

— Campaign for Conservation —

CONVERSE BROOK PRESERVE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW LARGE IS CONVERSE BROOK PRESERVE (FORMERLY AQUARION WATER COMPANY LAND)?

The preserve is 72 acres. It is a mature hardwood forest with Converse Pond Brook, an active tributary of the Byram River, and large areas of wetlands throughout the property. The property was once owned by Greenwich Water Company before Aquarion Water Company acquired the land in 2005. Aquarion stills owns 20+ acres to the north.

WHO IS GOING TO OWN AND STEWARD THE PRESERVE?

Greenwich Land Trust will own the land and be responsible for its management, maintenance, and stewardship. The Town of Greenwich will have a conservation easement on the property.

WILL THERE BE PUBLIC ACCESS AND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES?

There will be public access to the preserve. Recreational activities such as birding, hiking and nature walks, that preserve the natural eco-systems and habitats of the woodlands will be available to the public.

IS CONVERSE BROOK PRESERVE PART OF THE DRINKING WATER SUPPLY?

Converse Brook Preserve is class III land which does not flow into the Town's drinking water supply. It is a tributary of the Byram River and its wetlands draw in and filter water from a wide surrounding area of developed properties.

IS CONVERSE BROOK PRESERVE PART OF THE BYRAM RIVER WATERSHED?

Yes, the Byram River drains a watershed area of 29 square miles. The river flows through six towns located in the border region of southwestern Connecticut and southeastern New York. Converse Pond Brook and the greater East Branch of the Byram River make up 37% of the entire Byram River watershed.

IS THERE NEARBY OPEN SPACE?

Converse Brook Preserve is part of a larger **800-acre** open space corridor that includes GLT's 52-acre Westfall Preserve, 297-acre town-owned Babcock Preserve, and 453 acres of Aquarion properties (Rockwood and Putnam Reservoirs). This greenway strategically links important landscapes and connects critical habitats and natural communities.

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