

Report on the successful cider barn roof replacement supported by a 2016 grant of \$2000 from SBM Charitable Foundation

The \$2,000 grant from SBM Charitable foundation in 2016 was used in the restoration of a former cider barn – from an unusable building to a location for Land Trust activities, including some tag sales that have raised funds for the farm.

The barn located at 330 Bush Hill Road was part of the Manchester Land Conservation Trust's 2015 purchase of a 62-acre former farm located on Bush Hill Road, Manchester, with five acres in Glastonbury. Although the barn was built in 1987, and was of solid post-and-beam construction, the roof had major holes, resulting in an interior damaged by the water that entered the building.

The Trust decided that the barn was too valuable a structure to demolish, and purchased shingles at a cost of \$4,359.06, and plywood at a cost of \$1707.65. Sposito Construction donated heavy equipment, and the Town of Manchester donated a dumpster and tipping fees, letting us dispose of the debris without cost. Volunteers did the construction work, including replacing the wet plywood and installing the new shingles. The work was completed in June 2016, and was publicized, with our gratitude to SBM Charitable Foundation, in the newspapers and in our Land Trust's annual newsletter. The balance of the cost of the roof supplies came from Land Trust funds – membership fees and farm donations.



Manchester Land Trust volunteers replaced the plywood and shingles at the cider barn, 330 Bush Hill Road, part of the former Botti family farm in the southwest section of Manchester.

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Photo of Mitchell Colgan by Normand Charlette.

Barn roof project



Above, volunteers pose on the roof of the cider barn at 330 Bush Hill Rd.

We knew we had to fix the giant hole in the roof of the cider barn, but it turned out that the entire roof had to be replaced, along with adding a new plywood base — a giant job, which was completed in June 2016. Thanks to SBM Charitable Foundation for \$2,000 for materials, Dave Sposito Construction for lending a power lift, Town of Manchester for donating use of a dumpster and tipping fees for disposal of the old materials. Volunteer workers: Colin McNamara, James Parla (sup'r), Anthony Chirico, Tom Parisi, Mike Chirico, Vincent Chirico, Shawna Glenney, and Ryan Kosis.

Photo: Volunteers working on roof replacement in our 2017 annual newsletter.

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Farm news

Yes! We own the 62-acre former Botti Farm! But...and it's a big BUT, we still owe \$100,000 on the bridge loan we took out in August 2015. HELP! Your donations would help A LOT! In addition to individual donations from members and friends, we applied for and received these grants:

State of Connecticut: \$594,750
Town of Manchester: \$98,000
Bafflin Foundation: \$25,000
Manch. Road Race Comm.: \$5,755
SBM Charitable Foundat'n.: \$2,000

In addition, our tag sale proceeds have been applied to the farm fund.

Info about farm funding in our 2017 annual newsletter.

Newspaper articles: Courant and Journal Inquirer:



Information about the Land Trust as well as upcoming free hikes, trail maps, and farm history, available at www.manchesterlandtrust.org.

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