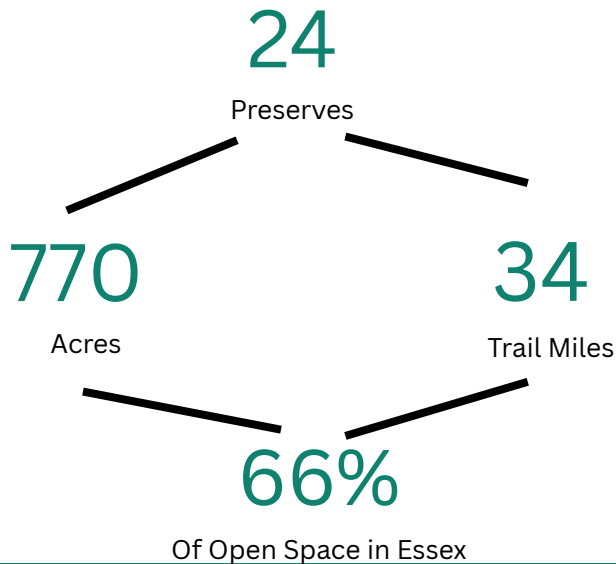




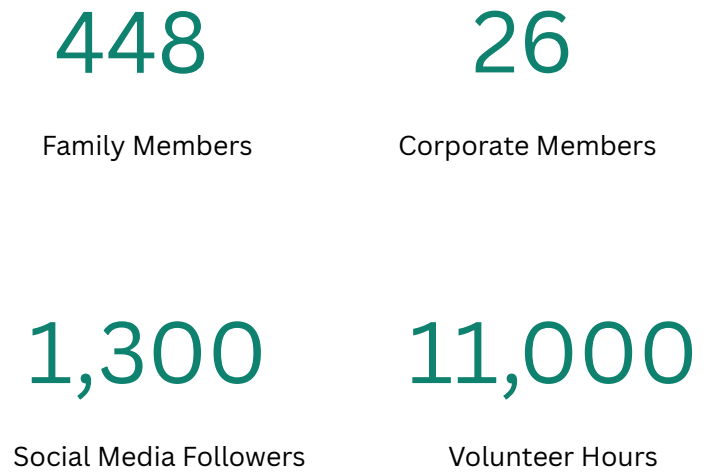
# Essex Land Trust 2025

The Essex Land Trust, an all volunteer organization, acquires, preserves, and manages its open space to protect the environment and small-town character of Essex, for current and future generations. We provide our community with recreational and educational opportunities through strategic acquisitions and responsible stewardship of properties with significant environmental value.

## Our Properties



## Our Members



## We Are Dedicated Stewards of the Land



43 Volunteer Stewards



Trail Clearing



Invasives Management



Bridge Repair

## An Ambitious Project - Johnson Farm

Johnson Farm is a 49-acre ELT preserve acquired in 2015. The preserve has a diversity of habitats, but these areas are under multiple threats. The goal of this project is to restore and enhance habitats throughout the preserve, increasing biodiversity and climate resilience and is supported by a grant from the Connecticut Land Conservation Council, with matching funds from ELT.



### 2025 Activities Included:

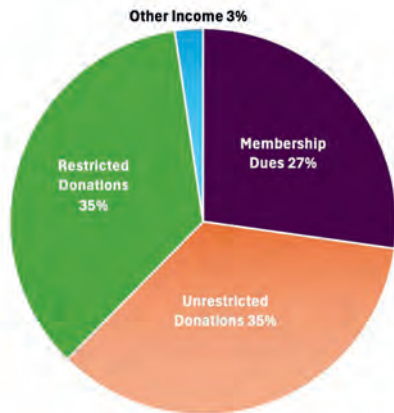
- Shrubland removal
- Large boulders cleared

### 2026 Plans:

- Open forest canopy to promote new growth of resilient trees
- Restore meadowlands by re-seeding with native grasses and wildflowers

# 2025 Unaudited Financials

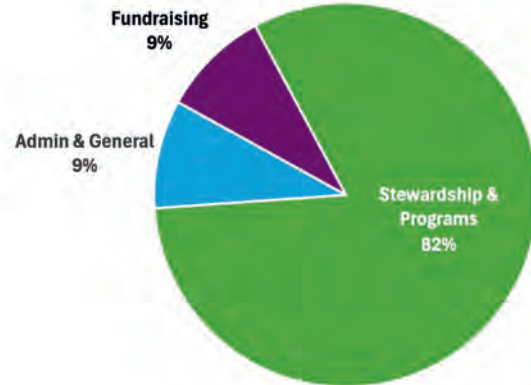
## Income



**Total Income: \$177K**

Total income of \$177K excludes reinvested investment income of \$115K (excluding unrealized gains) of which 70% is restricted or designated for stewardship of properties, 14% for acquisitions and 16% for general operations.

## Expenses



**Total Expenses: \$147K**

Total assets as of December 31, 2025 were \$10.9 million and included \$8.3 million of land and other assets, \$2.6 million of investments and cash, of which \$1.9 million is restricted or designated for stewardship programs.

## Programs & Events



**We hosted 30 events in 2025  
with over 750 attendees**

- We hiked in 8 different preserves
- We collaborated with YMCA, local libraries, Essex Garden Club, A Little Compassion, CT River Museum and CT River Conservancy
- Family events are among our favorites



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# Planned Giving

The Essex Land Trust often receives gifts and donations in memory of individuals no longer with us or to honor those dedicated to our mission. Commemorating loved ones through thoughtful contributions offers a meaningful way to celebrate their lives and values.

## Falls River Society

Including the Essex Land Trust in a will is a meaningful way to invest in the future of our community. Planned giving answers the questions, “How can I help tomorrow?” and “What kinds of values would I like to be remembered for?”

### Legacy Gifts Include:

- A bequest from your will or trust
- An IRA or insurance beneficiary
- A life income arrangement such as a charitable gift annuity or trust
- Real estate

## Tax Efficient Giving

Many land trust members have successfully saved for their retirement years and find that the IRA annual withdrawal requirement leaves them with more than they need.

Qualified Charitable Donations allow contributions to favored charities that may reduce the tax burden from these annual IRA distributions.

For more information on these strategies, consult with your tax advisor and email us: [info@essexlandtrust.org](mailto:info@essexlandtrust.org)

## Memorial Giving

In 2025, Essex Land Trust established the Sharon D. Clark Memorial Garden at Falls River Park to commemorate loved ones by their remaining family and friends. Gifts of \$5,000 or more are memorialized on the rock.



## Membership

ELT is fortunate to have a large number of annually renewing members. These members support our ongoing stewardship and day to day operations.

To become a new member or renew your membership, send a check to ELT P.O. Box 373, Essex CT 06426 or use this QR code to make a PayPal payment:



# Recent Projects Funded By Grants & Substantial Gifts



Memorial Garden at Falls River Park



Kayak Launch at Falls River Park



Trail Guide



Purple Martin Nesting at Great Meadow

## A Couple of Wish List Items



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