This spring, WLT is installing a well, electricity, and deer fencing before Sarah Shaw, Director of Food Programs at the Jonnycake Center of Westerly, breaks ground on the newly established farm space.

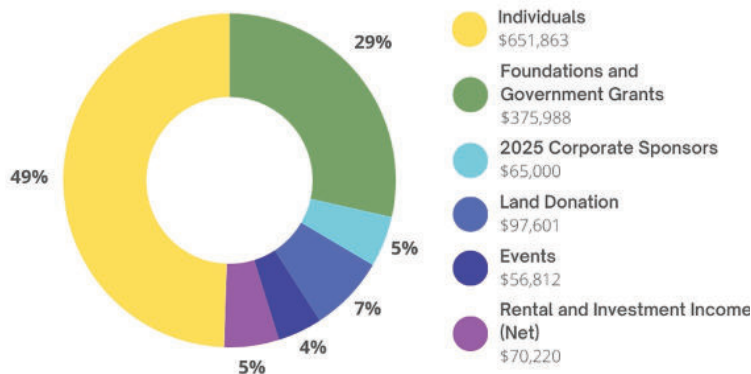


## INTRODUCING CAMP QUEQUATUCK

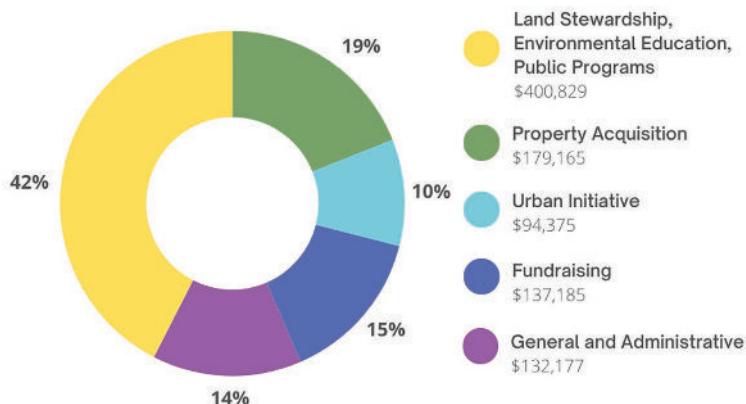
In December 2025, the Westerly Land Trust acquired the 4.6-acre Camp Quequatuck at 22 Boy Scout Drive, neighboring WLT's Riverwood Preserve.

A success 10 years in the making, WLT had been approached by the camp's former owners, the Boy Scouts of America, to acquire this land and protect it in perpetuity. Along with conserving 690 feet of additional river frontage, this acquisition extends a natural wildlife corridor that supports the Eastern box turtle and the bobcat, both listed as species of priority in the Rhode Island Wildlife Action Plan. The Westerly Land Trust will maintain a partnership with the Boy Scouts to accommodate their scouting activities; existing camping shelters and an outhouse will remain on the property. As with all acquired properties, WLT staff is creating a conservation management plan for Camp Quequatuck, including best land use, habitat preservation, and wildlife protection.

# 2025 REVENUE



# 2025 AT A GLANCE



## THE ORCHARD SOCIETY

In 2025, the Westerly Land Trust received notice that Jan Lorensen, who passed the previous fall, had included WLT in her estate plans. Jan had been a cherished but modest supporter of the Westerly Land Trust since 2002, but her final gift, we would come to find out, would be transformational for the Land Trust. At our 2025 Annual Meeting, we announced that Jan Lorensen had selected the Westerly Land Trust to receive a gift of \$250,000 from her estate.

Jan's friend Judy Colucci wrote a letter accompanying this gift describing Jan as "thankful for her friends whom she chose as her family." In return, Judy noted "we can all be truly thankful for the love and friendship she shared with all of us!"

