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### *Land trust receives new funds to help recruit new members*

COLRAIN—The Valley Community Land Trust has received a \$1,500 grant from the New England Grassroots Environmental Fund (NEGEF) to attract new members through relevant educational workshops, an improved Web site and a publicity campaign.

For more than 30 years, the Land Trust has provided ways for individuals and families to economically build and own homes on trust-owned land.

Incorporated in the late 1970s, the Valley Community Land Trust owns six plots of more than 200 acres in Franklin County, with 11 households living on the land via long-term leases.

“In an age of foreclosures and failing banks, the relevance of community land trusts to provide access to land for housing is increasingly important,” Trust officials write. “The Valley Community Land Trust prides itself on being a community-

based grassroots organization that is responsive to the needs of the community, because it is part of the community.

The Trust is seeking new members to help with its educational outreach, land management planning and acquisition of new land. Interested community members can reach them at [info@vclt.org](mailto:info@vclt.org) or 413-624-5128 to see how they can help.

For more information, visit [www.grassrootsfund.org](http://www.grassrootsfund.org) or [www.vclt.org](http://www.vclt.org).