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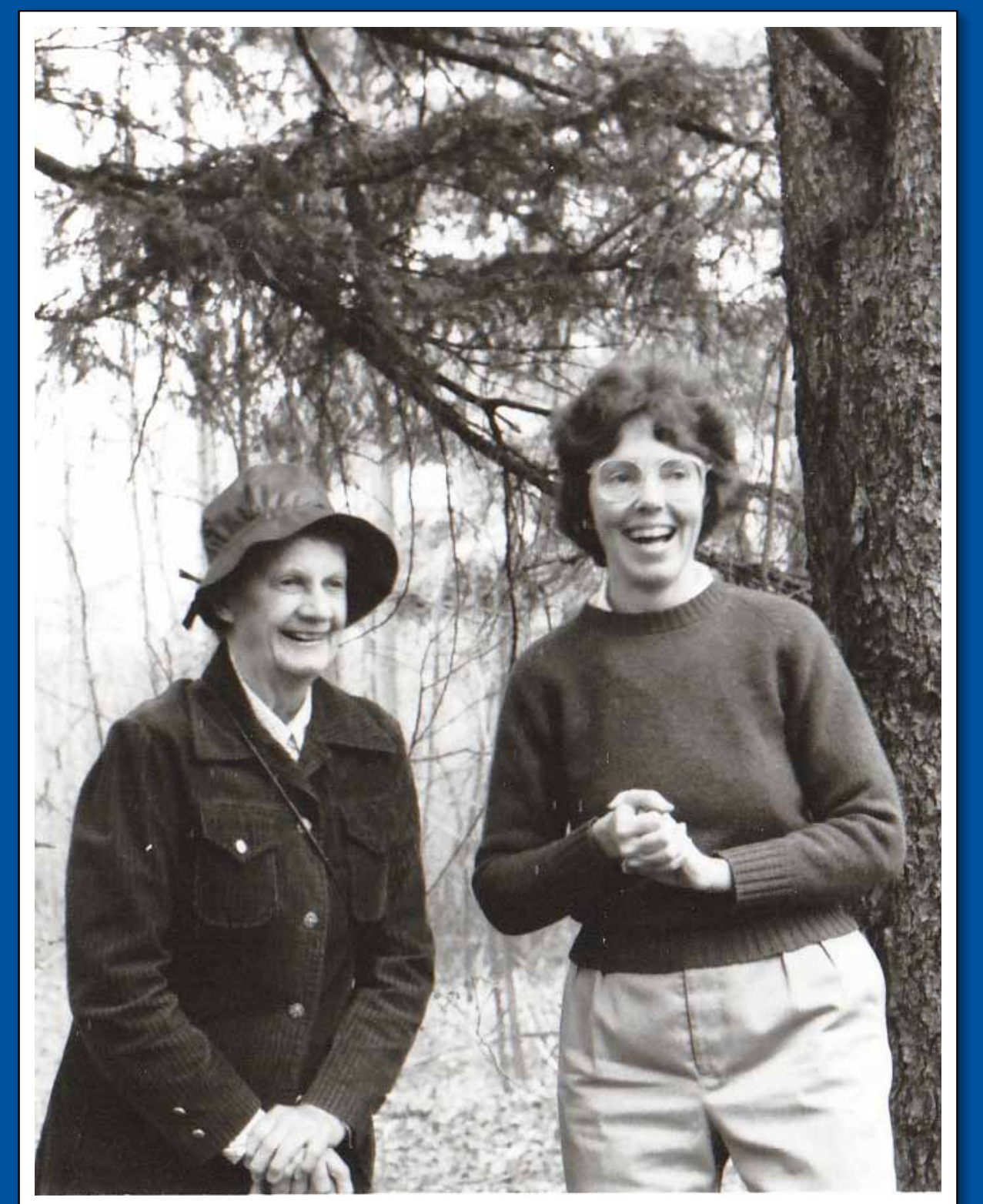
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Wallace H. Foote, benefactor of the Foote Family Charitable Trust, directed that the trust be used to purchase real estate for parks and recreation beaches for the benefit of the inhabitants of Branford. In addition to operating Foote Park and Foote Riverside Park, the Foote Trust has given more than 120 acres to the Town or Branford Land Trust and provided support for protecting over 250 acres more.



Over more than 30 years, Ray Van Wie and his son and daughter-in-law Bill and Alice Van Wie have given Branford Land Trust a 104-acre preserve to keep in trust for the Branford community.



When Lucy Hammer (shown with BLT president Lauren Brown in 1984) and her husband Thorvald gave twenty five acres on Todd's Hill to Branford Land Trust, she said, "I could not bear to see the wildflowers and birds and all these lovely woods and pond go into so-called 'progress'. Donating this land for preservation is one of the happiest things I've ever done."