The morning after our announcement, the Land Trust received calls and emails from donors saying either they had already included WLT in their estate plans or that this gift had inspired them to do so. One such donor, Ellen Madison, whose family previously owned the land that is today Sunnyacres Preserve (pictured above), had this to say about her decision to support WLT now and in the future:

*From my bedroom window, I can look out over Sunnyacres and witness WLT volunteers caring for it as if it were their most treasured property.*

*I'm thrilled to see strangers birding, walking their dogs, eating lunch or sometimes just coming up the laneway out of curiosity. The field greening up and then the hay being harvested tells me that the land is being used wisely and productively. My thinking has always been aligned with WLT's philosophy and I want to be a part of making sure that they can carry out their mission far beyond my lifetime, which is why I have made arrangements in my will to support their work.*

Through their generous forethought, Jan, Ellen, and others will protect Westerly's natural beauty and environmental health for future generations. The Westerly Land Trust has convened a special committee dedicated to determining the best and highest use of Jan's gift and all legacy gifts.

If you have or would like to designate the Westerly Land Trust in your estate plans, please contact Director of Development Erika Lebling at [elebling@westerlylandtrust.org](mailto:elebling@westerlylandtrust.org). We would like to thank you for your generosity and welcome you to The Orchard Society, a group of forward-thinking individuals who have demonstrated their love of and concern for the future of Westerly's sense of place by supporting the Westerly Land Trust through their planned gifts.

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*“We love the Westerly Land Trust for providing opportunities for lifting one’s soul by surrounding themselves in nature and educating both the young and the young in spirit. Members consist of people with a wide variety of views who enjoy each other immensely!”*

*~ Debra and John Hanley*

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*“Since moving to Westerly, we have admired the South Shore’s natural beauty. We love the beaches, the forests, the ponds and lakes. That is why we were drawn to the Westerly Land Trust and its mission to conserve open space and provide environmental programs that encourage people to enjoy the outdoors. We are happy to be able to contribute to such an outstanding cause”*

*~ Gerry and Laura Tobin*

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## FOREST HEALTH MONITORING

Ensuring our existing forests, farms, woodlands and wetlands are conserved is the first and most important step to take towards a sustainable future. Conservation organizations must prioritize identification and protection of wild spaces -- places that, once paved, are near impossible to bring back. But what happens next? What happens when a coalition of focused conservation organizations succeed in protecting more than 1,900 acres of Westerly's open space?

On a warm June day near last year's summer solstice, four forest stewards headed towards Wolf Island -- a small raft of upland forest bobbing in a sea of swamp at WLT's Crandall Family Preserve. Their mission was to familiarize themselves with a new forest inventory protocol. Under the black oak, white pine and American holly, the team set up circular inventory plots and measured tree diameter, counted seedlings and saplings and observed biodiversity. This was the beginning of a long-term study that seeks to put our finger on the pulse of Westerly's forest and share that data with a regional network of invested stewards and scientists.

Almost a year later, with refined methods and a growing community of citizen scientists, these stewards are officially launching WLT's Forest

Health Monitoring program. Under the guidance of the Wildlands and Woodlands' Stewardship Science research initiative model, this program aims to expand WLT's monitoring efforts, track changes to forest health over time, contribute to regional conservation science and deepen community engagement with our forests. This June, the program will establish 25 long-term forest inventory plots across 780 acres of contiguous conserved forest between WLT's Grills Preserve and Hopkinton Municipal Land Trust's Grills Wildlife Sanctuary.

So, what happens after so much land conservation success? The answer might just be to head deeper into the woods, armed with knowledge, data sheets and measuring tapes, to listen, to learn and to become better stewards than we were yesterday.

*Interested in participating in Forest Health Monitoring? Email Marc, WLT's Land Stewardship Manager, at [mdoherty@westerlylandtrust.org](mailto:mdoherty@westerlylandtrust.org)*



## THURSDAY HIKING GROUP

In 2008, Charlie Hiscox, geology professor, naturalist, and Westerly native, who, along with his friend Elly Heyder had blazed the trails at Dr. John Champlin Glacier Park and Riverwood Preserve, proposed to the Westerly Land Trust the idea of a hiking group for agile seniors. At 88 years young, Charlie wanted a regularly occurring event that would encourage physical activity and social connection for "older folks." Charlie teamed up with Sally Hansen who had a great deal of hiking experience, and the idea took off!

