

# Come learn more about land trusts

## To the editor:

The public is invited to a meeting at the Attleboro Public Library on Wednesday, April 11, at 6 :30 p.m. to discuss the need for a land trust in Attelboro.

As a non-profit organization, a land trust could actively pursue the acquisition of land for conservation purposes. A land trust could work closely with city government, but it could also act independently.

There are many examples of successes achieved by land trusts in other cities and towns throughout the state. Mansfield, Norton, Easton, Seekonk, and Rehoboth already have land trusts.

Now is the time to act to protect the city from

overdevelopment and to preserve land for environmental and recreational purposes.

There are many strategies available to conserve land. One way is to buy it outright. Another is to just buy the development rights, leaving the land in the hands of its present owners and in its present use.

Still another technique is to use a creative development strategy. Using this method, a land trust can approach a landowner before a property is put up for sale.

The land trust members can suggest ways to divide up the property, protecting some areas and devolping others, while still enabling the owner to recover the full market value of the land.

Here in Attleboro the desire of citizens to preserve land slated for development is obvious, especially in regard to the Locust Valley Golf Course and the golf driving range in South Attleboro.

The purpose of the first meeting will be to form an organizing committee. We hope to have a guest speaker from a land trust in a neighboring town to answer some of our questions.

We welcome the attendance of all interested citizens of Attleboro. Anyone who can't make it on this night may call 222-6164 for more information.

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