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## GRISWOLD GOLDSTEIN OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION BY THE AVALONIA LAND CONSERVANCY

Erwin and Naomi Goldstein Nature Preserve 25.6 +/- acres –

Avalonia Land Conservancy, Inc. has closed on the purchase of an important conservation property from the David Goldstein family of 25.6 +/- acres in Griswold.

This will also adjoin the Connecticut Forest and Park Association (CFPA) “Blue-Blaze Trail”, an 825-mile network of various segments of trail throughout Connecticut. A connecting spur onto this property is expected to be planned after appropriate habitat study and Forestry Plan development. This will apparently be the first ever direct connection by Avalonia to that Trail network.

*Avalonia Board President Dennis S. Main noted “This acquisition is ground-breaking if overdue as it is the first conservation effort for the land trust that will connect to the Statewide set of trail segments that CFPA manages. We have been looking for such collaboration opportunities. It is also unique with its sphagnum moss quaking bog in a glacial kettle-hole. Species noted were northern water snake, snapping turtle, Labrador Tea, Bog Laurel, cranberry and blueberry.”*

This is the first of several expected closings on conservation tracts throughout New London County by the land conservancy that will occur during 2025, expected to total several hundred acres.

*Main also noted that the Preserve will be named for Erwin and Naomi Goldstein. Erwin had served on the Avalonia Board of Directors in the 1970’s and 1980’s and the family has long been ardent Avalonia members and supporters.*



Avalonia Donor and member/volunteer David B. Goldstein