Sally began organizing and guiding these "Thursday Hikes"—aptly named because they occur on Thursday mornings. She would set the schedule, recruit and manage volunteer hike leaders, ensure the suggested hike locations were appropriate, publish the schedules, and keep track of attendance. She has repeated this process every quarter since 2008.

In the early days, weekly attendance was usually six to twelve hikers, and most of the hikes occurred in Westerly. Over the next few years, under Sally's leadership, the attendance grew to 20-30 regular hikers each week, and today, they don't just stay local. While we are proud that the Westerly Land Trust is their homebase, the Thursday Hiking Group now travels throughout South County and Eastern Connecticut. What *has* stayed the same is that the group still checks all of Charlie's original boxes: the hikers have built a community while staying active outdoors.

For many, this group has been a gateway to the Westerly Land Trust. Hikers have joined CCC or

volunteer with WLT's youth education program. For some, entering the woods alone can be intimidating. This group offers a way to explore and familiarize oneself with some of the most beautiful spots in our region *together*.

Most of the original crew who started out with Charlie, Elly, and Sally no longer hike, but the program continues to attract new members, including younger participants. Everyone is happy when Sally can join.

"It is a great tribute to Sally's dedication to this program that it has been run flawlessly for almost 20 years," said Dave Prigmore, Thursday Hike leader and CCC volunteer. "It is an understatement to say that Sally has been the glue that has held this wonderful program together all these years."

The Thursday Hikes run September through May and then transition to paddles for the summer months. For the schedule, please visit [westerlylandtrust.org](http://westerlylandtrust.org).



## VOLUNTEER CORNER: BRUNO HANCOCK

Bruno Hancock found the Westerly Land Trust by way of his golden-doodle, Zealand. Upon his retirement from Pfizer in 2024, Bruno and his wife Sheri relocated to Westerly from North Stonington, where they had lived for 25 years, and began combing their new town for spots to let Zealand run and explore. "We found many of the WLT properties are just five to ten minutes from our home, so we started visiting them regularly," Bruno said. His frequent visits inspired him to get involved in maintaining trails and stewarding the land. "I have enjoyed hiking and gardening my whole life, so by volunteering with WLT I can utilize my existing skills on the trail and in the woods."

Bruno joined the Thursday Hiking Group to further learn the lay of the land and then began volunteering as a hike leader with Zealand as a faithful co-pilot. A year later, he joined CCC on Tuesday mornings and has been a regular member of both groups ever since.

"Volunteering with WLT is a great way to meet people with similar interests, whilst being outside in the fresh air," Bruno said. "I have met some compassionate and interesting people (who have become good friends) and have been able to support several important conservation projects. This gives me a great sense of satisfaction and joy."

Recently, Bruno and WLT's Land Stewardship Manager Marc Doherty collaborated on the design of a map of the newly acquired Champlin

Farm Preserve. Bruno's Boy Scout cartography skills came in handy, improved by present-day technology. Bruno and Zealand would walk the trails, tracking their path by GPS, then overlay this information on a satellite image of the property. To honor the look of the original WLT maps designed by the late Dennis O'Brien, Bruno and Marc chose a watercolor-inspired aesthetic. The two have plans to update other WLT maps, especially in spots where trails have changed.

Bruno has lived in Canada and the UK (as evidenced by his accent) but has found New England—particularly Westerly—to have the perfect blend of history, culture, beaches, access to the mountains, and friendships. When not out on the trails with Sheri and Zealand, Bruno tackles home improvement projects and enjoys Westerly's vibrant arts scene.



## TAKE CARE OF THE LAND, TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

New data indicates that volunteering might alter gene expression, leading to decelerated epigenetic aging! And if that isn't enough motivation, volunteering also offers retired individuals opportunities to increase their physical activity, while developing and strengthening social bonds, sense of purpose, and intergenerational connections.

