



Since its founding in 1968, the Land Trust has acquired over 650 acres of open space, comprising 22 properties on which there are 55 trails.

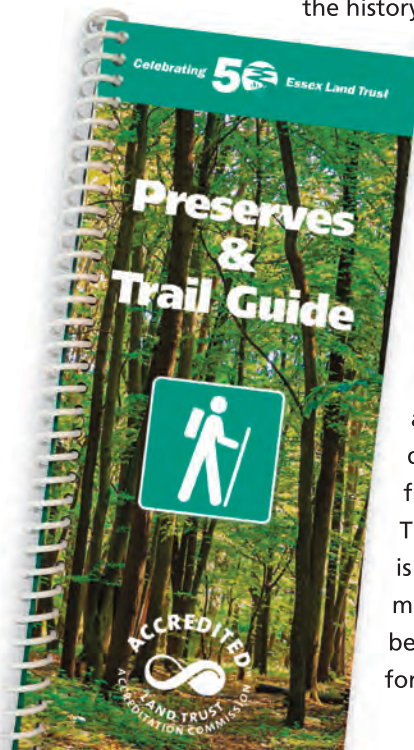
All are invited to enjoy our preserves and trail system, many along the spectacular waterfronts of the Connecticut and Falls Rivers.

To learn more about the Essex Land Trust, visit us at www.essexlandtrust.org, follow us on Facebook or contact us at info@essexlandtrust.org.

Trail Guide

The Essex Land Trust's 48-page Trail Guide is a full color, pocket sized booklet featuring detailed maps of all Land Trust properties plus those managed by the Town of Essex and The Nature Conservancy, representing 1100 acres of Town open space. Each property map shows the location of hiking trails and points of interest. A capsule summary of the history and notable

flora and fauna of that property, with pictures and details on location, access and parking, accompanies each property. Property maps are available for downloading from our website. The Trail Guide is free to new members or can be purchased for \$15.00.



"If we use up all the green grass and ponds and the coves, there'll be nothing left for the future"

– Elizabeth "Diz" Callender



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Our Vision

To preserve and enhance our community's open space and natural resources for the benefit of future generations.

Our Mission

The Essex Land Trust acquires and preserves open space to protect the environment and the small town character of the villages of Essex, Centerbrook and Ivoryton and to provide our community with passive recreational and educational opportunities.

The Essex Land Trust is an independent, non-profit organization supported by donations and managed by volunteers. Funding for stewardship of our preserves, as well as our on-going operations, comes from our members and donors.



Essex Land Trust
Caring for Our World Here at Home

All members and donors receive:

- Essex Land Trust's newsletter, **Woods & Waters**
- Copy of our 48 page (with 21 maps) **Preserves & Trail Guide** and our full color **Thatchedbed Island and Its Ospreys** booklet
- Invitation to our **Annual Meeting**
- Acknowledgement in our **Annual Member List**
- Conservators for Life, our lifetime family members, have their names engraved on the Conservators' Rock at Cross Lots.



Events and Activities

The Essex Land Trust organizes a calendar of diverse events that appeal to all ages including hikes, lectures, canoe and kayak trips, all featuring expert guest speakers and naturalists. Log onto www.essexlandtrust.org or follow us on Facebook to learn more details about our planned activities.



Give your family a Land Trust membership

Join our 400 members and corporate supporters who share your love of the Essex community and want to preserve its charm and special character. Membership dollars and donations are needed to support property stewardship and other land trust expenses.

Give a donation

This may be an unrestricted gift, a gift restricted to land acquisition or stewardship, deeded land, or a conservation easement.

Make a legacy gift

Join our Legacy Circle by including the Essex Land Trust in your will, trust, or as a life insurance or retirement plan beneficiary. Contact us by emailing info@essexlandtrust.org



Become a volunteer

The Land Trust relies on members and the community to support its efforts. There are volunteer opportunities for all ages, interests and abilities from land stewardship and trail/property maintenance to communications, supporting social media, photography, event planning, hospitality and general office and archival assistance. Please indicate if you would like to add your support to our team of volunteers.

Essex Land Trust Membership

Annual Family Membership

- Hiker \$35
- Trekker \$75
- Adventurer \$150
- Explorer \$500

Lifetime Membership

- Conservator \$1500

Additional Donation

- Unrestricted \$ _____
- Property Stewardship \$ _____
- Land Acquisition \$ _____
- Corporate Matching Gift. Include form.

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____

State Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

We do not share email addresses. Only used for Essex Land Trust communications.

- Call/email me to discuss my volunteer interests.

This is a Gift Membership for:

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____

State Zip _____

Please indicate how you prefer to receive our newsletter Woods & Waters:

- Email copy
- Printed version

Detach this form and send with your check payable to Essex Land Trust, P.O. Box 373, Essex CT 06426-0373.