Essex Land Trust Fact Sheet

• An independent, non-profit organization founded in 1968, supported by donations and managed by volunteers, with no paid staff

• Land conservation priorities are open space in the Falls River watershed, increasing holdings on the Great Meadow, creating open space corridors within Essex and neighboring towns, and protecting significant scenic views

• Actively manages around 900 acres of town open space, of which the Land Trust owns or has easements on approximately 650 acres

• Owns 23 preserves with over 55 well-maintained trails managed by volunteer stewards; easy access to most properties from our three villages

  Canfield Meadow Woods  Johnson Farm
  Cross Lots  Millrace
  Doanes' Woods  Morgana’s Place
  Falls River Park  Osage Trails
  Falls River Preserve  Platt Preserve/Bushy Hill
  Farm Hill Estates  Pond Meadow Preserve
  Fern Ledge  The Preserve
  Great Meadow  Thatchbed Island
  Heron Pond Preserve  Tiley Pratt Pond
  Jean’s Island  Stanley Park
  James' Glen  Windswept Ridge
  Woodja Hill

• 380 members, including 155 Life Conservators and 25 Corporate Sponsors

• Volunteers, including members, Scouts and school groups, donate over 2000 hours annually

• Host/co-sponsor a variety of events throughout the year: hikes, canoe and kayak paddles, educational programs and property spruce ups