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# Saving A Lofty Spot In Somers

Town, Trust Own  
Land On Mountain



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**B**ald Mountain has been a part of Somers' history since the town's first settler, Benjamin Jones, farmed at the base of the hill before leaving in the winter because the weather was too harsh.

The top of the mountain has remained relatively unchanged since that time and will remain that way for generations to come after the town purchased the top of the 1,121-foot mountain and 75 surrounding acres several years ago.

The Northern Connecticut Land Trust is also doing its share to save Bald Mountain. In 2002, the trust received a 64.4-acre parcel known as the Bridge property on Upper Scully Road. The parcel was donated by siblings Ted and Elizabeth Bridge-Koenigsberg of Maine.

And earlier this summer, retired machinist Arthur Galbraith sold a 22-acre parcel to the trust for \$150,000 and then made a \$75,000 donation to help cover the costs of the purchase.

"We need more people like Arthur Galbraith," said Don Smith, a fellow Somers resident and chair-