

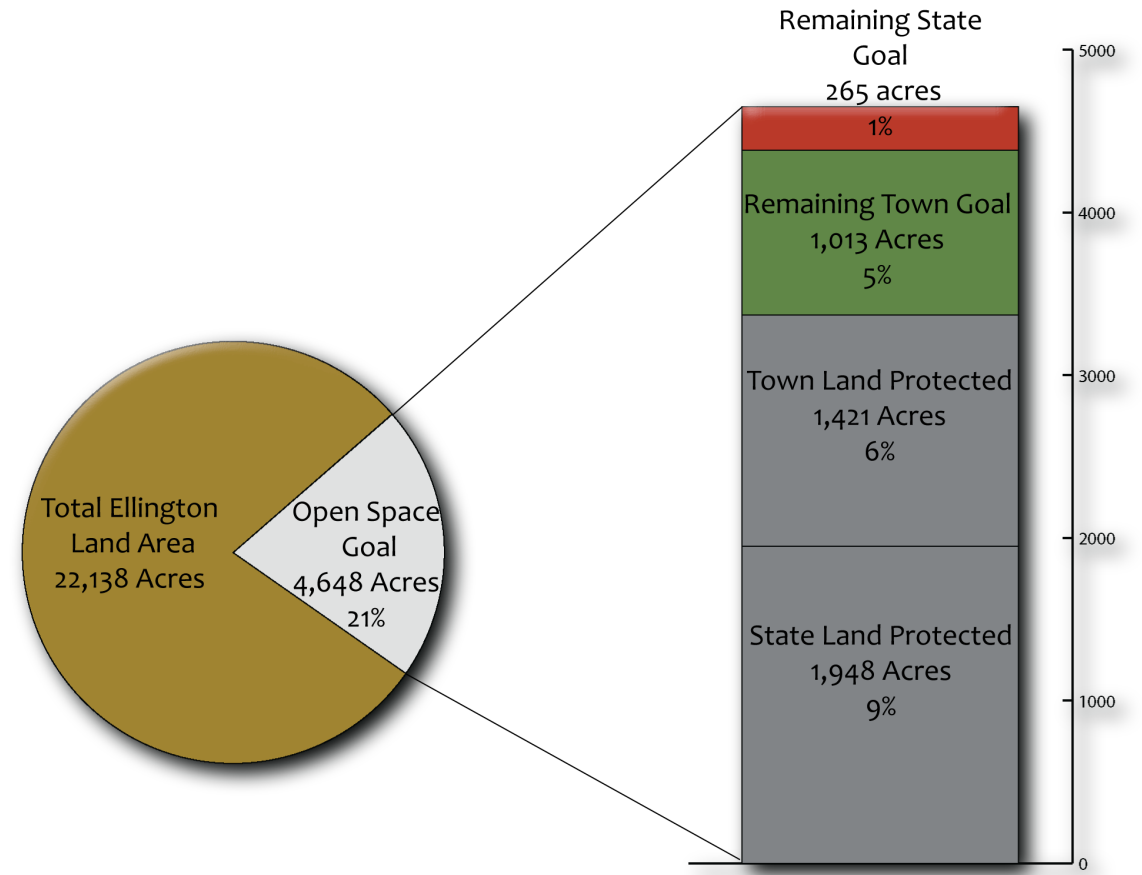
# OPEN SPACE

# OPEN SPACE SNAPSHOT

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## Ellington Conservation Commission



Total land area in Ellington: 22,138 acres  
Existing open space: 3,369 acres or 15% as of January 2016  
State of Connecticut Goal for Open Space:  
21% by 2023

