

A Legacy of Volunteers

Preserving open space lands since 1972



MANCHESTER LAND CONSERVATION TRUST

FOUNDED 1972

Founders – Encourage donations of land “for perpetual preservation in a natural state.”

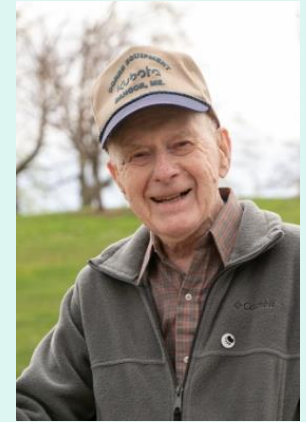
MANCHESTER LAND CONSERVATION TRUST, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 1974-75
Dr. Douglas H. Smith, president
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LAND TRUST COMMITTEES
Program
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Membership
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Appraisal and Survey
Maintenance

GOALS OF THE LAND TRUST
As defined in the Articles of Association—
"To engage in and otherwise promote for the benefit
of the general public the preservation and conser-
vation of natural resources of the Town of Manchester,
including water resources, swamps, woodland, and
open spaces, and the plant and animal life therein,
and unique scenic, natural sites and historic sites."

The Trust is dedicated primarily to fostering dona-
tions of land to the Trust for perpetual preservation
in a natural state.



- Earliest Officials:***
- Douglas H. Smith, M.D., *President*
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- Board of Directors:*** • Robert Fuller • Walter S. Fuss • Attorney John S. Papa • Rev. Clifford O. Simpson • William Sleith

D.E.P Dan Lufkin, Terry Parla, Doug Smith



So many volunteers over the years!



Volunteers!



Volunteers

Thank you, Eagle Scouts!

Great trail work and bridges by
Boy Scout
Troop 25
Eagle Scouts
John Albright
and Trent
Riewe
(pictured)
with project
liaison by Jon
Mercier and
Doug MacGillvarv. The work by



Volunteers



Volunteers



Story trail
established in 2021

Volunteers



Jack hammer out the crumbling conc block & replace it with the new



Volunteers



“Let’s Clean Our Parks & Streets”

Oct. 9 and/or 10 (Sat & Sun)

9:00am - 11:00am

** Join two days or either one of two days*

Trash picking • Weeding • Gardening • Community Betterment Volunteers
Tough Look Marshal Art Trainee • Enlightenment Training Wise Men /women
Build-a-Friendship Recipients and many others



E. Hartford
Rotary



**Cleaning Area: Manchester Conservation Land Site
& East River Drive**

** Weather permitting*

**Place to Meet: Pitkins Street & East River Drive Corner
East Hartford, CT**

**Place to Park: Hampton Inn & Suites Guest Parking
Pitkins St. & East River Dr. East Hartford**

Proper Attire: Casual, Work Gloves, Sun Hat, Mask

Tools to Bring: Trash bags, Shovel, Rake, Shears etc.

** We keep distance while working due to Covid-19.*

Any inquiry please contact:

Us & Japan Society of CT: sjlbenriya@earthlink.net

East Hartford Rotary Club: [soooooopergenius@gmail.com](mailto:sooooopergenius@gmail.com)

** This movement is sponsored in part by:*



So many volunteers over the years!



**So many volunteers over the years
that we can't show them all!**



MANCHESTER LAND CONSERVATION TRUST

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April 15, 1972, advocating for saving Case Mt.

Land Conservation Trust Names Officers, Trustees

MANCHESTER — Dr. Douglas Smith was named president of the new Manchester Land Conservation Trust Friday.

Other board members introduced Friday include: Harry Maidment, vice president; Dr. Frederick Spaulding, secretary; Mrs. Leonardo Parla, treasurer; and Robert Fuller, Walter Fuss, Atty. John Papa, the Rev. Clifford O. Simpson and William Sleith, trustees.

The ninth member of the board will always include the chairman of the conservation commission, of which Spaulding is presently head.

Papa reported that incorporation papers have been filed for the trust. He is also in the process of filing with the Internal Revenue Service for tax-exempt status for donors to the trust. The trust also will seek tax-exempt status on the local level.

Purpose of the trust is to conserve valuable open space land and historical property in Manchester and provide an opportunity for persons to donate

property to a group which will conserve it.

