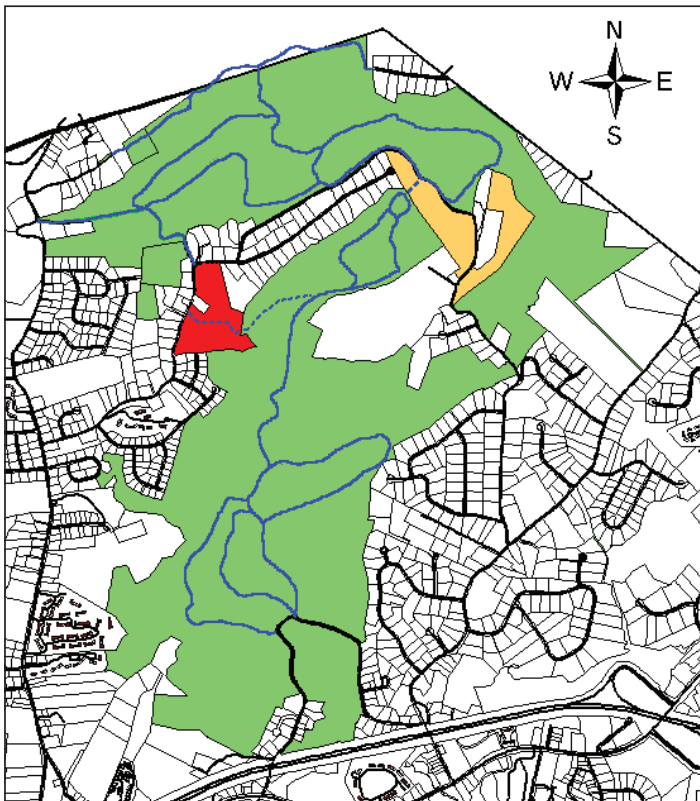







## Pieper Woodlands and Johnson Farm Preservation



-  Supply Ponds, Queach, Pisgah Brook, Saltonstall Mountain Preserve Trail System (900+ Acres)
-  Pieper Woodlands (24 Acres)
-  Johnson Farm (37 Acres)

### Walk the Property

- Sunday, April 3, 2011 at 2:00 pm
- Saturday, April 9, 2011 at 2:00 pm
- Sunday, April 17, 2011 at 2:00 pm
- Saturday, April 23, 2011 at 2:00 pm
- Sunday, May 1, 2011 at 2:00 pm
- Saturday, May 7, 2011 at 2:00 pm

*Directions: From Route 1, go north on Cedar St./Brushy Plains Road. Take right on Laurel Hill Road. Go 0.8 mile. Parking available in grassy area on left past 154 Laurel Hill Road. Look for Land Trust Event sign.*

*For more information on additional walks and rain dates, please visit [www.branfordlandtrust.org](http://www.branfordlandtrust.org) or call 203-415-1571.*

### Help Us Preserve This Land Forever

#### For The Birds!

These preserves are home to over 260 different kinds of birds, including deep-woods species like the ovenbird and the blue-winged warbler. They provide habitat for hawks and owls and a flyway for migratory raptors and song birds.

#### For the Fish! Help

protect the new spawning grounds for alewives in Pisgah Brook. In 2006 the Supply Ponds fishway reopened Pisgah Brook to this ocean dwelling, river spawning species, missing there for nearly a hundred years.

**To Save the Wetlands!** The Pieper Woodlands contains a shallow pond, a marshy wetland, and a red maple/tussock sedge swamp.

**For Us!** People love to get outdoors at the Supply Ponds: hiking, biking, and enjoying nature without ever leaving their town. The new trails will complete a loop that connects the trails through the Pisgah Brook Preserve to the Queach trails.

### Make a Tax-Deductible Contribution

**Please send your contribution to the Branford Land Trust  
P.O. Box 254, Branford, CT 06405.**

*Please note Pieper/Johnson Farm on your check.*

*Working together forty years, BLT and the Town now have a natural area of nearly a thousand acres in the Supply Pond area. Help us build and grow this wonderful multi-purpose natural asset in our densely populated coastal community.*

# Pieper Woodlands and Johnson Farm Preservation

*The Branford Land Trust has a unique opportunity to connect the Supply Ponds and Queach Preserves to the Pisgah Brook and Saltonstall Mountain Preserves with two key acquisitions, the Pieper Woodlands and the development rights to the Johnson Farm, one of Branford's last working family farms.*

**The 24-acre Pieper Property** is a young oak/hickory woodland with two large wetlands that lies next to the northwestern edge of the Supply Ponds/Queach Preserves. Acquiring this property will increase the value of the entire



preserve, and provide easier access to the trail system on the Queach Preserve. The nearby Land Trust DeLeo property has room for parking and

*The Pieper family is eager to see the land protected and is selling the property for significantly less than appraised market value.*

access to the entire Pisgah Brook/Saltonstall trail system.

**The Johnson Farm** provides a spectacular vista

of rolling hay fields tucked between the woods on the Queach property and Pisgah Brook, at the base of Saltonstall Mountain.

The Town will own four acres that will provide a direct trail connection between the two large Town preserves for the first time. The Johnson family will continue to own and farm the rest of the protected land.



**Come See for Yourself!**  
We will be leading a number of free public walks. *(Please see details on reverse).*

**Closing the Loop:**  
With these two acquisitions, hikers, birders, mountain bikers and cross country skiers

will be able to follow the trails from the Supply Ponds near the center of Town all the way to the North Branford town line on Saltonstall Mountain. The addition of the two properties to the larger preserves also creates a loop trail from the Pieper Woodlands through the upper Queach area and back along Pisgah Brook to the DeLeo tract at the start.



**We need your help to raise \$475,000!** The Land Trust will purchase the Pieper Woodlands and contribute to the Johnson Farm project, receiving a conservation easement to ensure its protection in perpetuity, and building our stewardship endowment.

*The Branford Land Trust is partnering with the Town of Branford and the Connecticut Farmland Trust to purchase the development rights to the Johnson Farm.*

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Thanks to the Foote Family Charitable Trust, Bank of America Trustee, and Seedlings Foundation, every dollar raised up to \$150,000 will be matched! Help us take advantage of their generosity.

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