SCHLESINGER BIRD PRESERVE



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Gifted to the Salisbury Association Land Trust, this parcel is a 20-acre mosaic of old field, shrubland, and young woodland that is managed as bird habitat. Mowing rotation and selective cutting maintain the early successional habitat favored for breeding and nesting by some species including Prairie Warbler, Field Sparrow, Eastern Towhee and Indigo Bunting. The Land Trust welcomes the public for an annual guided bird walk.





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THE SALMON KILL



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The Salmon Kill originates from three primary tributaries: Wachocastinook (Riga) Brook, Factory Brook and Moore Brook. The stream runs for five miles from its origin in the Indian Cave area to its confluence with the Housatonic River below Lime Rock. It bisects generally open and agricultural lands, and much of the valley has been permanently conserved by conservation easements. In recent years, there has been a coordinated effort led by Trout Unlimited to restore the stream for fish habitat. The Salisbury Association Land Trust has funded scholarships enabling students to study natural resource conservation at UCONN, followed by supervised field work in Salmon Kill restoration.



Trout Unlimited has employed a variety of treatments to improve the habitat of the Salmon Kill stream for trout. Goals include reducing silt buildup and creating more “cover” to reduce high water temperatures. At the riverbank seen here, trees, with their limbs removed, were left lying perpendicular to the stream, their roots actually in the water. Other logs will help stabilize the bank.



TWIN LAKES FARM



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Scott and Roxanne Bok have protected a lot of exceptional farmland along the Housatonic River as well as uplands above. At their Twin Lakes Farm they raise beef cattle, and Weatogue Stables offers opportunities for horseback riding. Careful farming protects the river and provides miles of scenic vistas.



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