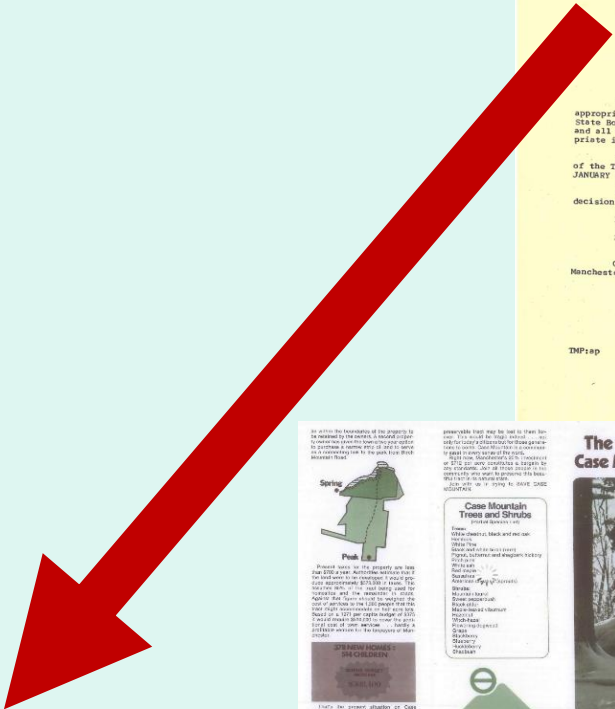
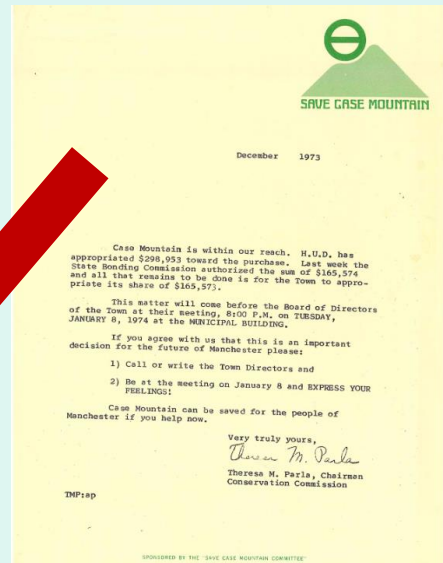
An initial membership drive for charter members will be held in May. Charter members will be those who donate \$25 or more to the trust. They will have voting privileges for the first fiscal year, Smith said.

The regular annual membership appeal will be in September on a townwide mailing basis. The first annual meeting will be in October.

All residents of Manchester will be eligible for membership, and junior memberships for those 18 and under will also be available, Smith reported.

One of the first tasks of the trust will be to lend guidance in the proposed purchase of Case Mountain, which will likely be a referendum time in November, Smith said.

The Conservation Commission is seeking town and federal funds for the purchase. They have already collected more than \$5,000 for the purchase through glass and paper recycling drives.



Spring

Flora

Fauna

Case Mountain Trees and Shrubs

A Foster's View of Case Mountain

The case for Case Mountain

SAVE CASE MOUNTAIN

Advocating not always popular! Land Trust opposed demolition of part of the rail trail.

Railroad bridge installed

The town-owned portion of the old Cheney railroad now has a metal and wood pedestrian bridge. This



is good news for hikers, bicyclists, and folks with baby strollers — the original plan with no bridge would have required walking down the slope, across a street or rotary, and then up another slope. May 2015 photo, with Edgerton Street in the foreground. Broad Street is on the other side of the bridge.

First parcel preserved: Gould Parklet 0.1 acre



149 Lakewood Circle
North, donated by the
Gould Family
Manchester 9/24/1974

Starting s-l-o-w. Two
years before first
property.

Next parcels preserved: Marsh Pond on Porter Street 3.0 acres



Marsh Pond (319 Porter St.)	Dr. Alexander & Gertrude Marsh	Manchester	9/29/1975	0.99
Marsh Pond rear	Dr. Alexander & Gertrude Marsh	Manchester	4/25/1980	1.23
Marsh Pond (Willow Pl./Porter St.)	Diane Morrison	Manchester	1/29/1986	0.78



Salter's Pond, acquired 1980 & 1981 • 9 acres

Note dam – slated for removal or major repair.



