



Naugatuck Valley

Open Space Inventory

Who We Are

The Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments (NVCOG) is a regional planning organization that serves nineteen municipalities in west-central CT. We assist our members with projects and planning related to transportation, housing, the environment, land use, brownfields, and more. Learn more about us at nvcogct.gov

Our Project

The U.S. Forest Service awarded NVCOG a grant to improve our regional Open Space Inventory. Further research will help us identify the level of legal protection and public access for properties our towns consider open space. NVCOG plans to publish an updated regional open space map, as well as a report with municipal annexes. This useful planning tool will serve as a starting point for a future Regional Open Space Plan.



Why Inventory?

Open Space benefits residents and municipalities by raising property values, increasing access to outdoor recreation, and protecting land for ecosystem services. A need exists to understand exactly what Open Space is in the region, the degree to which it is accessible and protected, and to identify areas lacking this important amenity.

Viewer & Report

This updated, interactive map will have detailed information on open space ownership, level of legal protection, public access, land uses, and more.

A narrative report will include suggestions for regulatory and non-regulatory committed open space protection methods and deep dives into priority parcels.

Open Space benefits people, towns, and nature.

Our Work

NVCOG staff will be connecting with stakeholder groups - land use staff, commissions, municipal clerks, GIS/IT staff, land trusts, water companies - to share and verify information. We'll also be reviewing existing plans and documents, and checking municipal land records.

We are grateful for cooperation from our partners for making this project possible!



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Check out our project webpage, Open Space Viewer, and stay up to date on engagement opportunities.