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## Wilton Land Conservation Trust 2008 Awards

The Wilton Land Conservation Trust is pleased to announce the recipients of its annual senior scholarship and Junior Book Award at Wilton High School. The winners were selected by the Science Department as the outstanding environmental students of their respective classes. These awards are given to those students who demonstrate qualities of leadership, academic excellence, community involvement, extracurricular involvement, and public service. Rob Perry, faculty advisor to the Ecology Club, has provided the following biographical information on the 2008 award winners.

### ***The E. Dan Cappel Senior Scholarship Award***

Jeffrey Noonan was awarded the *E. Dan Cappel Senior Scholarship Award* for 2008.

He has been a member of the Ecology Club for four years. He was selected as President this year, after being de facto leader of the club in his junior year. Jeffrey has participated in many work days on the Marble-Van Haelewyn/Marianna Richards/Elizabeth Gray Sackett Preserves and numerous other work projects, including cleaning up of Allen's Meadow pond, recycling efforts at school, and many other projects.

As the Ecology Club president, Jeffrey has been responsible for establishing and organizing club schedules, activities, and school and community service projects. As a senior he has expressed a desire to undertake a clean up and restoration of the Kent Pond property.

He also signed up for a senior interest project to earn course credits for this effort this spring.

Dan Cappel, for whom the award is named, was the long-serving head of the Wilton High School Science Department and an active Land Trust trustee.

### ***Wilton High School Junior Class Environmental Book Award***

Normally awarded to one outstanding Junior, the science department could not pick just one this year. The *Wilton High School Junior Class Environmental Book Award* for 2008 was awarded to Tyler Kamen and Ross Gormley.

These students have demonstrated leadership skills beyond their years. They joined the Ecology Club as sophomores last year and have, like Jeffrey Noonan, provided great impetus and purpose to the club. They have initiated several projects that have been carried out with exceptional competence. Their efforts have dramatically increased participation and interest in club activities. They initiated a trail construction project with the Woodcock Nature Center and have participated in all trail work projects associated with Land Trust properties.