Celebrating 50 Years
In 2018, the Essex Land Trust is celebrating 50 years of preserving and enhancing our community’s open space and natural resources for the benefit of future generations.

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

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

Property Maps and Trail Guide
Each Essex Land Trust property has its own individual trail map which can be downloaded from our website. The map shows the location of hiking trails and points of interest including details on location and points of access including parking.

The Essex Land Trust’s 40-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. It is available for downloading from our website. For each property, there is a capsule summary of the history and notable flora and fauna.

“If we can somehow retain places where we can always sense the mystery of the unknown, our lives will be richer.”
Sigurd F. Olson, Mystery and the Unknown
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.

All members and donors receive:
- Essex Land Trust’s newsletter, Woods & Waters
- Acknowledgement in our annual member listing and on our website
- Invitation to our Annual Members’ meeting
- 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. In 2018 we will be holding or co-sponsoring 22 different events, including our Annual Meeting to which all members are invited. Log onto www.essexlandtrust.org to learn more details about our planned activities.

Give your family a Land Trust membership
Join our 400 members and 22 corporate supporters who share your love of the Essex community and want to preserve its charm and special character. Membership dollars support our property stewardship as well as our calendar of events.

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, photography, event planning, hospitality and general office and archival assistance. Please contact Judy Saunders by phone at 860-581-8108 if you would like to add your support to our team of volunteers.

Essex Land Trust Annual Family Membership

Annual Membership
☐ Hiker $ 35
☐ Treker $ 75
☐ Adventurer $ 150
☐ Explorer $ 500

Lifetime Membership
☐ Conservator $ 1500

Donations
☐ Unrestricted donation $__________
☐ Property Stewardship $__________
☐ Land Acquisition Fund $__________
☐ Corporate Matching Gift Include form
☐ Time & Talent – Call/email me to discuss my volunteer interests

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