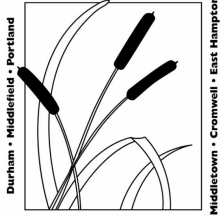


**MIDDLESEX**



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# The MIDDLESEX LANDSCAPE

Serving the towns of Durham, Middlefield, Middletown, Cromwell, Portland, and East Hampton

## Celebrate Earth Day with Us!



**Saturday, April 20, 2024**

**12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Location: Harbor Park**

Parking: Melilli Plaza, 245 deKoven Drive, Middletown

Admission: Free

Join us for a vibrant celebration of our planet at our annual Earth Day Extravaganza on Saturday, April 20th! We invite you to participate in a day filled with eco-conscious activities, delicious food, lively music, and opportunities to connect with local nonprofits and eco-friendly vendors. [More information is available on the Facebook event page.](#)

## 2024 Membership Drive

We've made remarkable strides in conservation in the last year, expanding protected lands, enhancing wildlife habitats, and improving public access for education and enjoyment. With every acre we protect, we're not only preserving the environment but also reinforcing the values of community, resilience, and stewardship that define us.

Invest in the future of our planet. Join or renew your membership today.

**Become a member!**

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## **Restoring Ecosystems: The Keystone to Biodiversity and Climate Resilience**

The looming environmental crises before us can evoke fear. Fear is a powerful emotion that, if not addressed positively, can lead to unproductive behavior or, worse, no action at all. Hope is the antidote to fear, but hope requires action or else it fades away. Science—especially the earth, biological, chemical, climate, and environmental sciences—provides us with tools to understand the complexity of our environment and illuminates pathways for us to act to improve our environmental outcomes.

The biodiversity crisis, characterized by the historical loss of species and the likely increase in extinction rates, is driven by habitat loss, climate change, and pollution. In the last 20 years, science has shown us that fully functioning ecosystems capture and sequester more carbon than compromised environments. They are also more resilient to the impacts of climate change – heat waves, droughts, and more frequent, damaging precipitation events. Restoring fully functioning ecosystems is critical for positive outcomes, and the presence and health of *keystone species* are essential for such restoration.

[Read more...](#)

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## **Bald Eagles in CT**

Our national's national symbol, the bald eagle, has made a remarkable recovery, including right here in Connecticut.

These majestic birds were nearly wiped out by the 1960s through hunting, habitat loss, and most critically toxic pesticides, including in particular DDT. Fortunately, DDT was banned in 1972 and the bald eagle began its slow but steady recovery. By 2007, enough progress had been made that the bald eagle was removed from the endangered species list.

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## **Event and Fundraiser: Oysters At The Point**

**Sunday, April 28th, from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Saybrook Point Resort & Marina**

Join the Rockfall Foundation for an afternoon of oysters, wines, champagnes, local ales, cocktails, and more accompanied by the sweet

sounds of live music and talented artisans all set against the stunning backdrop of Saybrook Point Resort and Marina.

Portion of the proceeds will benefit The Rockfall Foundation's environmental grants, education, and high school scholarship programs. Their primary mission is to promote and support environmental education and conservation in the Lower Connecticut River Valley.



[Learn more and purchase tickets...](#)

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### Help Us Care for Our Beautiful Preserves

We are always looking for new stewardship volunteers. No experience is necessary, and training will be provided. If you're interested in helping to care for Middlesex County's natural treasures, please contact the Land Trust at [stewardship@middlesexlandtrust.org](mailto:stewardship@middlesexlandtrust.org).

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**The Middlesex Land Trust is a non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve open space in northern Middlesex County (Durham, Middlefield, Middletown, Cromwell, Portland, and East Hampton).**

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