Upper Case Pond, acquired
10/31/2005 • 7.6 acres

**Dam – received a
DEEP “hazard” report.**



Upper Case Pond purchased through grants & individual donations.



Cheney railroad purchased through grants & individual donations
December 19, 2005.

Cheney railroad



1. Original grant required a walking trail by July 2006. Massive cleanup, drainage, re-grading.
2. Other grants – create ramp; add stone dust surface.

What if no one cared...



1. Ongoing maintenance.
2. Storm damage repair.



If no one cared...



**But,
fortunately,
people DO
care! Donors
such as
Truman
Cowles.
Volunteers.**

If no one cared...



**Hundreds of free
guided hikes since
2006.**

History of the Manchester Land Conservation Trust

April 11, 1972, established to “Engage in and otherwise promote for the benefit of the general public, the preservation and conservation of natural resources of the Town of Manchester, including water resources, swamps, woodland, and open spaces, and the plant and animal life therein, and unique scenic, natural sites and historic sites...and to use all property held or controlled...for the benefit of all the inhabitants of the Town of Manchester and exclusively for the conservational, recreational, educational, scientific and historic purposes....” From the Certificate of Incorporation on file at the Secretary of the State’s Office



A passion for the land...



Dr. Fred Spaulding
Terry Parla
Dr. Doug Smith

A commitment to beautification...



Riverpoint one-acre park, left to right, steward Prescille Yamamoto; directors and volunteers: Malcolm Barlow, Roger Chadwick, Doug MacGillvary, Joan Naab, Cliff Pierce, Glenn & Elaine Law, Susan Pierce.

Concern for clean air.

Trees better than pavement for your health.

Many founding members were doctors.



Concern for clean water.

Now and for future generations.



Concern for habitat for plants & animals.



Concern for the eco-system and the fungi kingdom



Habitat and clean air, CO₂. Every acre “counts.”



But also important for migratory birds & other animals to have big tracts of open space. Biodiversity.

When land becomes a housing development or when a park is paved, it's usually permanent.



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BOZRAH

SCOUTS CLOSING CAMP

Southeastern CT Property Going To Auction Block

By **KENNETH R. GOSSELIN**
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A prime piece of wilderness — 336 acres, including a 27-acre lake — in southeastern Connecticut is going on the auction block early next year after being well-traversed by summer campers for decades.

The Connecticut Rivers Council of the Boy Scouts of America in mid-January will auction off Camp Tadma in Bozrah. The council decided in September to sell the property, one of five Scout camps in the state.

"We have been studying it for seven years," said Steven A. Smith, the council's Scout executive/CEO. "It's come down to it costs us more to operate it than not."

Camp Tadma, on Bishop Road, has had low camper attendance in recent years, and the council concluded that much-needed improvements were not worth the expense, Smith said. The proceeds of the sale will be spent at other Boy Scout camps in Connecticut, he said.

"We are picking the better camps that have the most attendance and investing in them," Smith said.

In addition to the land, the auction will include a 1,900-square-foot, four-bedroom, Cape Cod-style house that served as the ranger home, and a broadcast tower now under a long-term lease to Connecticut Public Broadcasting.

Fine & Co, the Chicago-based auction company handling the sale, said bidders can pursue one, two or all three portions of the camp that will be auctioned. The company said it plans to launch a marketing campaign this week-end.

An online auction Jan. 12 will set a high bid for the broadcast tower, with a Jan. 15 deadline for sealed bids for any combination of the land, house and tower, the auction house said.

The auction company said the



FINE & CO. LLC will auction Camp Tadma, a property with a 27-acre lake in southeastern Connecticut. Visit courant.com/tadma for more photos. **FINE & CO.**



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annual projected income for the broadcast tower is \$28,137 and it has "significant upside potential."

The minimum bid for the total of three components if sold separately, or the entire parcel if sold in



one package, is \$450,000, said Michael Fine, a principal with the auction company.

Fine said the minimum bid shows the Boy Scouts are serious about selling the property and that "this is a real auction."

"Camp Tadma is one of the few

large pieces of wooded land on the market anywhere in New England, and the only one with a private, 27-acre lake set deep within the property," Fine said. "Few Connecticut properties compare to Camp Tadma in offering the utmost in privacy and solitude."

