

The Becker property is a 28.5 acre parcel on the east side of South River Road adjacent to the northerly boundary of River Park in the southeastern part of Tolland. This property was purchased in January 2010 from Lawrence Becker using both Active and Passive Open Space Funds. The portion of the property assigned to Passive Recreation is the 11.68 acres on the easterly side of the property along the Willimantic River.

The land slopes steeply down in some sections to the Willimantic River and has approximately 1,200 feet of accessible frontage along the river. It reaches an elevation of 380 feet with a steep ridge paralleling the river at the northern section. Most of the land is covered by a predominantly mature White Pine forest mixed with some oaks. There is also an area of thick White Pine regeneration. Near the southern end of the forested portion is an interesting natural amphitheater. The four acres on the southeast corner of the property is more level and consists of riverine flood plain forest and scrub-shrub swamp.

The surface geology of this site is gravel deposits laid down on the bottom of an ancient glacial dammed pond and, along the river, alluvial deposit from periodic flooding. The quality of these soils has contributed to the height of the white pines.

On the southern border is Green Brook, which flows into areas that recently received wetlands and fisheries habitat restoration work. Just to the south of the passive open space are River Park and the well field for the Town-owned Public Water Supply. Public access is not permitted in the well fields.

The Willimantic River Greenway has been designated by the State of Connecticut with inter-town coordination by the Willimantic River Alliance and has been honored with the designation as a *National Recreation Trail* by the federal government in 2012.

Conservation Commission website
www.tolland.org

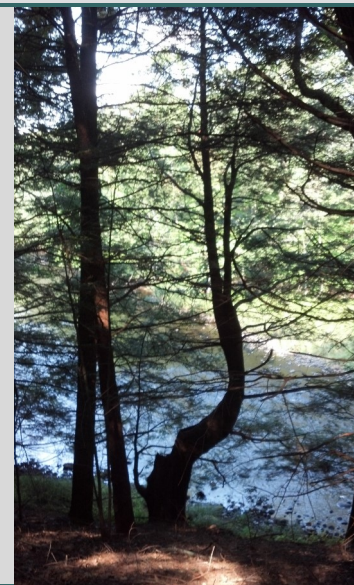
PLEASE...

- Dogs must be leashed
- Leave no trace.
- No littering. Carry out what you carry in.
- No motorized vehicles.
- Do not disturb vegetation or wildlife.
- Stay on marked trails and roads.
- No hunting or firearms allowed.
- No setting of fires.
- No horses or mountain bikes.
- 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 DEEP. 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.



Trail Map and Information Guide



**The Becker
Conservation Area at
River Park
South River Road
Tolland, Connecticut**

TOWN OF TOLLAND, CONNECTICUT The Becker Conservation Area at River Park South River Road Trail Map