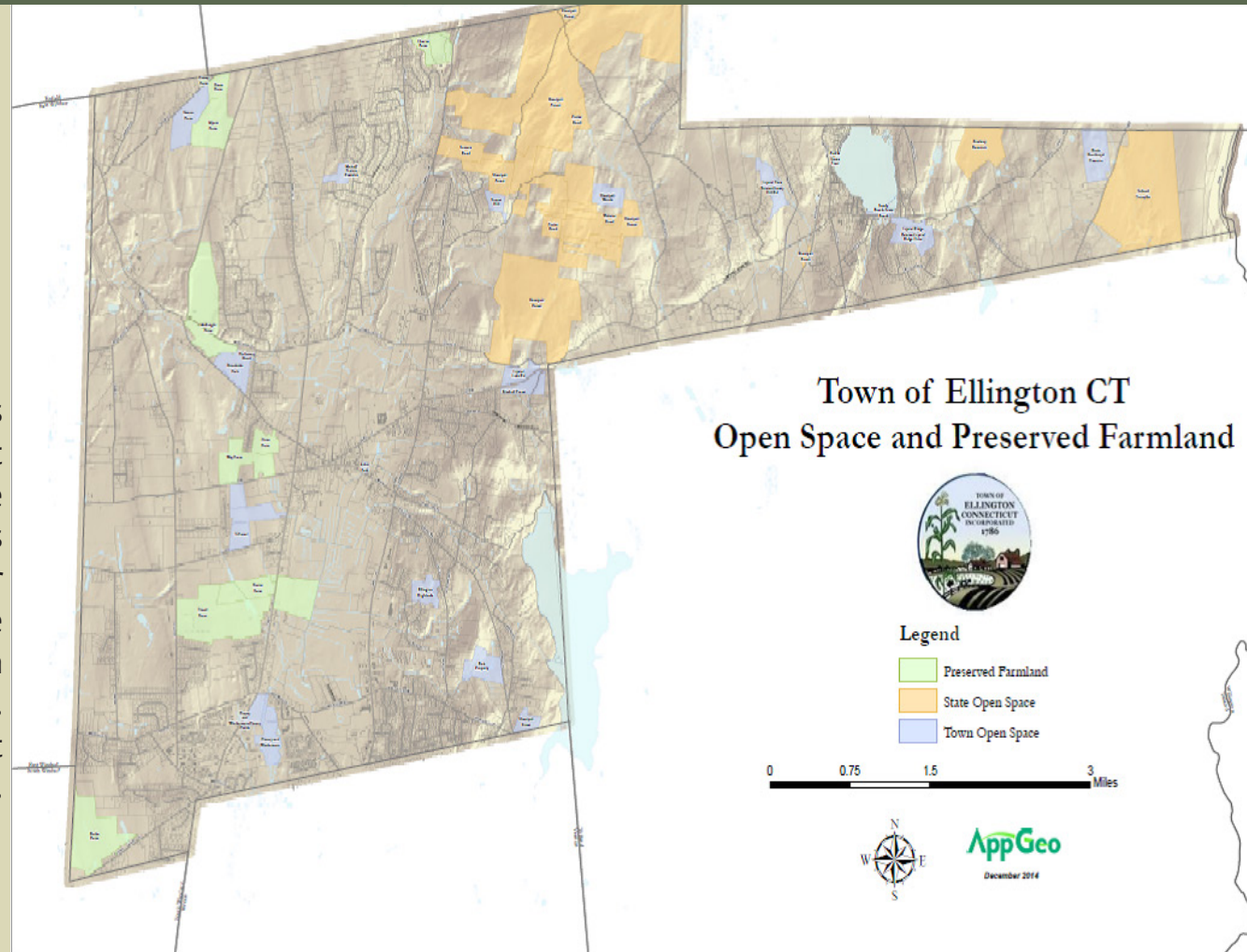


# WHY CONSERVE?

Open space provides many benefits for Connecticut's citizens. Pleasant views help to preserve community character. Forested areas reduce pollution by filtering the air and water. Protected areas provide opportunities for passive recreation and provide habitat for wildlife. Open space acts as a balance against the negative aspects of development.

## IMPACT

Studies have shown that open space is much less expensive for a town to manage when compared to residential and commercial development.



For an interactive version of this map, please visit [www.mapgeo.com/ellingtonct](http://www.mapgeo.com/ellingtonct)

## PRESERVATION GOALS

1. Preserve our working farms
2. Protect Ellington's Natural Resources and Provide Natural Linkages
3. Preserve and Enhance Recreational Assets

# PUBLIC ACCESS

The following is a list of open space properties that include access for the general public:

- Arbor Park
- Batz Property
- Brookside Park
- Hockanum River Linear Park
- Pinney Street Fields
- Sandy Beach
- Shenipsit State Forest
- Sunset Hill Trail
- Ernie Boothroyd Nature Preserve

## HOW TO HELP

To find out how you can get involved with protecting Ellington's natural resources, please contact the Ellington Planning Department at (860)870-3120 or stop by the Town Hall Annex at 57 Main Street.