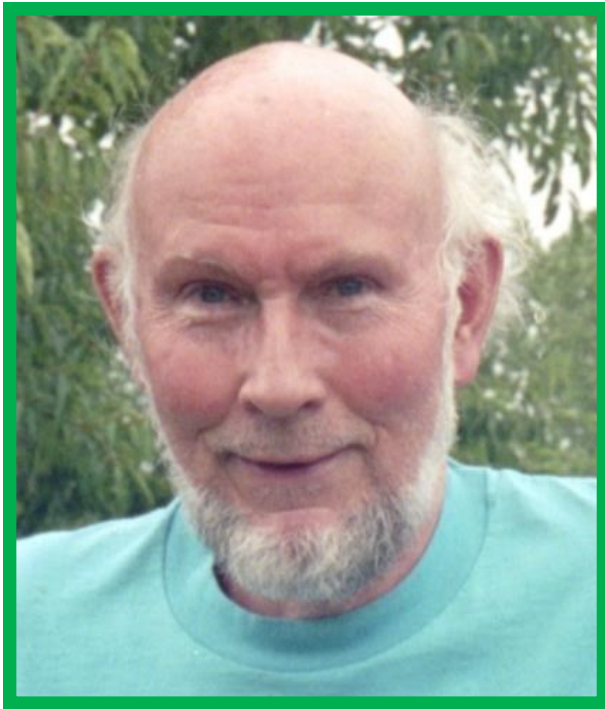


Douglas Smith (1928-2017)

Letter to the editor of The Manchester Evening Herald May 5, 1973.



Open Forum

Support Work Of Land Trust

To the editor:

On behalf of the Manchester Land Conservation Trust, Inc. I would like to urge all Manchester homeowners and businesses interested in conservation to support the work of your land trust. The basic objective of the trust is to foster preservation of Manchester's natural beauty by encouraging donations of open lands, marshes, streams and ponds to the trust for perpetual management in their undeveloped state.

First of all, I hope you will attend the annual dinner meeting of the trust scheduled for Thursday, May 17th, at Willie's Steak House with a social hour at 6:30 and dinner at 7:30. This first annual meeting is open to all members of the land trust and to all conservation-minded residents as well. A short business meeting immediately following the dinner will acquaint all members with the accomplishments and plans of the trust. Our guest speaker will be the Honorable Ellsworth S. Grant, the knowledgeable conservationist mayor of West Hartford. Reservations for the dinner may be made by mailing checks to the Manchester Land Conservation Trust, Inc. office at 257 East Center Street by our deadline of May 8th. The steak will be \$5.75 and the baked shrimp \$5.50 per person.

Secondly, I invite you to assist your newly-founded land trust by becoming regular voting members for the 1973-74 fiscal year by sending your tax deductible donations of \$5 or more to the trust office. The land trust has a need for broad public support so I encourage all residents to join and become active participants in vital committee functions as well. We seek your ideas and a little of your time to further our varied conservation efforts.

Thirdly, I request all Manchester land owners to consider donations of unneeded acreage, large or small, to the trust for preservation as permanent open space according to all wishes of the donors. All gifts to the trust are deductible for federal income tax purposes.

We will attempt to answer all questions about the dinner meeting, membership and donations of land if mailed to the Manchester Land Conservation Trust, Inc. at 257 East Center St. Our telephone number is 646-2223 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 649-5678 evenings.

Sincerely,
Douglas H. Smith, M.D.
President
Manchester Land
Conservation Trust, Inc.

Our earliest logo, dating back to the 1970s, designed by local artist Ed Hyjek (1921-2014).

