

## RESERVE FOR LAND ACQUISITION AND PRESERVATION SUMMARY OF LAND ACQUISITION

### 1988 – 2024 (As of September 2024)

- In cooperation with the Connecticut Chapter of the Nature Conservancy and the State Department of Environmental Protection (DEEP), Glastonbury participated in the 1989 purchase of 166 acres of open space in East Glastonbury.
- With State and Federal grant support, the Town acquired the 80-acre Blackledge Falls open space located off Hebron Avenue in East Glastonbury. The property was acquired in 1990.
- The 45± acre riverfront, former Liebler property on Welles Street was acquired in 1997. This is the site of what is now the initial phase of the Riverfront Park.
- Purchase of the 148± acre, former LaCava property located off of Addison Road, was approved in July of 1998 for school, recreation, open space, and similar uses. The open space portion of the purchase price was funded through the Reserve for Land Acquisition and Preservation (RLAP). The school site through the General Fund/Capital Reserve Fund.
- The 153± acre Minnechaug Farms property on the south side of Hebron Avenue and five riverfront parcels along the Connecticut River, totaling 40± acres, were acquired in May of 2000.
- The Town acquired the 21.8-acre Cider Mill property on Main Street in 2000. Approximately 45% of purchase costs were reimbursed through a State grant.
- In 2001, the Town acquired the 15-acre former Kiebish parcel to add to the 148-acre former LaCava property now known as the Addison Bog and Woodlands.
- A 2.5± acre parcel was purchased from St. Paul's Church in 2002. This accommodated relocation of Phelps Street for the Riverfront Community Center (RCC) project and Community Fairgrounds and joined Town-owned land previously located on the east and west side of Phelps Street.
- Purchase of an 0.89± acre commercial-residential property at the corner of Phelps Street and Naubuc Avenue was also approved in 2002 to allow for relocation of Phelps Street.
- The 5-acre Willard property was purchased in 2002 to form part of the Riverfront Park extending southerly from Naubuc Avenue.
- Approximately 177.7 acres of open space located off Tollgate and Chimneysweep Hill Roads was acquired through purchase of parcels totaling approximately 93.5, 15.7, 5.5 and 63 acres. These purchases were finalized in 2003, 2004, 2007, and 2008 respectively.
- A 3.2-acre parcel (Santhouse) located next to the Hebron Avenue School was acquired in 2004.
- Four parcels totaling approximately 115 acres located off Old Maids Lane were purchased in August 2004. These parcels provide Connecticut River frontage, open space preservation, and outdoor recreation opportunities, and buffer the Town-owned Bulky Waste facility. The Nayaug Elementary School is located on one of the four parcels. The referendum authorizing the Nayaug Elementary School reimbursed the RLAP Fund for the cost of the school parcel.

- Three parcels (Cavanaugh, Marchand, Riccardi) located off Dickinson Road were purchased in 2005 and 2006. The parcels total approximately 173.79 acres. The Nature Conservancy and DEEP allocated funds for the purchase of two of the three parcels.
- In 2005, the Town purchased approximately 25 acres located on the north side of Hebron Avenue, across from the Town-owned, former Minnechaug Farms property.
- A 7.5-acre parcel was purchased in 2006 to add to the 80-acre Blackledge Falls open space.
- The 21.5-acre former Reardon property located off Hickory Drive was acquired in 2006 for open space preservation. The Great Pond Stewardship Committee donated funds to help with this purchase.
- The Town purchased the development rights to a 26.8 parcel and a 5.5-acre parcel located off Tryon Street and Goodale Hill Road in 2006 for riverfront land and open space preservation.
- A 0.54-acre parcel located next to the high school running track and athletic fields was purchased in 2006.
- In 2008, the approximately 21.7-acre former Slocomb mill property located off Matson Hill Road was purchased. The parcel is near the Cotton Hollow Preserve and forms part of the Roaring Brook corridor.
- Purchased 7.8± acre parcel located off Trymbulak Lane and adjacent to the Town-owned school bus facility located off Oakwood Drive.
- Acquired development rights to 43± acre Galli open space located at the corner of Hopewell and Chestnut Hill Roads. Fee interest has now conveyed to the Town.
- The 75± acre former Arbor Acres site located off Marlborough Road was purchased in December 2008.
- In January 2009, purchased 2.31-acre Hallmark Tire site located along the Connecticut River off of Welles Street. Forms part of Riverfront Park.
- By action in April 2009, acquired 26.7-acre open space adjacent to Smith Middle School and Addison Bog and Woodlands.
- Purchased 47.2± acre former Yanaros property located off Chestnut Hill and adjacent to the Galli parcel.
- With State grant assistance, acquired 54.7± acre former Tiboni parcel located off Goodale Hill Road.
- Purchased a 0.42-acre residential parcel at 125 Douglas Road for future potential realignment of Douglas Road and Sycamore Street.
- Acquired 9.2± acre Emerick parcel off Coldbrook Road to complement adjacent Town-owned open space.
- Purchased the 0.7-acre residential parcel at 1098 New London Turnpike to supplement adjacent land allocated to the Park Maintenance facility.
- Purchased 16.3± acre Purtil parcel located on the south side of Old Maids Lane adjoining the Town-owned Bulky Waste Facility and other Town-owned open spaces.