Smith said he thinks the land has been a Boy Scout camp since the mid-1940s.

He said the Boy Scouts explored the possibility of the land being set aside for conservation purposes but it did not draw any interest.

Summer programs ended in 2013, and the site has been used for weekend camping this year.

"Right around the first of December," Smith said, "we won't be using it anymore."

Example of land sold for development by a nonprofit ...



But Land
Trusts are
formed to
PRESERVE
the
landscape.
They don't
build on the
land.



Over half of the country's 1,700 land trusts are all-volunteer, and even those with staff may have a part-timer or two.

Land Trusts encourage walking and hiking on their land – no motor vehicles.



The Manchester Land Conservation Trust preserves land in Manchester, Bolton, East Hartford, Glastonbury, and Vernon



Some are
donated.

Barlow Park, Hillstown Road.

Some are donated.

Risley Park (dam needed repair or removal).



Donated...

Salter's pond (dam needed repair or removal).



Donated...



Mary Jane Williams Park, East Hartford.
(She gave the land in her will; concerned
that Town might build on it; it's near
golf course.)

Donated...

Land at Lydall Woods condominiums. (30 acres of natural open space with wetlands and forest.)



Donated...

Yules Park, east side of Birch Mtn. Road.

Pictured, Malcolm Barlow and Raymond Davis.



House Park.

Greenwood Drive. From Judge & Mrs. House.

Donated...

Marsh Pond, on Porter Street, Manchester.



Donated...

Fairway Park at “Fairway Estates” – Gerald Drive near golf course, 4.8 acres.





Donated...

Spring Street
trailhead of the Case
Mt. hiking trails,
donated by the Case
family October
2000.

Alpine St. near hospital. Donated by Hayden Griswold in 1996.



← **Before** -picture taken at 8:30 am
August 21, 2012

The invasive brush and weeds had really taken over this tiny parcel on Alpine Street in Manchester. You couldn't even tell there was a Land Trust property hiding behind it all.



← **After** -picture taken
in September 2012

What an amazing transformation!!

Our heartfelt thanks go out to all the volunteers who put in the time and effort to make this place beautiful again and stop it from being a dumping ground in the future.

Take a drive by this parcel and see it for yourself. It is just down the street from Manchester Memorial Hospital at 26 Alpine Street, Manchester.

“Path to Wellness” ECHN/Manchester
Memorial Hospital donation, 5 parcels 97 & 37
Hemlock, 77R Alton, 62 & 66 Hawthorne
Donated by ECHN Prospect Manchester Hosp.,
Inc. Manchester in 2022 11.57 acres



Stickney Hill donation by Lee & Lamont 15.93
acres in 2016



Some are purchased.

Cheney railroad, purchased 2005 and 2008. Fortunately, the Town of Manchester purchased the property south of Middle Turnpike.



Purchased...

Upper Case Pond, purchased in 2005 at a “fire sale” price



Purchased.

Risley Meadow, purchased in 2000 to save from development.



Purchased.

Risley orchard, 13 acres purchased in 2013 to save from development.



2015 and 2021 big labor-intensive purchases.

62 acres on Bush Hill Road, farmed by the Botti family for 100 years. And 102 acres on Hillstown Road, formerly known as the Lombardo farm.



Both had been approved for housing developments. Mammoth work to apply for State and Town grants, and raise funds from foundations and individuals..



LOMBARDO
Bush Hill
Preserve
now 177.5
acres.

Includes the

- 13.4-acre Manning-Ferris property,
- 102-acre Lombardo farm, and
- 0.1-acre DeSousa Drive entrance.





HIKES –

Free, congenial, fun for all ages

Check listings

- **Our Facebook page**
- **Website**
- **Local newspapers**
- **E-newsletters: our monthly e-news and the Town's e-news.**

All welcome to our free hikes, held throughout the year, or enjoy the trails on your own. Self-guiding maps on our website www.manchesterlandtrust.org

Sign up for free e-news on our website:



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*Volunteers at our
cider barn, 330
Bush Hill Road,
Manchester.*



**The land needs us.
Future generations need us to
conserve the land.**

Support preservation of our natural world.

Take someone on a walk in the woods.

Thank a volunteer.

Be a volunteer.



THANK YOU,
members &
friends of the
Manchester Land
Conservation
Trust

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