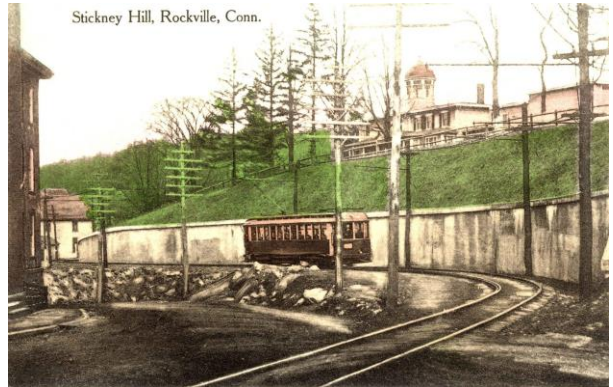


Pleasant Street Property Open to Public in Rockville

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View of the property, which is very hilly.



Postcard, when property was called Stickney Hill.

A 15.9-acre parcel of forest, rock, hill, and ledges in Rockville was donated to the Manchester Land Conservation Trust as an open-space gift for the public to enjoy. Richard Lee and Stephen Lamont presented the property to the Land Trust in December 2016. Entrance to the property is at the eastern end of Pleasant Street, in the northeast part of Rockville.

Volunteers are in the process of creating a trail, and in the spring there will be a free walk on the property. The Trust's Stewardship Chair, Colin McNamara, says, "The preserve's varied terrain will offer something for everyone, right in urban Rockville." Rob Lewis, volunteer Steward of this Rockville property, envisions a loop trail starting from Pleasant Street and meandering around the property, and says, "It will be a place to unwind and get a little exercise." Local historian Jon Roe said, "There was a very early iron mine and foundry in the area, that goes back to the early 1700s, but the exact location is undiscovered. An 1877 map of the area seems to show houses at the top of the hill, which was known at one time as Stickney Hill."

The Land Trust solicits the public's help in naming this 15.9 acres, and has considered "Pleasant Hill" and "Stickney Hill." Vote for either of these names or create your own, and email info@manchesterlandtrust.org. Neighbors of the parcel especially encouraged to participate!

The Land Trust, is an all-volunteer nonprofit conservation organization, founded in 1972. It owns 450 open-space acres in Manchester, Vernon, Andover, Bolton, East Hartford, and Glastonbury. Contact the Trust through the website or direct questions to the Trust's membership chair, Terry Parla, 860-643-1823.