

# Essex Land Trust

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**Essex Land Trust**  
*Caring for our world here at home*

## Essex Land Trust Volunteer Opportunities

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with the ELT. Below you will find a short description of our volunteer opportunities. Note that not all these roles are available at any time.

**Preserve Maintenance and Care:** Participate in preserve maintenance events throughout the year such as clearing/widening trails, removing invasive plants, repairing bridges, removing debris/trash, fall leaf cleanups to name a few. Experience with power equipment is preferred but not required for most activities.

**Chestnut Orchard Monitor:** Assist with watering and weeding the orchard throughout the summer months. Assist with controlled pollination in the spring/early summer when flowering begins.

**Garden Care:** Assist with weeding and watering at our Osage Preserve and Pratt House pollinator gardens throughout the summer. Assist with fall clean up.

**Bird Habitat:** Assist with maintaining our bird nest boxes across multiple preserves. Cleaning the nest boxes out in fall after nesting season. In late winter/early spring, preparing them for the new nesting season. Monitor for activity during spring and summer. Assist with repairs to nest boxes and installation of new boxes in appropriate locations.

**Programs & Events:** Plan, manage and support ELT events including hikes, picnics, paddles, concerts, appreciation events, and youth programs. Identify new programs for consideration.

**Communications:** Support ELT's Communication Director by writing articles, developing and posting social media content, photographing events, etc. Work with vendors, Stewards and Board to develop marketing materials, brochures, etc. Liaise with other organizations. Prior experience with marketing, communications and social media required.

**Community Outreach:** Liaise with community organizations and schools to promote environmental awareness and coordinate joint programs.

**Development:** Assist in increasing membership and developing fundraising opportunities. Identify grant opportunities and write grants. Prior experience required.

**Land Acquisition Support:** Working with our Land Acquisition Committee assist in identifying land acquisition opportunities that meet our criteria including appropriate follow-up. Real estate experience helpful.

**Office Support:** Assist with various back-office activities including picking up mail, making bank deposits, updating donor database. Experience with excel and accounting preferred.