- With a State grant funding 58±% of purchase cost, the Town acquired the 24.5-acre Somers property located off Thompson Street and bordered by State-owned forest lands.
- Purchased 6± acre Funk parcel located off Old Maids Lane and adjacent to Nayaug Elementary School.
- Preserved 47.5± acre Howe Farm off Keeney Street through purchase of Development Rights.
- Purchased 44± acre open space off Chamberlain Lane through cooperative funding with the Great Pond Stewardship Committee.
- Participated with owners of Belltown Orchards in the preservation of agricultural lands and operations off Matson Hill Road through purchase of Development Rights (Town) and Fee Interest (Orchard Owners) to preserve this site and continue important agricultural uses.
- In 2019, a 72.24-acre open space off Dickinson Road was purchased. This parcel complements purchase of the adjacent Marchand, Cavanaugh, and Riccardi parcels totaling 173.79 acres noted previously.
- In February of 2019, the Town purchased the Wright Property, a 34.1-acre parcel located off of Hill Street and Birch Mountain Road. This purchase will be complemented by Town acquisition of a small parcel formerly owned by the state Department of Transportation (DOT), located off Birch Mountain road, and will provide parking for access to the Wright Parcel and the nearby Shenipsit Trail.
- Completed the long-term goal of acquiring the 542± acres of open space and forest lands owned by The Metropolitan District located off Hebron Avenue, Howe Road, and Keeney Street. Purchase closed in January 2020 with \$1M in State grant monies.
- Acquired the Cotton Hollow Mill site in the fall of 2020. This 1.01± acre parcel is adjacent to the Cotton Hollow Preserve. This purchase will allow the Town to conduct work to restore the historic Cotton Hollow Mill walls, install protective fencing, improve the landscaping, and implement educational signage to preserve this iconic site.
- In 2021, the Town acquired a 10± acre parcel located along Welles Street near the Riverfront Park/Community Center (RCC). Purchased from Saints Isidore and Maria Parish Corporation, the parcel provides future opportunities for uses in support of the complementary Riverfront Park/RCC and adjacent downtown business district. The purchase includes use of the church parking area for public parking in support of the downtown business community.
- Purchased the American Legion site and 5,000 sf building at 1361 Main Street. The 1.18-acre parcel is located immediately adjacent to the Town-owned Earle Park and serves as its primary access point and parking area. Acquired in 2021. The building provides the opportunity to support a variety of Parks & Recreation and Youth & Family Services department activities, as well as a resource for non-profit organizations.
- Acquired 4 parcels totaling 95± acres at the Beck property, accessible to the public through the discontinued section of Dayton Road.
- In September of 2022, purchase of the 11.3± acres off of Wood Pond Road and Cotswold Close approved. Known as the Buckingham/McVey parcel.

- Purchased 29.7± acre parcel located off Sherwood Drive and Westledge Road, which is accessible to the public through both streets. This property is bordered by open space owned by the Town and the Kongscut Land Trust. Kongscut Land Trust purchased 1 acre to supplement the 29.7-acre Town purchase.
  
- In 2018, the Town (Development Rights) partnered with Belltown Hill Orchards (Fee Interest) to preserve the 52± easterly acres of the Rose Berry Farm. This allowed the 52 acres to be preserved and add to the active orchard operations of Belltown Hill. When purchasing the 52-acre site, the Town acquired a Right of First Offer for the more westerly 23 acres of the Rose Berry Farm parcel. By action in January of 2023, the Town Council approved purchase of the 23 acres.