

# land we love

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# A *Jewel* IN TIME

**L**ike other parts of the Northeast, Connecticut feels extreme pressure from development. Anderson's Acres in Litchfield County is no exception.

"But thanks to the foresight of the Anderson family, this land will always remain a special place," said Liba Furhman, executive director of Weantinog Heritage Land Trust.

Jim Coley, Claire Anderson's husband, said that when the family donated a 200-acre easement in 1989 to Weantinog, developers stopped approaching them.

He remembers restoring the old dairy farm, family-owned since 1910. "I could hear water," Coley said, "but couldn't see it. So I hacked my way through underbrush, and behold, there was a brook running."

As a result of his admiration for the land trust, Coley became a director, serving 20 years. He and his sister-in-law, Ky, were recently honored for their conservation leadership.

Today the preserve is a jewel. "There are trails, dramatic views—and the brook runs clean, and always will, for generations to come," said Furhman. 🍃