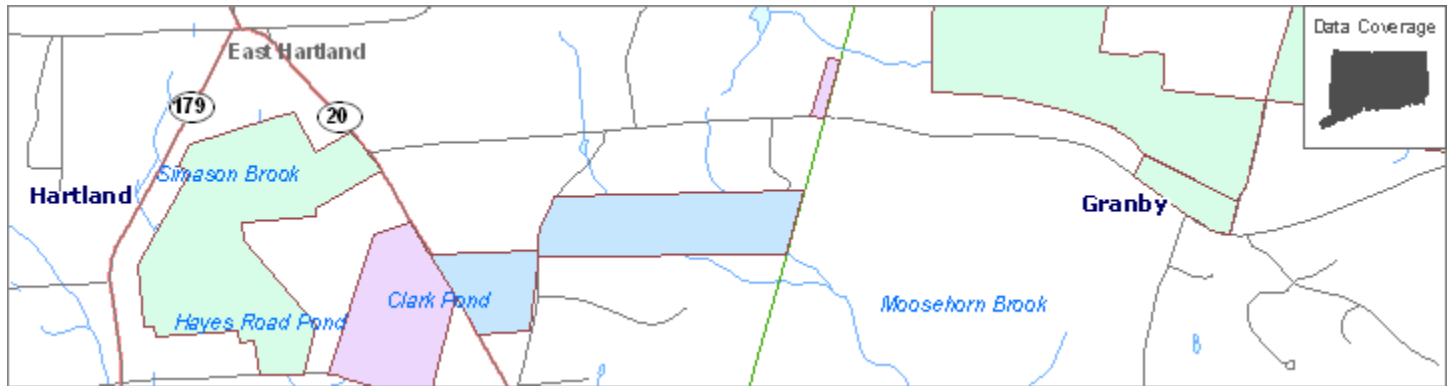


1997 Municipal and Private Open Space



Description

1997 Municipal and Private Open Space includes open space property throughout Connecticut collected and compiled between 1994 and 1997. It is dated (older) information and care should be taken when using these data. For more current open space information, see the [Protected Open Space Mapping \(POSM\)](#) data.

1997 Municipal and Private Open Space includes land owned in fee simple interest by municipalities, land trusts, and private entities within the State of Connecticut. It is based on information that was collected from each municipality and mapped at 1:24,000 scale on United States Geological Survey Topographic Quadrangle maps. Generally, partial interests such as easements and development rights are not included. Types of property include conservation land, existing preserved open space, general recreation land, preservation land, recreation land, and uncategorized land.

Detailed information about this layer includes the type (category) of land, name, type of ownership (municipal or private), access constraints, if any, description, and size in acres.


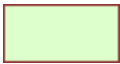





Purpose

1997 Municipal and Private Open Space contains parcels owned by municipalities, land trusts and private entities throughout the state. It can be used with other related cadastral or parcel level data, such as DEP Property, Protected Open Space and Connecticut Parcels. It can also be used with a variety of environmental data to interpret environmental conditions within an open space area, such as wildlife habitat, endangered species areas, soils and wetlands, fisheries management areas, tidal wetlands, bedrock and surficial geology, etc.

This layer has not been updated since 1997 and may not be accurate. For more accurate and current open space parcel data, refer to the [POSM](#) data. POSM data is currently being created statewide and may not be available for every Connecticut town. In addition, the definition of open space in Municipal and Private Open Space 1997 and Protected Open Space differs. *Developed* recreation facilities are included in the Municipal and Private Open Space, whereas in Protected Open Space, the parcels are primarily *undeveloped*.

Legend Description

The legend for this layer is based on ownership and access.

Symbol	Ownership and Access	Explanation
	Municipal - open to public	Owned by the municipality and open to the public for no fee.
	Municipal – open to public with fee	Owned by the municipality and open to the public for an entrance or use fee.
	Municipal – residents only	Owned by the municipality and open only to residents of the municipality.
	Private – access unknown	Privately owned and access details are not known.
	Private – open to public	Privately owned and open to the public for no fee.
	Private – open to public with fee	Privately owned and open to the public for an entrance or use fee.
	Private – members or owners only	Privately owned and open to members or owners only.

Use Limitations

1997 Municipal and Private Open Space consists of data that were collected and compiled at a 1:24,000 scale using the United State Geological Survey Topographic Quadrangle maps as a base. It should not be used at a scale more detailed than 1:24,000 (1 inch = 2,000 feet). Use this dataset only as a general guide to parcel boundaries. The boundaries in this layer are not to be used for legal purposes.

Because this dataset contains parcel information that was collected and compiled between 1994 and 1997, it is not current and is no longer accurate. For more updated open space data, see [POSM](#). POSM dataset contains more current information but does not contain every town in the state since it is not yet complete.

Related Information

[Protected Open Space Mapping \(POSM\)](#) – CT ECO Complete Resource Guide

[DEP Property](#) – CT ECO Complete Resource Guide

[Federal Open Space](#) – CT ECO Complete Resource Guide

Data Collection Date

Data collected by DEP beginning in 1994 through 1997. This information has not been updated since 1997.

Status

This dataset is complete and no updates are planned.

Map Scale

1:24,000 (1 inch = 2,000 feet)

Contact

For more information, please contact the [Land Acquisition Division](#), Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5127, Phone: 860-424-3016, Fax: 860-418-5906.

Additional Documentation

[1997 Municipal and Private Open Space](#) – CT ECO Basic Data Guide

[GIS Metadata](#) – Contains technical documentation describing the 1997 Municipal and Private Open Space data and the data sources, process steps, and standards used to collect, digitize, and store this information in a geographic information system (GIS).

Originators

[Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection](#)

GIS Data Download

Protected Open Space is downloadable from [DEEP GIS Data](#).

Connect GIS and AutoCAD software to this information online using the Open Space [CT ECO Map Service](#).