



## Essex Land Trust Fact Sheet

- The Essex Land Trust (ELT) is an independent, non-profit organization founded in 1968 and is accredited by the national Land Trust Alliance
- ELT 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 provides our community with recreational and educational opportunities through strategic acquisitions and responsible stewardship of properties with significant environmental value
- We are an all-volunteer and donor supported organization
- Our land conservation priorities are creating and expanding permanent open space corridors within Essex and neighboring towns, protecting the Falls River watershed, supporting healthy wildlife habitats and significant scenic views
- We are responsible for 66% of the open space in Essex
- ELT owns 24 preserves covering 752 acres with 35 miles of trails

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

- Our habitat stewards manage 3 pollinator gardens, an American Chestnut orchard and bird nesting sites across 7 preserves with more planned this year
- Over 460 family memberships, including 25 Corporate members and Sponsors
- Our Volunteers donate over 5,000 hours annually
- Our Woods & Water publication is provided to members three times a year
- We have 1,500+ followers on social media
- We host a variety of events throughout the year: hikes, paddles, educational programs, property clean ups and invasives removals

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