



# Herman E. Sheets Family Forest

This eighty-six acre parcel is a critically important watershed for the Pawcatuck River basin

For fifty-two years, the Avalonia Land Conservancy has preserved land in Connecticut, providing critical habitat for an extraordinary diversity of wildlife, protecting important watersheds and drinking water, and creating amazing opportunities for people to enjoy outdoor activities. To date, Avalonia has preserved over 4,300 acres in southeastern Connecticut.

In 2020, we are hoping to acquire the Herman E. Sheets Family Forest, an eighty-six acre property in the historic settlement area of Laurel Glen, one of the original villages of North Stonington. Our deadline to close is December 31, 2020 – if we do not acquire this land by that date, the land could be sold and developed.

A regional treasure, teeming with life, thrives in North Stonington.

You can help save it.



The entire property is included in the Wood Pawcatuck Watershed which recently received a National Wild and Scenic River designation. This important watershed supports globally imperiled species, provides clean groundwater, and serves as the sole source of drinking water for more than 60,000 local residents. In addition, the Sheets Forest has a half mile of frontage on the Green Fall River, a forested river that has native and stocked trout.



The Herman E. Sheets Forest will provide opportunities for outdoor exploration and activities. The top of a large earthen dam provides a unique hiking trail with view to large ponds on both sides, while the remains of another stone dam can easily be seen along the Green Fall River. Historic stone foundations, a root cellar, and stone-walled scenic trails are located on the western side.

Due to a generous discount from the owner, the asking price of this valuable 86-acre property is \$325,000. At this time, we are very close to our

**With eighty-six acres, the Herman E. Sheets Family Forest will sequester thousands of metric tons of carbon dioxide every year, helping fight climate change.**

**We Need Your Support!**

**In 2018, Avalonia launched the 2,000 Acre Campaign, a five-year campaign to extend the Last Green Valley in New England to the Connecticut coastline. Protecting properties with high conservation value is expensive, but the benefits are many and priceless.**

**Please take advantage of our naming opportunities to honor or remember a loved one.**

**Make a multi-year pledge to the 2,000 Acre Campaign. Your commitment will help us preserve this land and build our stewardship endowment to care for our open space forever.**

*Thank you for your generosity!*

fundraising goal. Your gift can help preserve many wonderful and unique features of the Herman E. Sheets Family Forest for generations to come!

Avalonia wishes to express its deep gratitude to the many volunteers, donors, and partner organizations who have helped make our 2,000 Acre Campaign a success. Please contact Terri Eickel and let her know that you would like to be a part of the 2,000 Acre Campaign to save the Herman E. Sheets Family Forest.

**Questions?**

Contact Terri Eickel, Director of Development and Programming at (860)680-2569 or [terri@avalonialc.com](mailto:terri@avalonialc.com). You can always make a tax-deductible donation online at [avalonia.org/donate](http://avalonia.org/donate).