



**CHESHIRE LAND TRUST**  
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Ives Farm – Cheshire St – 164-acre working farm.

## Join the Cheshire Land Trust

*Preserving Land as a Living Resource Since 1969*

Open spaces provide habitat for wildlife, protection for our water supply and countless benefits to the community. Cheshire's wetlands, farmland and open spaces cannot be taken for granted. Help us preserve the town's natural character and beauty. Membership offers you the opportunity to make a difference.

The Cheshire Land Trust actively manages 25 properties and 4 conservation easements totaling 525 acres. Membership dues and contributions provide for management of these properties.

## IVES Farm Acquired

Betty Ives died May 28, 2006, one day shy of her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday. Thanks to her vision the future of Ives Farm is secure. The Cheshire Land Trust now owns her home, barns and the entire 164-acre farm that spans both sides of Cheshire St.

The intent of her gift is to preserve the land and sustain farming. Tim Casey, her partner for some 20 years, will continue to manage the farm. The forested lands on the east side of Cheshire St. will be maintained as forest and managed in accordance with good forestry practices.

**The land trust needs member support to help sustain the farm. Maintaining the house and barns will cost money. We will be depending on new members to help in this essential investment to safeguard the future of the farm.**

## Elizabeth Brooke Carpenter Bequest

**Brooke Preserve** (*Acquired 2003 - 2005*) The property rises sharply from Sperry Road and then plateaus. With over 40 acres of hardwood forest, the preserve is an extraordinary place. Elizabeth Carpenter lived in a home on the property which is now owned by her three children, Brooke, George and Tucker Blackburn on a 5 acre adjoining parcel.

CLT is creating a network of trails on the property for public use. Plans are also underway to construct a parking area off of Sperry Road so hikers can safely access the preserve. **The Brooke Preserve is within walking distance of the 34 acre Fresh Meadows Preserve along Cook Hill Road.**

## GIDDINGS FARM - 915 Boulder Road

**Noteworthy:** Borders Boulder Knoll, the 150 acre town owned Lassen, Blauvelt and Jackman Farms - all part of the east side greenbelt.

**Public Access: No** - this is a private property with easement protections.

Bob and Anne Giddings own a 19-acre property along the Wallingford town line. In order to preserve the rural character of the property the Giddings have placed conservation protections on 16 acres of their land. The first phase (2003) of the two step process protects 8.2 acres and the second phase protecting the remaining 8 acres was granted in December of 2006.

Bob Giddings, now retired, is a well-known and respected veterinarian and part time farmer. Anne Giddings is an educator. She was a CLT director in the 1980's. They raised two children in this quiet southeast corner of Cheshire alongside working farms.

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## PRESERVES - 2007

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The Cheshire Land Trust has 525 acres under its stewardship. The acreage consists of 25 properties (452 acres) and 4 private properties protected by conservation easements (73 acres).

The trust has 245 acres of productive farmland. Crops harvested include feed hay and corn, sweet corn, strawberries, pumpkins and other vegetables.

Total acreage of all public and private land in the town of Cheshire exceeds 21,000 acres. While significant, the trust's 525 acres represents only 2.46% of the total land area.

Preserve	Acreage	Donor	Acquired
1. Helen Russell Memorial	40	Helen F. Russell	12/70
2. Strathmore	6.8	Richard Fiske	12/71
3. Country Squire	1.0	Welch Bros. Bldg.	9/71
4. Tow Path Acres	1.6	Edward Biafore	8/72
5. Cran Memorial	6.8	Irwin R. Stitch	8/72
6. Woodhaven	5.7	Abram Brodach	11/72
7. Willow Brook	8.5	Walter Jarvis	6/73
8. Seeley Acres	3.0	Frank Natri	11/76
9. Brooksvale Preserve	7.6	Socrates Mihalakos	6/76
10. Carmichael Sanctuary	14.5	Linda N. Carmichael	2/79
11. Thomas Pool Memorial	24	Percy H. Goodsell	8/81
12. Doede Estate	3.4	Clinton M. & Dorothy R. Doede	8/81
13. Briar Court	8.8	George Richard	11/82
14. Fresh Meadows		Cheshire Neighborhood Asso.	
	32.8	Edward Tufte	6/85
15. Sylvan Lane	5.5	Richard Ziegler	5/86
16. Ten Mile River Pres.	11.9	FIP Corp.	12/87
17. Judd Brook Preserve	13.4	FIP Corp.	8/89
18. Sharon Drive	8.9	Richard Fiske	2/90
19. Salvatore Memorial	3.18	George & Frances Salvatore	5/91
20. W. Cheshire Highlands	16.2	Pennamco, Inc.	6/91
21. Old Farms Preserve	6.30	Barbara Consolo,	
		James Krieg & Robert Roth	12/98
22. Emma & Seymour Pelz Preserve	13.1	Emma "Lee" Pelz	8/01
23. Brooke Preserve	40.06	Elizabeth Carpenter	5/05
24. Carroll Woods	4.5	Don Drago	12/05
25. Ives Farm	164	Elizabeth Ives	8/06
Acquisition by Easement (73 acres)			
A. Riverbound Farm	8.4	Esther Tappert Mortensen	10/73
B. Roaring Brook	14.7	Lawrence Copeland	12/78
C. Clark Blue Trail	1.0	Edward & Jane Clark	2/80
D. Brooksvale Farm Preserve	47.78	Elizabeth Brooks Lewis, Jean McKee & Gordon Thayer	
	33.05	12/92 & 12/95	
		11.92	12/99
		<u>2.86</u>	<u>12/02</u>
		47.78	
E. Giddings Farm	16.00	Robert & Anne Giddings	12/03 – 12/06

**525**

**Total acreage under CLT management**