

ANNUAL REPORT

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

This being the first annual report of the Four Town Land Trust, none of us yet know how to produce one, and we don't have any previous reports to use as guidelines. Therefore, we don't know how this one will be received. I hope it will meet with your approval.

The Trust made major progress in the year from August 1, 1987 to July 31, 1988; we developed from an organizational meeting of a group of people who didn't even know how to form a trust to an organization with regular meetings, several events under our belt (a square dance, a fair exhibit, and a supper meeting), and the donation of a sizable piece of land imminent. We built our membership from zero to over forty and formed a solid core of dedicated volunteers working to achieve our goals. We spread the word about ourselves through professional brochures, a number of newspaper articles, and the events mentioned above. We were fortunate enough to be the recipients of the remaining funds and mailing list of one defunct preservation oriented organization, the Somers Land Trust, and are being considered for the same by the dormant Scantic River Watershed Council. We have been in contact with the administrations of the four towns and have done work to encourage the prospects for land preservation on that level. Some of our members have attended seminars related to our goals, and much has been learned.

In short, we have made a good start in the right direction; despite some feeling at the beginning that there wasn't much we could do with the approach we were taking, we have shown that there is substantial good we can do, and are doing. Our first year has been a success, and indications are that our second year will be at least as successful. The donation of land is expected to get support for the Trust, and we hope to be able to use the land to encourage greater activity on behalf of the Trust and to gain publicity and, through it, more public support of the Trust. And that is all in addition to the fact that the land itself is well worth preserving, and will provide a resource for all to enjoy for years to come.

I would like to publicly thank all of those who have contributed to the Trust's success, including Albert and Donna Grant, Ruth Phillips-Grant, Lois Osier, Linda Hirsch and Diane Dunne (who aren't even members) and, most of all, Jack and Mavis Collins, without whom we wouldn't have been able to hold our square dances.

Here's hoping that 1989 is even more successful than 1988.

GEORGE M. GRANT, PRESIDENT, SEPTEMBER 1988

Four Town Land Trust
Annual Financial Report
July 31, 1987 - July 31, 1988

Donations and contributions	\$ 1,192.87
Membership Dues	860.00
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Total Income	\$ 2052.87
Fundraising expenses	\$ 467.67
Membership Dues for Land Conservation Coalition of Connecticut	50.00
Incorporation fee	43.50
Bank checking account charges	30.48
Postage	25.00
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Total Expenses	\$ 616.65
End of Year Balance	\$ 1,436.22

Income includes
donation by the Somers Land trust \$ 344.17
net from first square dance 82.93
net from second square dance 323.10

submitted by Albert Grant
Sept. 29, 1988
Annual Meeting