

Help Norwalk Land Trust Save the White Barn Property



NORWALK LAND TRUST

Expanding the White Barn Property & Celebrating Nature at Its Most Beautiful

**The opportunity is unique.
The time to act is limited.**

Please support the Norwalk Land Trust in our quest to purchase the distinctive 15.4 acre White Barn Property on the border of Norwalk and Westport Connecticut.

With your help, we will prevent development of this exceptional piece of land, triple the size of the existing 5.5 acre White Barn Preserve – and ensure an environmentally important site remains open for all to enjoy.

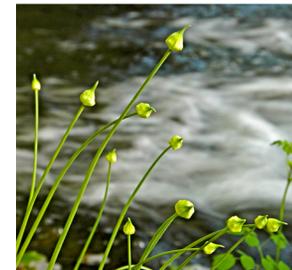


Why This Property Is Unique

The White Barn Property is one of the very last tracts of open space left in Norwalk and, in fact, in Fairfield County.

This very special property...

- ▶ Includes a 1-acre pond, sensitive wetlands, and a stream that feeds into the Saugatuck River and Long Island Sound
- ▶ Plays an important role in preserving the viability of the local environment
- ▶ Helps provide clean drinking water for the many private wells in the area
- ▶ Offers a habitat for some of Connecticut's at-risk wildlife, including little brown bats, great and snowy egrets, spotted turtles, and Eastern box turtles.





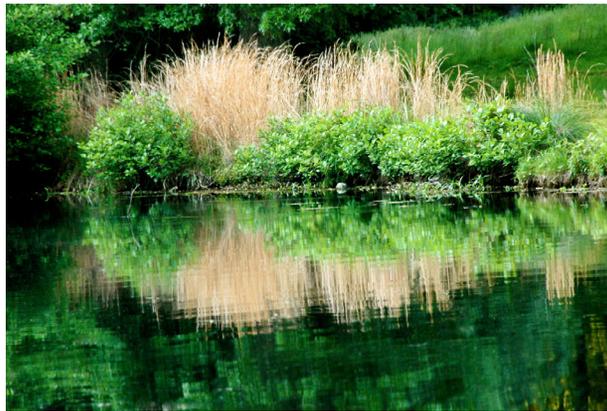
Preserving the White Barn Property with its woodlands, wetlands, meadows, and eye-catching Stony Brook will immeasurably enrich the communities in which we live and work.

A successful fundraising campaign will enable the Norwalk Land Trust to open this beautiful space for public access. We will create walking paths from which you, your family, and the entire community can enjoy the mature forest, sunlit meadow, and diverse wildlife.

Students will benefit too, as acquisition of the property will allow us to expand our outdoor environmental education program.

The Impact of Development

- ▶ More than 5 acres of mature, healthy forest would be clear-cut.
- ▶ Fertilizer and other waste material would run off into the pond and brook.
- ▶ The areas providing homes to wildlife would be destroyed or fragmented.
- ▶ Sensitive wildlife would be driven off by the proximity of 15 new homes and the increase in human activity.



“The property’s location in a heavily developed residential area makes it vital as an island habitat for sensitive water birds and small mammals.”

*Michael Aurelia
Connecticut Audubon Society*

Please Help Today!

We have already received a generous **\$1 million donation** and must now raise an **additional \$4 million** to purchase the **property**, securing as much of that amount as possible before the closing in 2018.

Donations may be made on our website: www.norwalklandtrust.org, via PayPal, or can be mailed to Norwalk Land Trust, PO Box 34, Norwalk CT 06853.

The names of founding donors will be acknowledged at the White Barn Property.

When she established her famous White Barn Theatre on this property in 1947, Lucille Lortel, a theatre legend, understood the role serene, open space plays in inspiring creativity and well-being. Although the theater no longer exists, our goal is to keep Lucille’s vision alive so adults and children alike can enjoy the tranquility of nature and wildlife at its best on this beautiful – and unique – property.



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Preserving Our Open Space

The Norwalk Land Trust is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, and donations are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law. Donations made prior to the purchase will be held in an escrow account until the closing.