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Grant To Aid In Land Purchase

ELLINGTON — The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving recently awarded \$120,000 to the Northern Connecticut Land Trust to help purchase the 56-acre Swann Farm.

The new grant and a previous state open space grant of \$182,500 will be used to buy the farm and adjacent forest off Reeves Road, the most expensive project so far undertaken by the trust.

The trust plans to keep most of the Swann property as working farmland, preserving it from development.

The trust, which is about 10 years old, owns about 250 acres of land in East Windsor, Enfield, Ellington, Somers, Stafford and Vernon — much of it donated.



NORTHERN CONNECTICUT LAND TRUST

*Preserving the natural integrity of the
northern Connecticut region*

NCLT is a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation entirely supported by memberships and donations. By recognizing the increasing pressures of development around us, we strive to help individual landowners preserve the unique qualities and beauty of their property: woodlands and forests, agricultural and open spaces, wetlands and water resources, and plant and animal life. By helping landowners accomplish their preservation goals, we provide a unique service to our communities, and to present and future generations.

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Moonlight hike set

Residents are invited to attend a moonlight hike beginning at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27.

Hikers will meet at the Town Hall parking lot. The four- to five-mile hike, which includes a half-mile ledge trail leading to a ridge where people may stop and watch the sunset, will be along the Minnechaug Mountain trails.

The view is of the Connecticut River Valley, spanning Hartford to Springfield. Hikers should bring flashlights. For more information, call Jerry Stage, 870-4255.