

Westbrook Land Conservation Trust

Wildlife habitats and natural resources suffer from fragmentation locally and across the globe. The Town of Westbrook, in concert with Federal and State initiatives and the Westbrook Land Conservation Trust, has a noteworthy record of preserving and connecting open space to counteract that trend. With the approval of a grant from the State to secure a 147 acre tract, known as the Toby Hill Phase VIII parcel, in northeastern Westbrook, another piece of an extraordinary, expanding natural puzzle could be secured for our town. Corridors of the natural world, such as greenways, blueways, and flyways have become the operative vision behind town and regional planning. The value of the Toby Hill property is enhanced by its proximity to Toby Hill Woods, two Land Trust properties secured in 2006, the Preserve, our Town Forest, and an Essex Land Trust parcel. As our neighboring towns also preserve open spaces in a like manner, we are interconnecting ecosystems and natural resources. Fragmentation is changing to integration, of a secured natural environment for its myriad benefits, in perpetuity.

Since 1968, the Westbrook Land Conservation Trust has acquired outright 31 land parcels throughout Westbrook, totaling over 150 acres, as well as the conservation rights to 51 acres. If you live near one of our signs, and would like to join in stewardship of properties, or simply appreciate the protected open space we preserve, please consider joining this organization. Write or email us at: WLCT, PO Box 1124, Westbrook, CT 06498. Email: WestbrookLCT@yahoo.com.