Newer CCC members Ed Marolda, Wendy Mazzarella, and David Hannon shared their thoughts on what it means to them to have found this group during this chapter of their lives:



*After 40 years behind a desk, I was excited to join a local organization in retirement that allowed me to remain physically active while sharing my interest in the outdoors & conservation. But, very quickly, I learned the WLT opportunity offered so much more. WLT volunteers all have a shared interest in the outdoors, but with so many different backgrounds & work experiences, I regularly find myself learning from their extraordinary talents and consider myself fortunate to have developed new friendships. Along the way, I've joined a WLT committee to lend some of my prior professional experience. It may be a bit ironic, but I truly believe what I've gained from WLT far outweighs the time I've spent volunteering. ~ Ed Marolda*



*When I moved to RI, I didn't come for a new job, family, or friends. Except for my realtor, I basically knew no one. As a retiree, it's more challenging to make new friends. At CCC, I found a group of warm, funny, and welcoming people. I don't love all the briars or poison ivy along the trails, but clearing old ones and making new ones just feels good. The benefits of volunteering here have been life changing for me, physically, mentally, and socially. I have made many new friends. I look forward to seeing them on Tuesday mornings, having lunch with them, celebrating birthdays together, and listening to them tease each other. It's a great group! We work hard, we have fun, and we help the environment. ~ Wendy Mazzarella*



*I joined the CCC in September 2021. I knew it was a volunteer activity I wanted to do. Being outside, in nature, doing something physical, all while taking care of the many trails that make up the vast network of WLT properties checked a lot of "boxes" for me. But I never could have imagined that my transition from work to retirement would be so easy, and meaningful. I figured I'd put in my two hours of work on the trails every Tuesday morning and that would be it. Little did I know that so many of the individuals who make up the CCC team, along with staff members, would become close friends, or that I would find myself becoming more deeply involved in the life and work of WLT with every year. Five years in, I can't imagine my life without the land trust. ~ David Hannon*

## BEDS, BATS, AND BEYOND

Across generations, capable hands and simple tools can nurture lifelong love of nature. Thus far in 2026, WLT preserves have benefited from a homeschool group crafting bat houses, high school students constructing raised garden beds, and our CCC Building Crew assembling bluebird houses. Though the participants span decades in age, they are united by shared satisfaction of working with their hands while contributing to our community and local habitats.

In April, a sixteen-student homeschool group contacted the Westerly Land Trust, saying they had been researching bat habitat loss and wanted to take action to provide clean and safe environments that would encourage bat health, thus increasing their population and species biodiversity. This group, aged 6 through 14, asked if they might build bat houses and install them on WLT properties. They had even

received a donation of materials from Arnold Lumber to get started. On April 21, the group gathered at Camp Quequatuck, WLT's newly preserved 4-acre former Boy Scout camp adjacent to Riverwood Preserve. The kids, their families, and WLT educators Lauren and Emma, hoisted the bat houses to an appropriate height of 15-20 feet. The students also submitted an infographic flyer of bat facts for the Camp Quequatuck kiosk.

In recent years, the Westerly Land Trust youth education program has expanded



beyond its original K-4th grade curriculum to include high school students through internship opportunities, senior capstone project mentoring, career exploration coaching, and community service options. This spring, Westerly High School senior Jayden Roberts built two raised garden beds for the WLT Community Garden on Main Street as part of his senior project. As an example of how a network of adults can foster a student's growth and development, Jayden worked with Conservation Programs Manager Lauren Barber to develop this plan and his teacher Dan McKenna along with Land Stewardship Manager Marc Doherty to carry it out.

WLT's Building Crew, a faction of the CCC who has a special interest in carpentry, spent this snowy winter constructing approximately 40 bluebird houses out of wood donated from JRV Woodworks. This crew is made up mostly of retired folks who enjoy woodworking and each other's company. Some of the birdhouses can be found at Barlow Nature Preserve, now occupied, while others were installed at the Champlin Farm Preserve on a Weekend Volunteer Stewardship Day in April.



These projects remind us that stewardship can be shaped quite literally by hands of any age.



# STRATEGIC PLAN MIDPOINT REVIEW

Operating under the notion that a Strategic Plan is not created to live on a shelf, but rather to be utilized as a map to guide our work, the Westerly Land Trust Board and staff conducted a thorough midpoint review on May 1. Through a series of meetings, the group answered three questions for each of the plan's four pillars: 1.) What are WLT's accomplishments under this pillar? 2.) What actions will advance this pillar? And 3.) What resources are required to bring these actions to fruition?

