



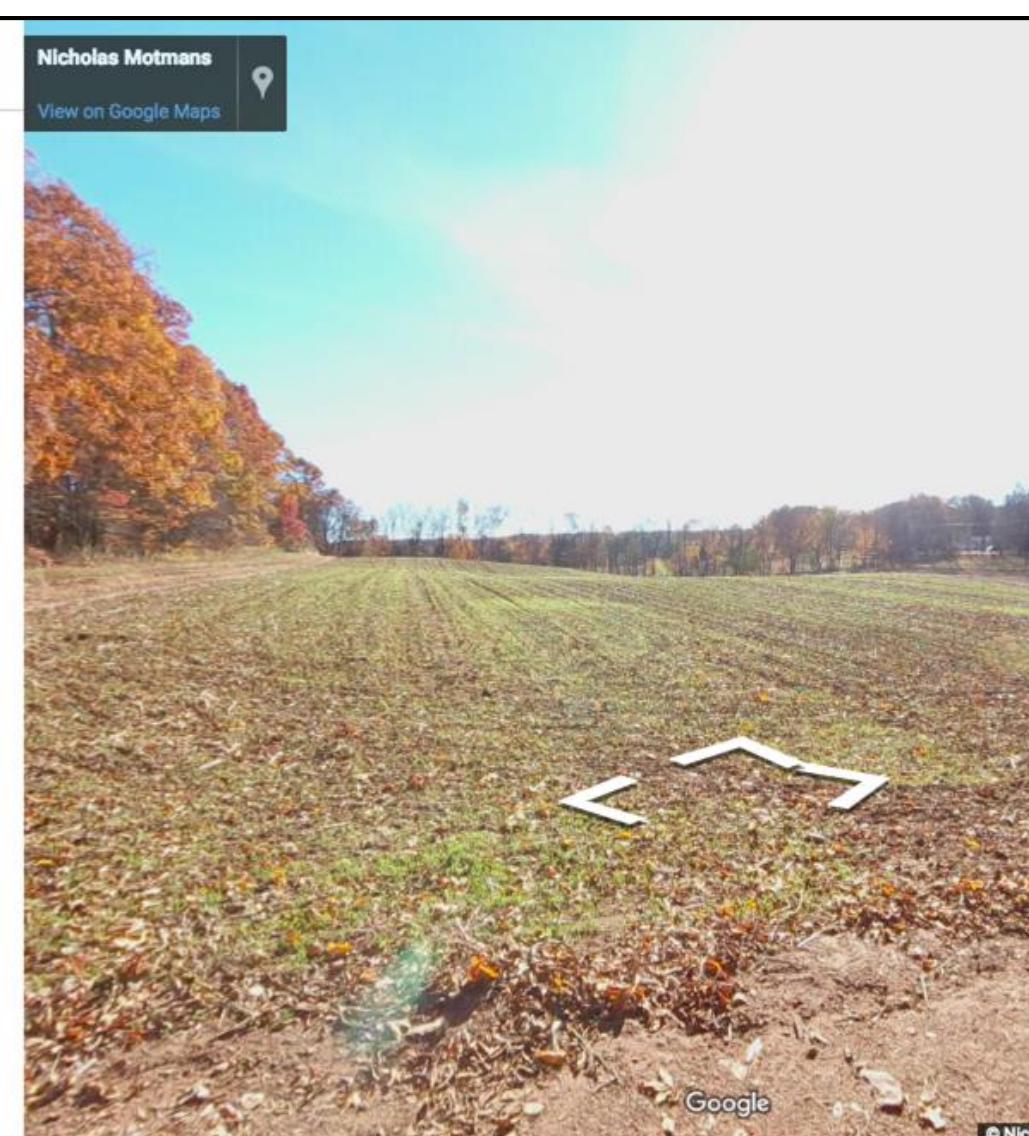
IVES FARM WOODLANDS

A Cheshire Land Trust Treasure



Background

- 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.



(Upper left): Intro page of Ives Farm story map. (Lower right): Map of Ives Farm property. Purple shows the property boundary, blue, red and yellow show 3 trails, and the starts shows trailheads.

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.

