

The Greenwich Land Trust

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The Greenwich Land Trust Receives Gift of Four Acres on Historic Corner at Round Hill and Old Mill Roads

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(Greenwich, CT) - The Greenwich Land Trust (GLT) has received a gift of a historic four-acre property, situated at the corner of Round Hill Road and Old Mill Road from Greenwich resident, Louise Mueller. The property, once part of one of the Great Estates of Greenwich, will now be known as the Louise Mueller Preserve. It has towering sugar maple and black walnut trees, orchards, and meadows, plus extensive shrub cover habitat for wildlife. This beautiful property will now be forever protected from development under the stewardship of The Greenwich Land Trust as a conservation area.

Most of the four-acre preserve is open space and there are also some buildings of historic significance -- a farmhouse, several barns, and the remains of a greenhouse. The land and buildings were once part of a 90-acre estate along Round Hill Road called "The Orchards", which is included in the book *The Great Estates of Greenwich, Connecticut 1880-1930*. The architect for the grand mansion on the estate was Frank Ashburton Moore, who also designed the farmhouse and accessory buildings. All were built during the same time period, 1910-1915. The main mansion still exists and is a private residence, but the original 90-acre tract of land was subdivided in the 1970's and has been mostly developed - with the exception of Mrs. Mueller's property. It is remarkable that this important chapter of Greenwich history, and such an integral part of the Round Hill Road community, will now be preserved for all time.

Mrs. Mueller has owned the property since 1986. Over the years, she realized a desire to preserve the property for conservation and historic reasons. After several years of thoughtful consideration, she selected The Greenwich Land Trust because of its mission to protect and care for land in perpetuity. "I have always loved this land and knew that some day I would plan for its permanent protection. The Greenwich Land Trust is the only organization in town capable of honoring my wishes for this property," said Mrs. Mueller. "My intent was to protect this beautiful spot at the corner of Old Mill and Round Hill Roads so that the Greenwich community would always be able to see and experience the way life used to be in Greenwich a hundred years ago." With the newly

acquired Louise Mueller Preserve, the GLT now permanently protects 737 acres in Greenwich and surrounding areas.

“The Louise Mueller Preserve is an extraordinary and visionary gift that protects both the ecology and the tradition of an historic corner of Greenwich. We are very grateful to Mrs. Mueller for entrusting this special property to the GLT,” said Jane Hogeman, President of the Greenwich Land Trust.

The Greenwich Land Trust’s mission is to preserve land permanently and protect its ecological integrity for the benefit of this and future generations. The GLT, founded in 1976, preserves more than 737 acres of land including woodlands, meadows, orchards, and salt marshes. Membership is open to all. Call 203.629.2151 or visit GLTRUST.ORG for more information.
