

General Information

The Shafran Conservation area is a 65.3 acre parcel of land on the northerly side of Eaton Road in the northwest section of Tolland. It was purchased on June 24, 2002 from Raja Peggy and Dimitry Shafran.

The parcel abuts land owned and preserved by the Connecticut Water Company as part of the Shenipsit Lake Watershed. The Lake serves as a public drinking water supply for Vernon, part of Tolland, UConn, and nearby towns. The protection of the forest benefits the Shenipsit Lake water quality and the ground water in the aquifer underneath the property.

The Shafran Conservation Area is a woodland area with two ponds and meandering streams. The site is bisected by Cemetery Brook and Browns Brook. Browns Brook flows into Cemetery Brook which, in turn, flows westerly to Charter's Brook which empties into Shenipsit Lake. Where the brooks enter the property from the east, the terrain flanking the brooks rises abruptly, forming a sandy escarpment and upland. The brooks join together and then pass through lowlands from which the terrain rises more gradually to drier uplands. The brooks are *Surface and Stream Water Quality Class AA*, which is the highest rating obtainable.

Wildlife Information

The Shafran property is forested with several plant communities. A small, dense stand of Pitch Pine occupies a site to the far southwest corner of the property. Several White Pines of considerable size are present. There is a Red Oak/Low Blueberry forest with a shrubby understory composed of blueberry and Mountain Laurel. At the east side of the property the trail passes through a grove of Mountain Laurel. In the moist lowlands, the dominant canopy tree is the Red Maple with Cinnamon Fern forming a nearly uninterrupted understory. Along the edge of the ponds grow a narrow margin of sedges and grasses. Deer tracks, snakes, trout, owls, rabbits and the Cooper's Hawk have been observed on the property.

Stewardship

The maintenance of our open space parcels is everyone's responsibility. The town has designated that the Conservation Commission develop a stewardship plan for each parcel. Once the plans are approved, the Tolland Conservation Corps provides volunteers to work on the property. These dedicated volunteers maintain the trails, bridges, and parking areas. For more information, please contact the Tolland Development Office at 860-871-3601.

For additional information on Tolland's conservation areas and hiking trails:

Conservation Commission website at www.tolland.org

PLEASE...

- Dogs must be leashed
- Leave no trace.
- No littering. Carry out what you carry in.
- No motorized vehicles.
- No horseback riding.
- Do not disturb vegetation or wildlife.
- Stay on marked trails and roads.
- No hunting or firearms allowed.
- No setting of fires.
- Respect the rights of other visitors.
- Area closes at sunset. Night use is by permit only.
- Notify the Conservation Commission of organized group activities.

Conservation Areas have been purchased with Town of Tolland open space referendum funds and grants from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.



Trail Map and Information Guide



**Shafran
Conservation Area
104 Eaton Road
Tolland, Connecticut**

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TOWN OF TOLLAND, CONNECTICUT
 Shafran Conservation Area
 104 Eaton Road
 Trail Map