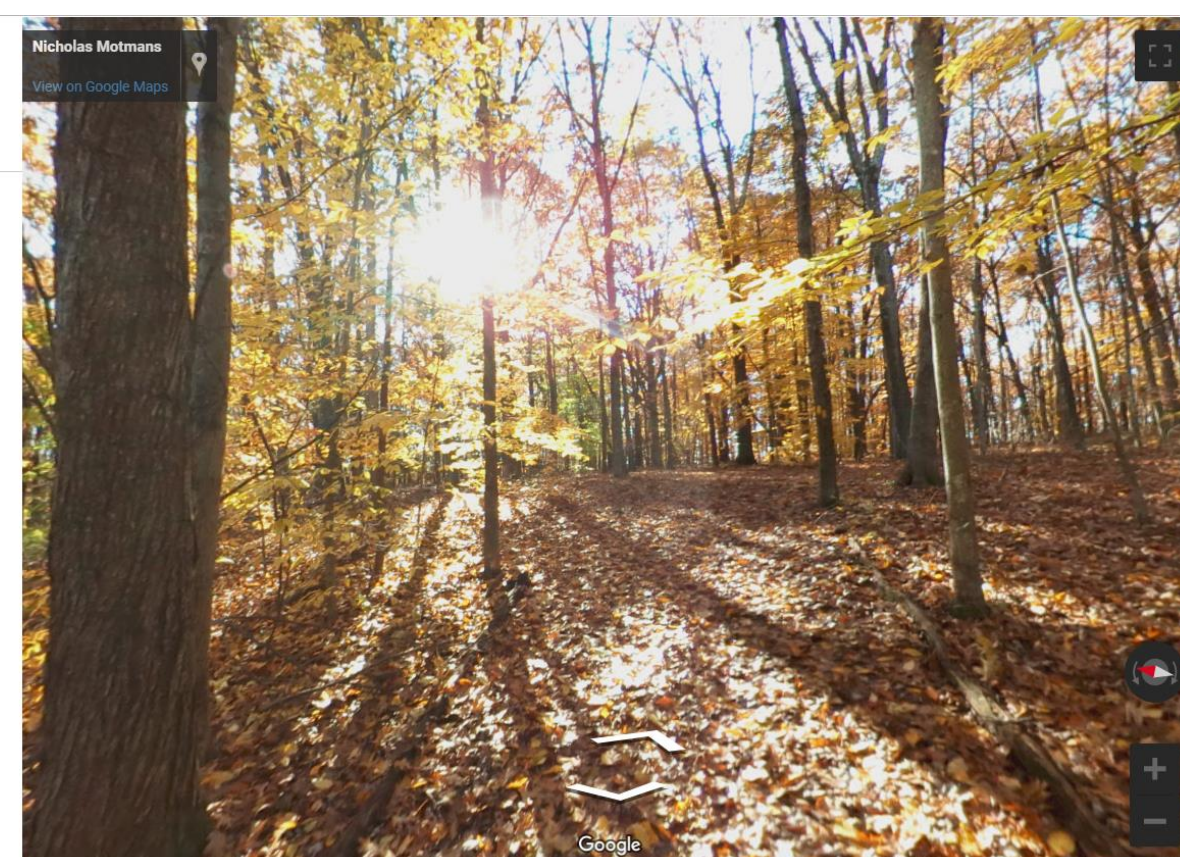
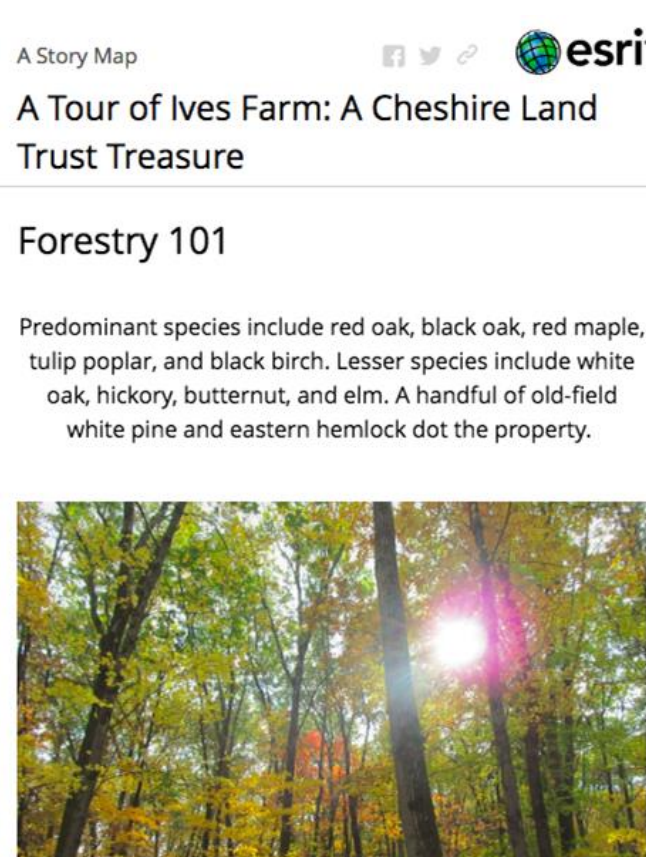
(Left): 360-camera mounted on helmet. (Right): CLT stewardship day.

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



Ives Farm Story Map & Google Street View



The cascading story map allows you to scroll/virtually stroll through Ives Woodland to learn about the trails, forestry and faunal features, and explore the property with Google Street View.

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

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