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Special Program: Roxbury Land Trust Hosts Local Conservation Talk

(ROXBURY, CT) – The Roxbury Land Trust will host a special talk entitled “In Our Backyard: Conserving Our Community Assets” by Dr. Spencer Meyer on Thursday, June 6, at 7 p.m. at the Minor Memorial Library in Roxbury.

Dr. Meyer will share new research indicating protected space is not only important to preserving natural resources and ecosystems but also provides health, climate and economic benefits.

He will explain why local conservation is critical and share lessons from successful conservation collaboratives around New England. Participants will learn about local conservation planning and its connection to the larger landscape. A question and answer period will follow.

“This talk will be particularly interesting to residents, conservation organizations, and local commissions reviewing Plans of Conservation and Development,” said Ann Astarita, Executive Director of Roxbury Land Trust, “We hope it will shed light on the importance of land conservation here in Roxbury and throughout New England.”

Dr. Spencer Meyer is senior conservationist at Highstead, a regional conservation organization based in Redding, CT. He leads Highstead’s conservation finance program and works with partners throughout New England to develop new approaches to funding conservation. Dr. Meyer co-author of the “Wildlands and Woodlands” vision and an associate at the Harvard Forest.

The Roxbury Land Trust preserves 3,764 acres of farmland, woodlands, watercourses, wetlands and open space in Roxbury and neighboring towns since its establishment in 1970. The Roxbury Land Trust maintains 32 preserves with over 30 miles of hiking trails, three active farms, and offers a wide range of educational programs.

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