



## **Essex Land Trust Fact Sheet**

- **An independent, non-profit organization founded in 1968, supported by donations and managed by volunteers, with no paid staff. We are accredited by the national Land Trust Alliance**
- **Mission: The Essex Land Trust acquires, preserves and manages its open space to protect the environment and small-town character of the villages of Centerbrook, Essex, and Ivoryton for current and future generations and to provide our community with recreational and educational opportunities through strategic acquisitions and responsible stewardship of properties with significant environmental value**
- **Land conservation priorities are open space in the Falls River watershed, increasing holdings on the Great Meadow, creating open space corridors within Essex and neighboring towns, and protecting significant scenic views**
- **Manage 900 acres of town open space, of which the Land Trust owns or has easements on approximately 650 acres**
- **Own 23 preserves with over 55 well-maintained trails managed by volunteer stewards; easy access to most properties from our three villages**

<b>Canfield Meadow Woods</b>	<b>Johnson Farm</b>	<b>Pond Meadow</b>
<b>Cross Lots</b>	<b>Heron Pond</b>	<b>The Preserve</b>
<b>Doanes' Woods</b>	<b>Jean's Island</b>	<b>Thatchbed Island</b>
<b>Falls River Park</b>	<b>James' Glen</b>	<b>Tiley Pratt Pond</b>
<b>Falls River</b>	<b>Millrace</b>	<b>Stanley Park</b>
<b>Farm Hill Estates</b>	<b>Morgana's Place</b>	<b>Windswept Ridge</b>
<b>Fern Ledge</b>	<b>Osage Trails</b>	<b>Woodja Hill</b>
<b>Great Meadow</b>	<b>Bushy Hill/Platt</b>	

- **423 members, including 163 Life Conservators and 24 Corporate Sponsors**
- **Volunteers, including members, scouts and school groups, donate over 2000 hours annually**
- **Host a variety of events throughout the year: hikes, canoe and kayak paddles, educational programs and property clean ups**