

OPEN SPACE IN SEYMOUR, CT

QUICK STATS

OPEN SPACE

- Total Open Space Acreage: 2146.39 acres
- Percentage of Land that is Identified as Open Space: 22%
- Total Number of Open Space Properties: 254
- Open Space Acres per Capita: 0.13

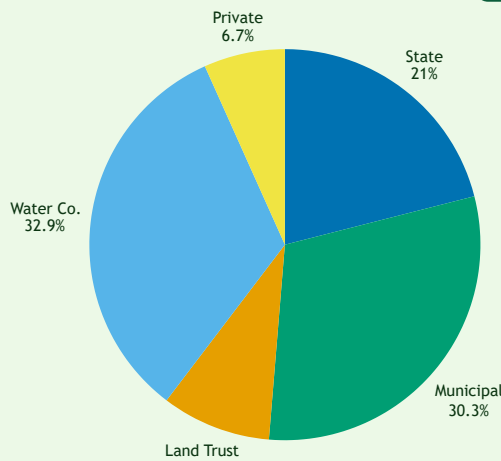
PROTECTED OPEN SPACE

- Total Protected Open Space Acreage: 1863.28 acres
- Percentage of Land that is Identified as Protected Open Space: 19%
- Total Number of Protected Open Space Properties: 153
- Protected Open Space Acres per Capita: 0.11

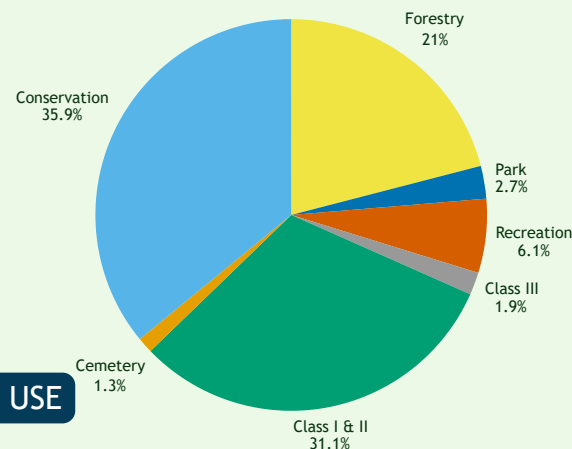
PARCEL SIZE

- Avg. Size: 8.45 acres
- Min: 0.03 acres
- Max: 428.83 acres

OPEN SPACE BY OWNER TYPE



OPEN SPACE BY PRIMARY USE



NARRATIVE OVERVIEW

The Town of Seymour enjoys a compelling variety of open space. Several parcels contain over 100 acres of land, like the Naugatuck State Forest and water company property to the east; others are less than an acre but provide valuable public space in residential neighborhoods. Other types of open space include school sports fields, community parks, conservation land, and even 50+ undeveloped acres belonging to a homeowners' association.

Seymour's municipal government has a conservation commission, parks commission, a sustainability committee, and a trails manager. The community also enjoys an active land trust, the Seymour Conservation Land Trust, which oversees 100+ acres.

Seymour will soon welcome a new addition to its open space inventory: the Kinneytown Dam property, which straddles the Seymour-Ansonia line. The Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments (NVCOG) is working with a group of committed organizations, including the Town of Seymour, to remove the dam, restore the ecosystem, and establish permanent public access to the Naugatuck River. NVCOG has also secured a grant to design a portion of the Naugatuck River Greenway Trail, which would provide walking and fishing access.

SEYMOUR FEATURED OPEN SPACE

Great Hill Reservoir

The 94-acre Great Hill Reservoir parcel sits at the center of a large area of protected open space in Seymour and Oxford. Several other holdings, including a portion of the Naugatuck State Forest, are separated only by roads. The size of this contiguous network is at least 1,029 acres, with several parcels under review potentially contributing as well. The property's position at the relative center renders it a linchpin of the open space corridor. The area has a rich colonial history, with evidence of all trading paths, sawmills, small diversion dams, and charming stone walls throughout the property. Connecticut's Environmental Review Team produced a report for this property in 2025, as the Town considers the future of Great Hill Reservoir.



Laurel Lime Park

Laurel Lime Park is an excellent example of a multiuse open space: recreational, conservation, and historic uses share this 200+ acre parcel. It is the largest town-owned open space property in Seymour and was acquired in 1977. Pitch pines and chestnut oaks dominate the forests. True to its name, the park also contains an abundance of mountain laurel: Connecticut's state flower. Old mining roads have been transformed into blazed hiking trails containing features of a 19th century limestone kiln - quarries, stone shelters, charcoal mounds, and caves rich with marble that farmers used to lower soil acidity for their crops. Ridgelines and rocky slopes provide stunning views of the Housatonic River and Route 34.



Pine Hill Recreation Area

The South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, which owns land in a number of NVCOG municipalities, holds Pine Hill Park open to the public with a permit. Over 400 acres of this enormous park is situated in Seymour's southeastern corner, with the rest just over the border in Woodbridge. The park welcomes hikers, joggers, and cross-country skiers. Two connected loop trails will take visitors past wetlands and vernal pools, a former Christmas tree farm, interpretive trail signage, and rocky outcroppings. One of the loops runs alongside Peat Swamp Reservoir, a former drinking water reservoir. Activities such as horseback riding, biking, and swimming are prohibited in an effort to maintain the quality of this important watershed.

