

Silvermine Fowler Preserve

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The continued existence of wildlife and wilderness is important to the quality of life of humans.

~ Jim Fowler, naturalist and co-host of Mutual of Omaha's *Wild Kingdom*

Saving Silvermine Fowler

The Trust for Public Land and the New Canaan Land Trust have an immediate opportunity to protect the six-acre New Canaan property of Jim and Betsy Fowler - the place they called home for more than 30 years.

This land provides critical access to the neighboring 41-acre Kelly Upland Sanctuary that meets its boundary through Still Pond, teeming with frogs, ducks, and other significant wildlife.

We are working to raise \$1.3 million to permanently protect this natural treasure enhancing our unique quality of life through improved access to a local greenbelt, where people of all ages can hike, bird watch, catch frogs, and connect with nature.

About the property

Nestled in New Canaan's Silvermine neighborhood, the Silvermine Fowler property is the picture of an idyllic New England landscape. Whether it's wrapped in the burnt colors of autumn's changing leaves or blanketed in a layer of fresh snow, the property is serene, unspoiled, and brimming with biodiversity.



Protecting it from further subdivision and development will not only preserve its inherent beauty, but also secure an important link to an abutting 41-acre nature park. It will provide an entry point to this sanctuary for the Silvermine neighborhood, ensuring easy access for residents to enjoy acres of meadows, forests, wetlands, and a pond.

It will also protect important habitat for several species of migratory birds that make Fairfield County a regular stopover point during their annual migrations, including the Eastern Wood Peewee, Red-eyed Vireo, and the Northern Flicker.

Once protected, the property will be owned and managed by the New Canaan Land Trust, which already stewards 379 acres of diverse woodlands, wetlands, and ponds throughout town.

Powerful Partnerships

Through local collaborations, The Trust for Public Land has successfully protected over 3.3 million acres of vulnerable land across the United States. For every \$1 you donate The Trust for Public Land conserves \$4 worth of land. In Connecticut alone, over 7,000 acres have been protected.

The Silvermine Fowler Preserve is part of our Connecticut Parks for People Program which also currently includes activation of two parks in Bridgeport and a Fitness Zone in Stamford.

But key to our success, whether in a city, the suburbs, or a rural community, is collaborating with stellar local organizations such as the New Canaan Land Trust.

You can help

With an option to purchase the property already negotiated, we have the momentum needed to protect the Silvermine Fowler property before it's too late. But we need your help. We must raise \$1.3 million before September 2016 to purchase the property or it could be lost and sold for private development. Please join us.

Together we can protect New Canaan's woodlands and natural charm for future generations and help retain the essence of what makes this region unique.

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The mission of the New Canaan Land Trust is to preserve and protect open space in New Canaan. Preservation of open space benefits our community by adding natural sanctuaries for the residents, preserving precious natural wildlife habitats and the scenic, rural character of New Canaan for future generations.

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