

July 2003 to June 2005

Research

- Relocation of Egler's research plots and associated data substantially completed
- John Anderson produced report on status of Egler's research plots
- Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship bird banding project at AF by Shelley Harms continued
- Breeding Bird point surveys at AF by Anderson and Harms continued
- Connecticut Amphibian Monitoring Project surveys by Joe Markow continued
- Anderson worked on long term flowering phenology project
- Bill Moorehead began AF rare plant survey project
- Northern Flying Squirrel survey begun by mammalogist James Fischer
- Forest cover type survey completed by Ecological and Environmental Consulting Services (Star Childs and Anthony Irving)
- Forest cover map by EECOS and Anderson digitized by Anderson
- Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program grant (Natural Resource and Conservation Service) support for vegetation management and research on "early successional" habitats, including Woodchuck Hill and Headquarters
- Protocol/application for outside researcher's use of AF developed
- AF joined the Organization of Biological Field Stations

Conservation

- Conservation Easement on most of AF land with Norfolk Land Trust nearly completed
- Monthly Regional Naturalist Meetings initiated at AF
- Regional protected lands map draft produced
- J. Anderson completed GIS of Norfolk parcels for the Norfolk Land Trust, to map preserved lands for town natural resource mapping
- Norfolk vernal pools inventory in collaboration with the Northwest Conservation District and the Norfolk Coalition for Sound Growth

Education

- Mike Aurelia and Denise Savageau led a Frog Watch and vernal pool workshop at AF, as did Betsy Corrigan, Northwest Conservation District
- Glenn Dreyer lectured on Egler's life work and ecological contributions to landscape architects and designers in Philadelphia, PA, Valhalla, NY and New London, CT
- Anderson in "Venerable Trees" panel discussions, Norfolk Colebrook Garden Club
- 1989 Video of Egler leading tour of research and management sites by John Anderson, converted to DVD at Connecticut College
- Successful AF Open houses in October of 2003 and 2004.
- Supported student interns to assist with the MAPS project and research plot study

Egler House

- Two bedrooms refurbished and functional for guests
- Second floor bathroom renovated
- All windows replaced
- Roof replaced
- New heating and air conditioning systems installed

Library/Archive

- Mike Lefor's personal papers sorted, some donated to John Raabe's library project
- Mike Lefor's library shelved in AF log cabin

- Anderson and Linda Raciborski continued to inventory and sort Egler papers, manuscripts, reprints, etc.

Other Activities

- "Study" insulated and floor painted
- Driveways improved
- 30 Bluebird and woodpecker nesting boxes installed
- Raciborski supervised sorting of Egler household items, including clothing and furnishings; supervised house cleaning
- AF informational brochure designed and printed
- Various improvements to 79 State Line Hill Road house

Staff

- Contracted with part-time bookkeeper, Kathy Bascetta

New Board and Officers

- Carol Lemmon elected AF Secretary and to Board of Directors
- Mike Aurelia AF Science Advisor and elected to Board of Directors
- Shelley Harms (Norfolk, CT), elected Secretary
- Dr. Nels Barrett (Mansfield, CT), Plant Ecologist/Biologist, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, joined as an AF Science Advisor

Volunteers

Thanks to the following volunteers for donating time to help AF

- Louise Anderson, Janice Becker, Katherine Becker, Marcia Evans, Jamie Fischer, Shelley Harms, Fred Humphrey, Jean Mann, Joe Markow, Mixelodian, Lee Picker, Linda Raciborski, and Zach Wolf
- The Board of Directors and Advisors, who with the exception of our Executive Director, are all volunteers