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The Town of Essex boasts 34 different open space locations representing nearly 1,100 acres or 16% of the Town's land area. The land trust itself owns over 750 acres. There are 35 miles of hiking over 73 trails found in publicly accessible preserves. Our location in the Lower Connecticut River Estuary is recognized by The Nature Conservancy as one of the "Last Great Places" in the Western Hemisphere and by the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands as a unique wetland of international importance. All are invited to enjoy our preserves and trail system, many along the spectacular waterfronts of the Connecticut and Falls Rivers.



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| 1. Meadow Woods Preserve | 13. Sunset Pond | 25. Falls River Landing |
| 2. Canfield Woods Preserve | 14. Cross Lots | 26. Ivoryton Green |
| 3. Woodja Hill | 15. Main St. Park | 27. The Millrace |
| 4. Doanes' Woods | 16. Thatchbed Island | 28. Johnson Farm |
| 5. James Glen | 17. Turtle Creek | 29. Fern Ledge |
| 6. Great Meadow | 18. Heron Pond | 30. Pond Meadow |
| 7. Osage Trails | 19. Viney Hill Brook Park & Preserve | 31. Comstock Park |
| 8. Hubbard Park | 20. The Preserve | 32. Clark's Pond |
| 9. Morgana's Place | 21. Windswept Ridge | 33. Bushy Hill Nature Preserve |
| 10. Dickinson Park | 22. Stanley Park | 34. Platt Preserve |
| 11. Grove St. Park | 23. Jean's Island | |
| 12. Tiley Pratt | 24. Falls River Preserve | |

"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

Our vision is to provide the Essex community with a network of permanently protected preserves that give residents of all ages ample opportunities to enjoy the beauty of nature while safeguarding our waterways, wetlands, and supporting healthy wildlife habitats.

Our 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.

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 ongoing operations, comes from our members and donors.



All members and donors receive:

- Essex Land Trust's newsletter, **Woods & Waters**
- Our 48 page **Preserves & Trail Guide**, a copy of **Thatchbed Island and Its Ospreys** booklet
- Essex Land Trust's **Nature Guides**
- Invitation to our **Annual Meeting**
- Acknowledgment in our **Annual Report**
- Conservators for Life, our lifetime family members, have their names engraved on the Conservators Rock in Cross Lots



Events and Activities

The land trust organizes a calendar of diverse, family friendly events including hikes, lectures, and canoe/kayak trips, featuring knowledgeable guest speakers and naturalists. Log onto our website or follow us on Facebook and Instagram to learn more about our planned activities.



Give your family an Essex Land Trust Membership

Join our more than 450 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.

Make a donation

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

Join the Falls River Society

Including the Essex Land Trust in your estate plan is a meaningful way to invest in the future of our community. Make a planned gift — of any size. Contact us by emailing info@essexlandtrust.org



Become a volunteer

The Essex 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 maintenance to communications, supporting social media, photography, and events. Please indicate if you would like to add your support to our team of volunteers.

Annual Family Membership

- Hiker - \$35
- Trekker - \$75
- Adventurer - \$150
- Explorer - \$500
- Conservator, a Lifetime Membership - \$1500

Make an Additional Donation

- Where needed most \$ _____
- Stewardship Fund \$ _____
- Land Acquisition \$ _____
- Matching Gift Form Included

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____

State Zip _____

Telephone _____

Indicate if mobile

Email _____

Never shared. Used only for Essex Land Trust communications.

This is a gift membership for:

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____

State Zip _____

How would you prefer to receive our newsletter, **Woods & Waters** Email Print

I would like to be a volunteer

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

If you prefer to join using PayPal or a credit card, please go to our website: <https://essexlandtrust.org/join-us/>

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