

We currently own 50+ Acres

If you value particular features of your local environment, your membership in the land trust is the means towards that end.

We are a family oriented organization and encourage your hiking our trails and participating in our activities:

- Family square dances—no experience necessary!!
- Guest Speakers
- Fund-raising events
- Annual Pot-luck Supper
- Trail blazing and nature walks
- Wooded and wildlife areas
- Hiking trails
- Scenic overlook of the beautiful Connecticut River Valley

With the increased pace of development, the preservation of land is urgently needed—be part of it!

East Windsor, Ellington, Enfield & Somers



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A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
DEDICATED TO PRESERVING
UNDEVELOPED LAND

THE FOUR TOWN
LAND TRUST, INC.
MELROSE, CT 06049

The Four Town Land Trust

has been created to preserve natural resources in the towns of East Windsor, Ellington, Enfield and Somers.

The types of land we seek to preserve include:

- Prime agricultural land
- Wet land and wildlife areas
- Scenic and Connecticut river watershed areas
- Significant historical, archaeological and geological sites
- Key areas of scenic beauty

The land trust can acquire and manage such lands without being subject to fluctuation in local governmental politics or economics. As a member of the land trust you will be ensuring that these resources will be protected and cared for, thus enhancing the quality of life in your town for generations to come.



Preservation of agricultural land

is a prime objective of the **FOUR TOWN LAND TRUST**. The Connecticut River Valley encompasses some of the best agricultural land in the world. Through creative and aggressive acquisition and management the land trust can ensure the continuation of agriculture. The land trust can act as intermediary, thus making agricultural land available at agricultural values.

As a non-profit organization, we are able to pool our resources to obtain and preserve land. We may retain or transfer ownership. We can use deed restrictions, assist in the purchase or transfer of development rights, or partially develop the land in order to preserve its integrity.



Donations

are the principal means for acquiring land for the land trust. The donor can stipulate as to the use of the land. Of course, each parcel of land is unique, and individual arrangements would be made. (Such as lifetime use by the donor.) All donations are tax deductible and can be spread over several years to maximize tax benefits.

If you own land you would like to see preserved but are unable to donate it outright, a sale to the Land Trust at below market value is an appropriate option. The difference between market value and the sales price can be used as a deduction in computing your capital gains tax.

