

Scoville Property, Connecticut

Project Details

Location:
Town of Salisbury,
Litchfield County

Acreage:
205

HCA Request:
\$2.5 million*

*Total request for CT projects, including Ethel Walker and Naugatuck/Mad River Headwaters.

Project Highlights

- Publicly accessible hiking and equestrian trails
- Scenic views
- Part of the property is under conservation easement
- Highly threatened by development



Native wildflowers and trees in the meadows and forests of the Scoville property in CT
By Alden Warner

The State of Connecticut requests Highlands Conservation Act funds to protect the 205-acre **Scoville Property** in the Taconic section of Salisbury. This property has been owned by the same family for generations, and its meadows and forests are surrounded by large estates. The Scoville property is bordered on the west by Moore Brooke, and there is a conservation easement

held by The Nature Conservancy near the brook.

There is an extensive system of hiking and equestrian trails where people can fish, birdwatch, hike, horseback ride, cross-country ski and snowshoe. Several equestrian clubs currently use the trails. If this property is preserved, CT could create its first equestrian state park. The property also offers scenic views of mountains to the northwest.

The Scoville property is highly threatened by development. It is currently listed by a local real estate company for subdivision into several development lots.

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The Highlands region is 3.5 million acres of forest, farmland, and rugged hills extending from south-central PA, through NJ and NY into northwestern CT. These eastern-most ridges of the Appalachian Mountains form a greenbelt for the Philadelphia-New York City-Hartford metropolitan area. The Highlands provide clean drinking water for more than 15 million people and are home to more than 250 endangered, threatened, and rare species.

