

Former tree farm land to become trails

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Stonington - The Stonington Land Trust has been given nearly 30 acres of the former Grandview Christmas tree farm off Jeffrey Road in Pawcatuck and plans to use it for public trails.

The trust received what is will be known as the Grandview Farm Preserve during a ceremony on Friday attended by land trust members, First Selectman Ed Haberek and a representative of the developers, Pequot Development Associates.

"We know many people in our town will enjoy this open space for years to come," said land trust president James Smith.

Pequot Development Associates has received approval to turn the former tree farm into a subdivision. Although zoning regulations require 15 percent of a project to be set aside for open space, Pequot Development has set aside half of the 59 acres and given it to the land trust. The property contains woods, meadows and a small stream.

The land trust has said the site is particularly valuable because it abuts 27 acres of open space in the High Ridge development.

