

# Dennis Kern: Dedicated to conservation and community values



A view of Lamentation Mountain.

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A founding member of the Berlin Land Trust and its president since 1997, Attorney Dennis Kern has earned a reputation as a dedicated, passionate and determined advocate for the conservation of open space and wetlands in the town of Berlin.

Under Dennis' leadership, the all-volunteer Berlin Land Trust has protected 396 acres including, most recently, 47 pristine acres on Lamentation Mountain located in Middletown. He has also ensured the organization's active participation in local land use matters impacting the environment, open space and wetlands preservation (including the contentious Tilcon Quarry application).

Dennis has attended many meetings for the local Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission, as well as the Planning and Zoning Commission for selective applications, personally evaluating the environmental impacts of these applications.

Among his many other contributions to the town, Dennis assisted in the preservation of valuable properties including the former Meribrite Girl Scout Camp (45 acres) and the Dr. Chotkowski property (70 acres), which are now connected and include a trail system with other open space in the Hatchery Brook Conservation Area.

Dennis truly serves as a model for the positive difference that one committed individual can make in the community. For the complete narrative of the award nomination with Dennis' accomplishments, please visit [ctconservation.org](http://ctconservation.org).

The Connecticut Land Conservation Council, of which the Berlin Land Trust is a member, is the service provider and state association of Connecticut's 130+ land trusts, and bestows the Katchen Coley Award to one recipient each year who demonstrates outstanding community service.

CLCC thanks Dennis Kern for his commitment to conservation and community values.