Here are some of our most proud accomplishments to date under each pillar:

## PILLAR 1: PROTECT THE LANDS WE CHERISH

- Since the plan's inception in 2024, WLT has acquired Champlin Farm Preserve, Bonnie Brook, Camp Quequatuck and extended the acreage of Crandall Family Preserve and Riverwood Preserve.



## PILLAR 2: STEWARD OUR LANDS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

- Formed a partnership with Jonnycake Center of Westerly to transform farmland into food production and nurtured collaborations with existing and new agricultural partners, like Röm Land + Livestock.
- Increased community's involvement in citizen science and stewardship through CCC growth, Forest Health Monitoring

program, native plant foundation plot, and student-focused stewardship activities.

- Became the Fiscal Agent for Wild & Scenic Rivers Stewardship Council, opening WLT up to partnerships extending beyond Westerly's boundaries and bringing together thought leaders from other organizations and communities.

## PILLAR 3: ENHANCE GREEN SPACE FOR EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD

- Partnered with Luzzi Homes to protect 11-acre Bonnie Brook, which neighbors their planned housing development.
- Worked with Weekapaug Foundation for Conservation to build the Haversham Boardwalk, which allows walkers to safely pass between Haversham and Noyes Neck Roads.
- Enhanced our partnership with the Town of Westerly on several Downtown projects, including the transfer of the Ice Rink to the Town.

## PILLAR 4: NURTURE LIFELONG LOVE OF NATURE

- Grew adult engagement programs, including Wellness in the Woods and Voices of the Land.
- Expanded youth education program beyond the original K-4th grade curriculum to now engage children as young as 18 months to college-age students.
- Hosted 1,000 student interactions in 2025 and on track to increase this number in 2026.
- Strengthened place-based learning by expanding use of WLT preserves, including Barlow, Wahaneeta, Glacier, Crandall, Champlin, Mastuxet Brook South, Avondale, and Grills Preserve.

# CHANGES TO TAX LAW THAT MAY IMPACT YOUR CHARITABLE DEDUCTION

Beginning in tax year 2026, new federal tax rules change how taxpayers can deduct charitable contributions on federal returns. The impact of these laws will depend on your personal financial circumstances and may change whether you claim a standard deduction or itemize your charitable deductions. Updates to the tax law include:

- \$1,000 standard deduction charity break
- 0.5% AGI floor on 2026 charitable deductions
- 35% deduction cap for high-income donors

If you have questions, please consult a tax specialist or financial advisor for advice prior to making your 2026 gift to the Westerly Land Trust.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### Barlow Nature Preserve Farm Stand Operated by Frontier Farm and Echo Rock Flowers

#### Early June through September

Enjoy fresh veggies and beautiful flowers from two local farms working on Westerly Land Trust land. Swing by 449 Westerly-Bradford Road to shop Thursdays and Fridays 2-6pm and Saturdays 12-4pm. New in 2026: The Farm Stand will be operating under the honor system, accepting cash and Venmo.

### BarreCoast Fitness and Yoga Events at Winnapaug Farm Preserve

#### May 24, June 21, July 12, August 8, September 22

Connect your mind and body with nature in these outdoor wellness sessions led by our partners at BarreCoast. Westerly Land Trust members receive a special discounted rate.

### Echo Rock Flowers Summer Events

#### Summer 2026

Echo Rock Flowers will be hosting a variety of flower-inspired events including a Summer Bounty Floral Design workshop on August 22nd. They have generously pledged to donate 10% of all workshop proceeds to support the Westerly Land Trust's conservation efforts.

### The Westerly Land Trust Farm Dinner

#### Saturday, September 12

Dine al fresco with your friends and neighbors as we celebrate local agriculture and the people who produce our community's food. Save the date now, and stay tuned for more information on reserving your seat at the table.

### WTAC's Grills Preserve Trail Race

#### October 24

Join the Westerly Track and Athletic club for their annual Grills Preserve trail race. Participants can choose to complete 10 miles or 10 kilometers. For more information, please visit [westerlytrackclub.org](http://westerlytrackclub.org).