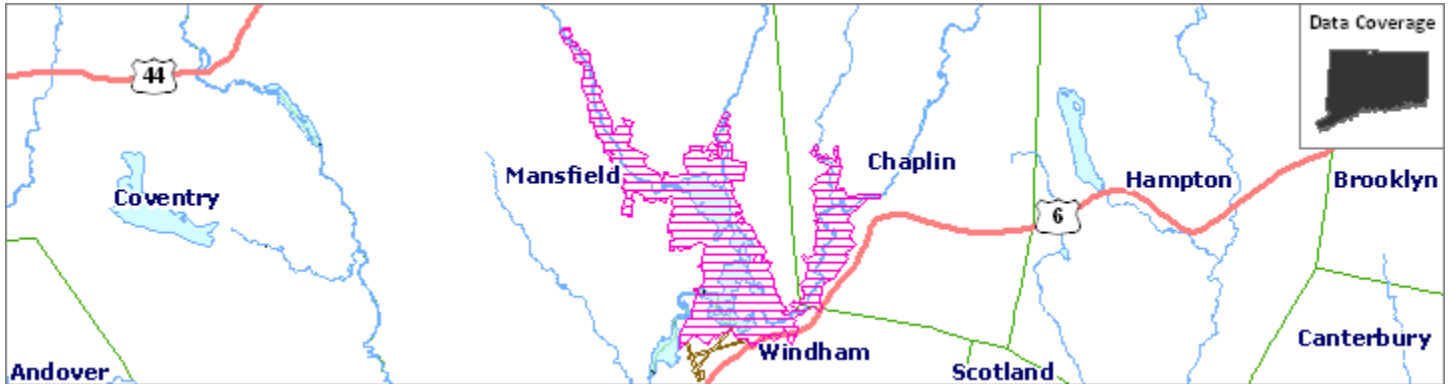


## Federal Open Space



### Description

Federal Open Space contains parcels of open space land owned by various agencies of the Federal government. It includes parcels owned in fee simple interest and partial interest, such as easements. Types of Federal open space include recreation areas created by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) in the construction of flood control dams, such as Mansfield Hollow, Thomaston Dam, Colebrook River Lake and Hop Brook Lake; portions of the Appalachian Trail in northwest Connecticut owned by the National Park Service; and scenic and preservation easements, such as the scenic easements located along the Housatonic River in Kent, Cornwall and Canaan, and along the Connecticut River.

Federal Open Space is based on information from Department of Energy and Environmental Protection land records and was collected in 1994. It is not updated.

Detailed attribute information about these data includes the name of the owner, and the type of property interest. Values for property interest are EXIST, which refers to Existing Preserved Open Space (fee simple interest), or PRES, which refers to Preservation Area easements.

### Purpose

Use this information to view open space land that is owned by the Federal government. It can be used with other related cadastral or parcel level data, such as DEP property, protected open space, state boat launches, and Connecticut parcels. It can also be used with a variety of environmental data to assess and analyze environmental conditions within an open space area, such as wildlife habitat, endangered species areas, soils and wetlands, fisheries management areas, tidal wetlands, geologic and other environmental conditions.

These data should be used only as a general guide to Federal property boundaries. These parcel boundaries are not to be used for legal purposes.

## Legend Description

One symbol is used to depict this information on a map:



## Use Limitations

This is the best digital information available statewide of Federal Open Space, but it is not positionally accurate and may not be complete. Compiled from land records and maps on file at DEEP, there may be obvious and not so obvious omissions and inaccuracies with this information. The Federal Open Space data is not meant to be used for legal boundary purposes. Some Federal Open Space parcels may be missing or positioned incorrectly. Most parcel boundaries were created at 1:24,000 scale using the U.S. Geological Survey Topographic Quadrangle maps as a base and will not align accurately with features such as roads shown on aerial photography. None of the Federal Open Space parcel boundaries were created using a more accurate technique such as using course and distance information from A-2 certified boundary survey maps. This information is not meant to be used at map scales larger and more detailed than 1:24,000 scale (1 inch = 2,000 feet).

## Related Information

[Parcels for Protected Open Space Mapping \(POSM\)](#) – CT ECO Complete Resource Guide

[Protected Open Space Mapping \(POSM\)](#) – CT ECO Complete Resource Guide

[DEP Property](#) – CT ECO Complete Resource Guide

[1997 Municipal and Private Open Space](#) – CT ECO Complete Resource Guide

## Data Collection Date

1994

## Status

This information has not been updated since it was initially compiled by DEEP in 1994.

## Map Scale

The information meets horizontal National Map Accuracy Standards for 1:24,000-scale mapping (1 inch = 2,000 feet).

## Contact

For additional information, please contact the [Land Acquisition Division](#), Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5127, Phone: 860-424-3016, Fax: 860-418-5906.

## Additional Documentation

[Federal Open Space](#) – CT ECO Basic Data Guide

[GIS Metadata](#) – Contains technical documentation describing the Federal Open Space data and the data sources, process steps, and standards used to collect, digitize, and store this information in a geographic information system (GIS).

## Originators

[Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection](#)

## GIS Data Download

Federal Open Space data is downloadable from [DEEP GIS Data](#).

Connect GIS and AutoCAD software to this information online using the Open Space [CT ECO Map Service](#).