

2009 Open Space Grant Awards

1. Aquidneck Land Trust – Portsmouth’s Green Valley – 125 acres

A potential subdivision of 127 residential lots in Portsmouth, this property represents tremendous scenic and recreational value as open space and is critical to the continuity of the Land Trust’s Center Island Greenway. The Greenway currently consists of over 1,000 acres of conserved land that supports wildlife, recreation, scenic vistas, agriculture, and water resource protection.

Property Value: \$2,600,436	Open Space Grant: \$250,000
Contact Person: Edward Clement	Telephone: 849-2799 ext.12

2. Town of Bristol – Perry & St. Angelo Property – 40 acres

This acquisition creates a contiguous block of 92 acres of protected open space in a part of Bristol dominated by medium density residential development. Open field habitat as well as a significant forest block and a wetland complex are contained on the property.

Property Value: \$871,700	Open Space Grant: \$250,000
Contact Person: Diane Williamson	Telephone: 253-7000

3. Town of Cumberland – Abbot Run Valley – 13 acres

The parcels to be protected are adjacent to Abbott Run and protect drinking water for the Pawtucket Water Supply Board. The property creates a link between Franklin Farms and other open space in the watershed.

Property Value: \$500,000	Open Space Grant: \$250,000
Contact Person: John Aubin	Telephone: 728-2400 ext. 142

4. Foster Land Trust – North Greenway/Grass Property – 85 acres

Positioned along the North/South Trail, this property is a key acquisition in the development North Foster Greenway spanning from the Foster/Scituate town line to the Connecticut border. It consists of diverse habitat including mature forest, open fields, a freshwater pond, and intermittent streams.

Property Value: \$277,000	Open Space Grant: \$144,000
Contact Person: Linda Los Tibbetts	Telephone: 647-7160

5. Little Compton Agricultural Conservancy Trust – Almy/Pratt Property – 71 acres

This property contains 23 acres in agricultural production (mostly winter squash and potatoes) as well as forested wetland, maritime shrub land and coastal forest. It also has over 2,200 feet of shoreline on the Sakonnet River and abuts 46 acres of agricultural land owned in partnership with DEM and the Almy family.

Property Value: \$2,800,000	Open Space Grant: \$250,000
Contact Person: George Mason	Telephone: 258-3998

6. The Nature Conservancy – Delvecchio Property in Foster – 110 acres

As part of an almost 3000-acre block of land in Foster with minimal roads and few clearings, this parcel provides prime habitat for birds that need large blocks of uninterrupted forest for breeding. This parcel is adjacent to 388 acres of property recently protected by TNC and is integral to the North South trail, which passes just east of the parcel.

Property Value: \$627,000	Open Space Grant: \$250,000
Contact Person: Kathleen Wainwright	Telephone: 331-7110 ext. 23

7. Town of North Smithfield – Gold Property – 147 acres

The property consists of rolling terrain with deciduous and conifer forest, fields, and open areas. Tarkiln Brook flows through the property and there is also frontage Tarkiln Pond and Lake Bel Air. An extensive horseback trail system created by the owner winds through the property and connects to a former railroad bed, providing access from Route 7 for walking, biking, or horseback riding.

Property Value: \$2,818,000	Open Space Grant: \$250,000
Contact Person: Bob Ericson	Telephone: 767-1310 ext. 312

8. City of Pawtucket – Mill Pond - 2 acres

This property includes a 0.7 acre mill pond and the surrounding land that is located within the Conant Thread/Coats and Clark Mill Complex National Register District. This parcel provides opportunities for passive recreation, including fishing and hiking, within one of the most densely populated areas of Rhode Island.

Property Value: \$155,000	Open Space Grant: \$77,500
Contact Person: Michael Cassidy	Telephone: 724-5200

9. Richmond Rural Preservation Land Trust – Kenyon Property – 61 acres

This former farm, now covered by mature oak/hickory forest, abuts 2,000 acres of preserved open space. This area was identified in the 2004 Washington County Land Trust Coalition Report as a regional priority focus for land acquisition as part of the Glen Rock Brook Corridor Greenway.

Property Value: \$856,500	Open Space Grant: \$250,000
Contact Person: Denise Poyer	Telephone: 539-9017

10. South County Conservancy – Luchka/Coulter Property in Charlestown – 133 acres

Known as Stoney Hill Cattle Co, this working farm produces beef, pork, turkeys and eggs to be sold at farmers markets and on-site. The Charlestown farm is contained within an important conservation area, with Burlingame State Park and the Indian Cedar Swamp abutting the property to the south and east and the pristine Wood River to the North.

Property Value: \$670,000	Open Space Grant: \$250,000
Contact Person: Michael Maynard	Telephone: 364-9124 ext. 23

11. Tiverton Land Trust – Sandywoods Farm – 96 acres

Forested wetland, oak-health, and patches of oak-holly forest characterize this property, contained within the headwaters of Adamsville Brook, a principal tributary of the Westport River. This acquisition is part of a larger project to combine open space, a working farm, and an artists' community with affordable housing.

Property Value: \$539,500	Open Space Grant: \$250,000
Contact Person: Constance Lima	Telephone: 624-3817

12. Town of Warren – Kee Property – 64 acres

This working farm on the west shore of the Kickemuit River includes a diverse mixture of habitat including salt marsh and maritime grassland, forested wetlands, cultivated fields and pasture and is an important stop-over for migratory birds. In addition, this farm forms an important link in the Touisset Peninsula Greenway extending from the Swansea town line to the Audubon Preserve in southern Warren.

Property Value: \$1,512,500	Open Space Grant: \$250,000
Contact Person: Caroline Wells	Telephone: 245-2469

13. Westerly Land Trust – Crandall Swamp – 215 acres

A large freshwater pond, an Atlantic white cedar swamp, and oak/holly forest characterize this site, which represents approximately one half of the 17th century farm of Elder John Crandall, one of the earliest European settlers in Westerly.

Property Value: \$695,000	Open Space Grant: \$250,000
Contact Person: Harvey Perry	Telephone: 348-1269

14. West Greenwich Land Trust – Fry Pond Cedar Swamp – 149 acres

The Atlantic White Cedar bog found on this property is considered a globally endangered habitat type and provides natural conditions for a wide variety of wildlife including reptiles and amphibians, mammals, songbirds and waterfowl. The preservation of this property will add to existing conservation efforts for a total of 272 contiguous acres of Town-owned open space.

Property Value: \$532,400	Open Space Grant: \$250,000
Contact Person: William Wright	Telephone: 641-5472

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