

Another Challenge for WCLT; an Opportunity for New Homeowners



Figure 1: 3 Carrean Street March, 2024

WCLT has purchased a two-unit home at 3 Carrean Street. The house will be the third residential property we have purchased and renovated within the seven acres developed by the Milliken family of Waterville and Bangor in the late 19th century. We also have an active home repair program for this same area. In 2020 WCLT's focus on this neighborhood was recognized with an award from the U.S. Mayors Conference.

Over an estimated twenty years, fifty modest but commodious homes were built or purchased within the Milliken subdivision by French Canadian fami-

lies working in the fabric and paper manufacturing factories along the Kennebec River.

Around 1890, Thomas LaTulippe may have built the house but he lost it to foreclosure less than five years later. The house was subsequently owned by the Cary, George Frappier, and Curtis families. A daughter of George Frappier recently contacted us. She remembers evenings at home with her family sitting in rocking chairs as their father played his fiddle.

The "LaTulippe" house was built with full two-stories and a spacious attic. Most of the homes in the Milliken area do not have full attics, an expense that few families that settled in the South End could afford.

Some Victorian period woodwork, floor boards, and hardware remain. There is no central heating and the electrical system may need to be fully replaced. The kitchen and bath downstairs may be relocated to other rooms away from the cold north wall.

We are now developing a plan for the renovations and always appreciate new ideas! If you enjoy any aspect of building, we welcome volunteers.



Figure 2: 3 Carrean Street as it was in the 1930's

FREE Events at Lashus Farm Neighborhood Park



INSECTS GALORE WITH DANA MICHAUD

A 2024 WCLT Nature-Fun Event

Explore the insects found during a walk along Water Street and into the city's confluence parcel with Dana Michaud, the South End's very own entomologist!

WCLT's Lashus Farm Neighborhood Park
Date: Saturday, June 1st Time: 10AM to Noon

Rain date: Sunday, June 2nd

Refreshments

Wear clothing to reduce risk of tick and other insect bites meaning long sleeve and long pants, waterproof boots are helpful and bring bug spray.

Questions? watervilleclt@gmail.com



BIRDS ON YOUR MIND?

A 2024 WCLT Nature-Fun Event

Birds are everywhere!

Find out what birds are in our park, the Kennebec River, and our neighborhood skies! Explore our feathered friends with Waterville Area Birders.

All are welcome, whether new to birding or old-timers!

Lashus Farm Neighborhood Park
232 Water Street in Waterville's South End
Date: May 11th

Rain Date: May 12th

Time 8:00 – 11:00 AM

Refreshments at the Gazebo

Bring Binoculars, Hiking Boots and Bug Spray!

Questions? watervilleclt@gmail.com



Watch for announcements about these and other events currently being planned on our **FACEBOOK** page: **Waterville Community Land Trust**

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Picnic in the Park with Live Music

Bring a blanket and your picnic for a free

Trio-of-Horns Concert

Playing Favorites of the Centuries

Relax in WCLT's Garden Park
Overlooking the Kennebec River

Date: Sunday, July 14th
2:30 PM

Refreshments

Cold beverages and desserts will be served



Lashus Farm Neighborhood Park
232 Water Street



To protect against summer's mosquitoes appropriate clothing is recommended.
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