The 164-acre Ives Farm is the Cheshire Land Trust’s largest property. It has been continuously farmed since the 1700s.

The woodlands comprise 80-acres of the farm, and were designated as public hiking trails from the farm’s earliest days.

The woodlands have not been maintained in the past decade, becoming impassible and generally unused.

The Ives woodlands are an area the land trust wants to showcase to its members and the public.

**What We Did**

- Determined which trails to reopen & used stewardship days to clear and clean designated trails.
  - The yellow and blue trails in map to right were cleared in Summer & Fall of 2018.
- Mapped the Ives Farm trail system.
  - Trail system mapped in Summer of 2018 using Track-Kit smartphone GPS and ArcGIS.
  - Using Samsung 360 camera and the Google Street View app, we walked the trail system and photographed the trail in 360 imagery.
- Communicate reopening of trails to public
  - Composed a story map using Esri Story Map platform and ArcGIS Online to let viewers “walk the trails” and see first-hand the importance of preserving this trail network.

**Next Steps**

- March 2019 CLT Annual Meeting - Announcing reopening of Ives Woodland trails with map handouts
- June 1, 2019 - CT Trails Day will include Ives Farm Woodlands walk to reopen the trails to the public

Visit the Ives Farm Story Map at: https://goo.gl/w6XVwC