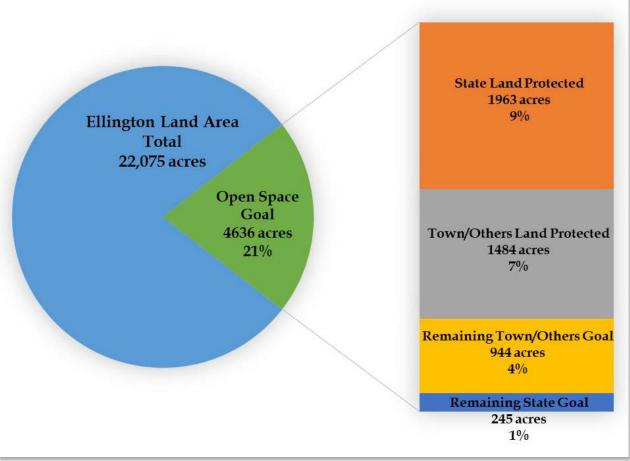


#### **OPEN SPACE SNAPSHOT**



TOTAL LAND AREA IN ELLINGTON: 22,075 ACRES

EXISTING OPEN SPACE: 3447 ACRES OR 16% AS OF OCTOBER 2022

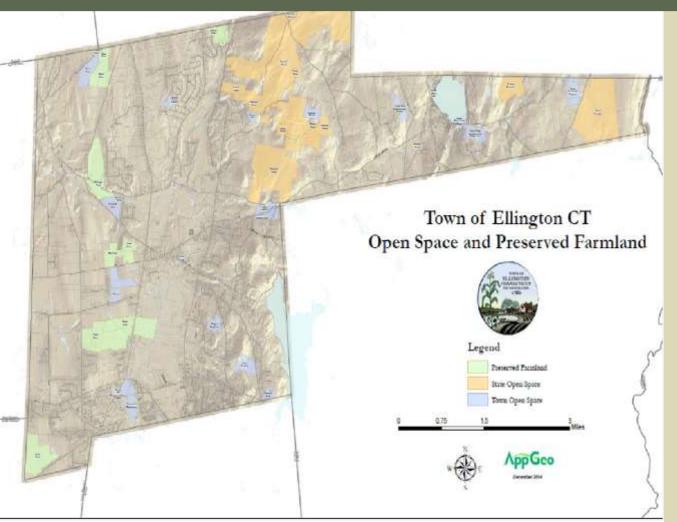
STATE OF CONNECTICUT GOAL FOR OPEN SPACE: 21% BY 2023

# Why Conserve?

Open space provides many benefits for Connecticut's citizens. Pleasant viewscapes 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**

According to the Cost of Community Services study from March 2018, for every \$1 in tax revenue for residentially developed land it costs \$1.13 in services but for open space land only \$0.27.



For an interactive version of this map, please visit https://ellingtonct.mapgeo.io/

#### **Preservation Goals**

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

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### 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.