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Last summer, with the help of the Town of Morris's Highway Department, we put the finishing touches on the parking area at the Humphrey Farm Reserve trailhead, 82 Alain White Road in Morris.

We also sponsored a popular concert at the Morris town beach.

Just three weeks ago, we held another successful Trails Day hike. We went back to Joan's Trail on our Adams-Purves property in Litchfield. The hikers traversed a new bridge installed by Morris Scout Troop 28 over the stream that runs through the property. Our younger participants confirmed that the bridge is troll free. Our group also heard about and saw where we hope to link Joan's Trail to the Litchfield Land Trust's Blakely Trail, which starts at Fern Avenue in Litchfield.

And mark your calendars for Sunday, July 26 from 11am to 1pm at Farnham Farm on Farnham Road in Morris. As part of our town's celebration of our nation's 250th birthday, we are sponsoring an event that will combine local history with a trail hike. First, current Farnham Farm owner Heather Washburn will regale us with the history of and stories from the farm, which has been in her family since Colonial times. Then we'll lead a hike on the Mattatuck trail, which runs through the farm. A registration email will go out soon.

Our fundraising was also successful during the last year. We raised more than \$6,000 from 33 donors during Give Local in April. Our annual mail appeal has raised over \$5,000 to date.

Our public outreach efforts have been energized, thanks to board member Corryn Patane. Corryn revitalized our Facebook page and launched MLT onto Instagram! You can sign up for alerts from both via our website – www.morrislandtrust.org.

Finally, a bit of bad news – longtime board member Pucci McGill is stepping down after years of devoted service to MLT, where she served as Membership chair and member of our Strategic Planning Committee. The good news is that she will continue to be involved in supporting our conservation efforts.

Thank you for your continued support of Morris Land Trust.