MIDDLESEX

LAND TRUST

Dear Friend,

It's easy to take for granted the natural places that give our region its character and make it feel like home.

We drive by wooded ridgelines and pass familiar fields on our way to work. We walk trails that wind past old stone walls through peaceful forests. We hear peepers in the vernal pools announce the coming of spring. Places like these abound in northern Middlesex County, but they're more than a mere backdrop to our daily lives.

The natural places here make life better. They help protect our water, provide room for wildlife to thrive, and give us places to explore and recharge.

But we cannot assume these places will always be there. Each time a forest is cleared or an open field is developed, we lose more than just trees and grass—we lose a piece of what makes our towns special.

As time goes on, open space is increasingly threatened by fragmentation. Woods become house lots. Open fields give way to buildings and parking lots. Wildlife habitats become smaller and more cut off from one another. Each change may seem small on its own, but over time, these losses can change the character of an entire region.

Donating today to the Middlesex Land Trust's Annual Appeal will help protect the natural places that give our communities their character.

We have a choice about the future we want for our towns. We can allow more of the natural landscape to disappear, or we can work together to protect the places that give this region its special sense of place.

Imagine northern Middlesex County a couple generations from now. What will our towns look like?

Will there be thriving woodlands full of native species? Will there be open fields and meadows? Will there be enough quality habitat for wildlife to survive?

With your help today, our children and grandchildren can still discover the streams and woods that make this region special. There can still be open fields, and wildlife will still have the space to thrive.

This future will not happen by chance. We must act intentionally today to preserve open space for tomorrow.

Since 1987, the Middlesex Land Trust has worked with landowners, volunteers, donors, and partners to protect the natural places that make our region special. We have helped conserve more than 1,400 acres across our service area, including forests, wetlands, streams, and other important natural areas.

In 2026, your support helped us permanently protect over thirty acres. Our efforts preserved picturesque woodlands, safeguarded fragile streamside riparian habitat and watershed land, and strengthened habitat connectivity for sensitive species.

Every acre we conserve is a permanent investment in our future. But we're not done yet. Important work remains, and we need your help to continue the job.

Will you give $350, $250, or $150 (less than $1 a day) to help build the future we want together? A donation of any amount will make a meaningful impact on open space conservation right here at home.

The Middlesex Land Trust works with landowners to conserve their land, pursues opportunities to acquire key properties, and works to ensure these precious natural places remain protected for future generations.

Our work doesn't end when we preserve a property. We also steward the land entrusted to us. With the help of volunteers, we maintain trails, monitor properties, manage invasive plants, and ensure our preserves remain welcoming places for people to enjoy.

Protecting land forever means taking responsibility for it today, tomorrow, and for generations to come. Your gift helps sustain our daily work, care for the land we have protected, and build our ability to respond when new opportunities arise.

By supporting the Middlesex Land Trust, you become part of a community working to protect the natural places we all love so the next generation has a chance to experience the same sense of place that matters so much to us today.

Please join us with a gift to the Middlesex Land Trust. Your donation will help protect important natural areas, care for our preserves, and keep the natural character of our region alive.

With gratitude,

Jeb Stevens
Executive Director

P.S. We never know when the next opportunity will come. Please make your gift now so we can protect the next special place before it's gone.