

May 3, 2023

Dear Friend,

We are very excited to announce that Joshua's Trust has been given a rare opportunity to purchase 45 acres of oak-rich forest in northeastern Connecticut. We need to raise \$100,000 to purchase this and other ecologically important properties in the region and are reaching out to ask for your help. The purchase of this property will:



Cerulean Warbler, photo from audubon.org

- expand an existing nature preserve by 25%, for a total of 223 acres
- include a healthy white oak population as well as other hardwood trees such as hickory and beech, important tree species for a wide variety of bird and mammal species
- provide a mature forest canopy, untouched since at least 1934, creating a unique habitat for birds like the Cerulean Warbler to forage for insects for their offspring

The purchase of this property is an important first step towards reaching our goal of protecting an additional 2,500 acres of ecologically significant habitat within the next five years. We have reached out to two conservation-focused foundations as well as to our board of trustees, who have committed \$30,000 and are now asking you to consider a donation to help us purchase this property and to reach our goal.

This is our community, our legacy, and our opportunity to protect and preserve wildlife habitat forever. For more information regarding this property, ways to give, or other ways to support our mission, please call (860) 429-9023, email michelle.poudrette@joshuatrust.org, or visit our website at www.joshuatrust.org.

Yours in conservation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Hankins". The signature is fluid and cursive.

John Hankins, President

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Hveem". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Michael Hveem, Executive Director

P.S. We are very fortunate that Cerulean Warblers, a species of "Special Concern" in Connecticut, have found a safe haven in one of our preserves, just four miles from this 45-acre property. Birds like the Cerulean Warbler need large tracts of uninterrupted land in order to raise their young. With your help, we can add to the protected land on which these and other species thrive.