



## INSPIRING CHANGE

*“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” Margaret Mead*

This quote has always been an inspiration. As my heart bleeds from events occurring so far away, my thoughts are on actions that inspire locally. Steep Rock’s success is intimately tied to the wonderful community of active, engaged, thoughtful, passionate, hardworking, dedicated volunteers and supporters who inspire us on a daily basis. We’re kicking off SRA’s field season this month with a volunteer awareness and appreciation event on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Stop by, learn about our efforts, become inspired, join our team, and help us make our community... and the world, a better place for all. See you on our trails....

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Executive Director

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*Featured Highlights*



## Take Action For Wildlife Conservation

On **World Wildlife Day** on March 3, we celebrate the diversity of flora and fauna worldwide and renew our commitment to reverse the fate of critically imperiled wildlife here in Connecticut. Join us in taking action now before it's too late for species like the Bobolink, our charismatic and increasingly vulnerable grassland bird. [>more](#)



## March "Match"ness

Did you know that hundreds of corporations offer programs that will match employee donations to nonprofits like Steep Rock? If you volunteer with us, your company may also provide a grant to us as a way to recognize your volunteerism. Matching gifts and volunteer grants are an important source of revenue for Steep Rock. Visit our matching gift page to find out if your company will match your donation and to access the appropriate forms and guidelines. [>match](#)



## Steep Rock is Hiring Interns!

We are recruiting college and high school students who want to make a difference in our community this summer, gain real-world skills in land conservation, sustainable agriculture and nonprofit management, and have fun in the process. If this sounds like you or someone you know, contact us [>more](#)



## SRA Featured in Explore Washington

Steep Rock Association is proud to be featured in a new blog series in [Explore Washington's](#) Monthly Newsletter that recognizes local nonprofit organizations and the roles they play in contributing to the wellbeing of the community. [>Check it out](#)

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# Upcoming Events!



## Volunteer Opportunities Event: March 19

Calling all community members! We invite you to come learn about the variety of ways you can volunteer with Steep Rock, contribute to our efforts, and support the land trust you love. Please join us March 19th 5-5:30PM at our headquarters at [116 Christian St.](#) (next to Macricostas Preserve) to learn of volunteer opportunities. [>more](#) Registration required.



## Volunteer Trail Manager Training: April 2

Enjoy the outdoors? Have some time to share? Become a volunteer Trail Manager for Steep Rock and help care for some of our 47 miles of trails. Join us on Saturday, April 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for a Zoom training session for both new and veteran trail managers. Details and registration info [here >more](#)



## Timberdoodling: April 8

Have you ever witnessed an American woodcock courtship display? If not, you're missing out on an amazing natural phenomenon. Bring the kids out to Macricostas Preserve for a spring night of watching these chunky birds (also referred to as timberdoodles) erupt into their extraordinary display flights. While they're high above, we'll sneak into position for a close encounter. Details and registration info here [>more](#)



## Judea Garden: Spring Cleaning Apr. 9 & 10

Judea Garden, The Giving Garden, raises and distributes organically grown produce to our neighbors in need. Help us get our 14th season off the ground by helping prepare the Garden for the upcoming season (and maybe even sowing some seeds). Details and registration info here [>more](#)

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