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**Greenwich Land Trust Receives Connecticut Trust Award
Land Trust efforts to preserve historic farm lauded by state preservation organization**

Greenwich, CT April 2017 – Greenwich Land Trust is the recipient of a 2017 Connecticut Preservation Award made by the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation in recognition of its restoration and preservation of the historic farmhouse and grounds at 370 Round Hill Road. The award honors both the Land Trust and the property’s donor, Louise Mueller.

The Connecticut Trust cites the Land Trust’s rehabilitation of the farmhouse, barns and gardens as a model for land conservation efforts that can include the preservation of historic structures. Connecticut Preservation Awards recognize outstanding efforts in the restoration, maintenance, preservation or adaptive use of historic buildings, structures, complexes, neighborhoods, cultural landscapes or landscape features.

The four-acre property situated at the corner of Round Hill Road and Old Mill Road, once part of one of the Great Estates of Greenwich, is now home to Greenwich Land Trust offices and the heart of their programming activities. It is forever protected from development under the stewardship of Greenwich Land Trust as conservation land.

“We are so honored to receive this recognition, and grateful to Louise Mueller for her donation and to so many whose support made it possible to preserve this piece of our community’s rural heritage. We will actively engage in continuing that legacy through our outreach and education programs,” says Greenwich Land Trust Executive Director Will Kies.

The Mueller Preserve now features a walking trail highlighting habitat representative of the ecosystems found on Land Trust preserves – meadows, woodlands, orchards and wetlands. There is also an extensive pollinator garden, beehives, fruit trees, a vegetable garden and greenhouse. The restored farmhouse opened in 2015 after over \$1.5 million was raised from the community. The preserve is now active year-round with students, volunteers and visitors learning about land conservation and stewardship.

The award will be presented on Wednesday, April 5, at the Keeney Memorial Cultural Center in Wethersfield and on Thursday, April 13, at the Pequot Library in Southport.

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About Greenwich Land Trust: The Greenwich Land Trust works every day to protect the health and beauty of our community through open space preservation and environmental education. Founded over forty years ago, it now protects and cares for 750 acres of diverse habitat including woodlands, meadows, orchards and tidal marshes. The Land Trust is a member-supported, nonprofit conservation organization open to all. Learn more at www.gltrust.org.

About Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation: The Connecticut Trust is a nonprofit statewide membership organization established by a special act of the State legislature in 1975. Working with local preservation groups and individuals as well as statewide organizations, it encourages, advocates and facilitates historic preservation throughout Connecticut.

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