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Land Trust expresses thanks for help with Farm Creek Preserve

To the Editor:

As I write this letter, the old Hart house at 34 Sammis St. in Rowayton is being demolished to make way for a meadow and observation space next to Farm Creek. The Norwalk Land Trust is hugely grateful to Fred and Ginny Genestre of F&G construction for doing this demolition at no cost to the land trust or the Campaign for a Farm Creek Preserve.

Bob Calve of Fox Hill Builders and the Genestres arranged for the demolition, a complicated process of getting permits for proper disposal of demolition

debris, disconnecting water, sewer and power lines, and providing the heavy equipment to do the job. The time they have donated to preparation as well as carrying out the job itself is above and beyond anything we could have wished for.

Before the heavy machinery moved in, Roger Knoop of SavaTree volunteered his time and orange fencing on two subsequent Saturday mornings to install barriers to protect the roots of trees on the property that could have been damaged by compaction. He, too, performed this work without charge.

A nine-person delegation from DeLoitte and Touche spent six hours last Friday adding to the trails created by the Boy Scouts two weeks ago. They covered the new trails with woodchips and removed invasive euonymous that was strangling trees. Mary Stone organized this D&T Impact Day project and reported she had no trouble finding volunteers to participate. This kind of spirit translates into a wonderful contribution and a greater understanding of the work involved in opening a nature preserve to the public.

So many nice things have happened during the course of completing this 16.2-acre Farm Creek Preserve, which will be open for public enjoyment. The generosity of businesses, the 6th Taxing District, the city, and hundreds of individuals has reinforced our belief that Norwalk is a city of wonderful people. A great place to live.

A million thanks.

Marny Smith, president
Norwalk Land Trust