

HEBRON OPEN SPACE LAND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE

How Does Open Space Benefit You?

Open Space . . .

enhances home values while its elimination decreases home values.

provides for recreational areas, both passive (trails and water access, for example) and active.

provides a desirable setting for harmonious economic growth. Open Space also promotes tourism and local business.

provides for scenic vistas and a desirable living environment.

preserves areas of cultural heritage.

provides habitat for wildlife.

protects natural resources including clean air and drinking water.

provides wetland buffers which absorb pollution (pesticides, septic flow, fertilizers, impervious surface runoff).

preserves productive farm and forest lands.



The Raymond Brook Marsh as seen from the State Air Line Trail in Hebron

This marsh is one of the largest inland wetlands in eastern Connecticut. The marsh helps to purify water important to the Connecticut Atlantic Salmon Restoration Project and provides habitat for a diversity of wildlife. The Air Line Trail is a multipurpose trail that serves as a Linear State Park and Greenway.

Providing a balance of Open Space to developed land helps to keep a local economy healthy and stable. Open space does not require the Town to provide the amount of services that developed lands require, such as Fire Protection, Police Protection, Education, Road Maintenance, etc. Thus, preserving Open Space limits future property tax increases.

Costs necessary to provide required services for developed land far outweigh the costs of preserving the land from being developed. With local municipalities working in conjunction with funding provided by the State's land preservation initiative, preserving Open Space is a bargain with many benefits for all!