

# Litchfield Farms

## CONNECTICUT FY08 HIGHLANDS CONSERVATION ACT

### Litchfield Farms, Connecticut

#### Project Details

*Location:*

Towns of Litchfield and Torrington, Litchfield County

*Acreage:*

670

*HCA Request:*

\$2.5 million

#### Project Highlights

- Prime agricultural soils
- Diverse forest land
- Large wetland areas and vernal pools
- A State-listed endangered species present
- All waterways on the property are the highest-level
- Scenic views



Morning fog at Connecticut's Litchfield Farms  
By Alden Warner

The State of Connecticut requests Highlands Conservation Act funds to protect **Litchfield Farms**, a working dairy farm with large areas of wetlands, prime agricultural soils, and diverse forests. The property hosts a known State-listed endangered species and contains several vernal pools.

Litchfield Farms is part of the Connecticut Highlands

and lies within the Bantam River watershed to the west and the Gulf Stream/Naugatuck River watersheds to the east. All waterways on the property that drain into the Bantam River are the highest-level water quality (AA). Elevations on the property reach up to 1,300 feet making it one of the highest points in the town of Litchfield.

Preservation of this property would provide ridgeline and scenic vista protection for the towns of Torrington and Litchfield. Matching funds to protect this 670-acre property, which includes 220 acres of pasture and 450 acres of woodlands, would come from the State of Connecticut, the Town of Litchfield, and private donations.

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The Highlands region is 3.5 million acres of forest, farmland, and rugged hills extending from south-central PA, through NJ and NY into northwestern CT. These eastern-most ridges of the Appalachian Mountains form a greenbelt for the Philadelphia-New York City-Hartford metropolitan area. The Highlands provide clean drinking water for more than 15 million people and are home to more than 250 endangered, threatened, and rare species.

