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Cornwall Conservation Trust, Inc. Conserves 107 Acres Along Furnace Brook in Cornwall

Cornwall Conservation Trust, Inc. is pleased to announce the purchase for conservation by CCT of 107 acres in Cornwall. The purchase was made possible thanks to an open space grant from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Conservation, a Federal Highlands grant, and a grant from the John T. and Jane A. Wiederhold Foundation.

The land extends a large block of protected wilderness, sharing almost a mile of common boundary with Wyantnock State Forest and the Coltsfoot Mountains as seen to the east from Route 4 and also abutting the 96-acre Coltsfoot Valley easement held by Cornwall Conservation Trust. The property also abuts the blue-blazed Mohawk Trail (formerly part of the Appalachian Trail).

The property includes the northern ridge and northwestern face of Coltsfoot Mountain and over 800 linear feet of Furnace Brook, which drains to the nearby Housatonic River and provides excellent fish habitat. Over 80 acres of the tract are categorized as Core Forest habitat, and the land also has shrubby wetland habitat and a .5-acre pond. The Natural Diversity Database map shows a State-listed species, the Eastern Whippoorwill, documented in its vicinity.

“Completing this purchase fulfills a long-held hope of the Jamgotchian family that the property would be conserved.” said Bart Jones president of Cornwall Conservation Trust. “In 1954 the Jamgotchians purchased what had been a dairy farm dating back to at least 1820. The 107-acre property just conserved was cut off from the original farm when a predecessor highway to Route 4 was completed in the 1920’s. The Jamgotchians had a signed contract of sale with the State to conserve the property in 2008 but due to the then financial crisis the State backed out and the property was purchased by another private individual.”

Cornwall Conservation Trust was established in 1987 to conserve open space and farm land in Cornwall and adjacent towns and to manage those resources to promote wildlife habitat, forest improvement, water quality, farming and public recreation. Cornwall Conservation Trust has conserved over 2000 acres in Cornwall since its founding and is accredited by the National Land Trust Accreditation Commission in recognition of meeting national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever.

For more information about Cornwall Conservation Trust and CCT conservation work go to www.CornwallConservationTrust.org.