

Grandma Moses Farm Legacy Will Live on in Eagle Bridge

Is there any corner of our county that conjures up images of our agricultural heritage more than the 173-acre Grandma Moses farm does?" asked Merrillyn Pulver, Chairperson of Washington County's Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board. "We are delighted that this farm will be conserved."

ASA recently learned that the New York State Farmland Protection Program had awarded ASA and Washington County a grant to purchase development rights on the farm. The local funding match required by the state grant is generously provided by an anonymous local foundation.

Rich and Kathy Moses and their three children, along with many area high school students employed for the summer, grow a wide variety of vegetables and fruits that they sell at their popular roadside stand on Route 67 in Eagle Bridge and to grocery stores.

Rich Moses explained, "As my great grandmother can attest, this farm's soils are suitable for a variety of crops. We wanted that same opportunity to be available to future generations as they adapt to changing markets." Especially known for their sweet corn, the Moses Farm also produces tomatoes, bell peppers, potatoes, melons, peas, cucumbers, squashes, pumpkins, and beans. They have plans to open a larger farm stand on Route 22 and expand into a pick-your-own outlet.

Kathy adds, "We love living on the river and sighting the eagles and migrating ducks each year as we begin to wind down after the hectic growing season. Because it will be protected, people will be able to enjoy these same experiences forever." ASA's executive director, Teri Ptacek concurred, saying, "It gives me great pleasure knowing that hundreds of years from now, people will appreciate that the Moses' decided to conserve their land and that the community supported them in the process."



Rich and Kathy Moses have been awarded funding enabling them to conserve their farmland and grow their operation.



Photos: Maria Trabka

Rich Moses and crew harvest potatoes along the Hoosic River on their 173-acre family farm.

“We believe having local farms and farmland is vital to our future.”

The Agricultural Stewardship Association is a non-profit land trust founded in 1990 by local farmers, agribusiness representatives, and conservationists to protect land for agricultural use in the Washington County, New York region. We accomplish this mission through our land conservation and stewardship programs and public education efforts. To date, we have protected 5,553 acres of farmland.

ASA receives funding from its members, The Conservation Fund and the New York Conservation Partnership Program and private foundations. The New York Conservation Partnership Program is administered by the Land Trust Alliance Northeast Program with support from the State of New York.

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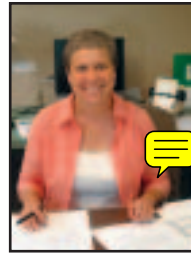
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A message from the Executive Director



I have great news to share with you. ASA recently learned that three of the eight farmland protection applications that we sponsored in June were awarded more than \$1.87 million in funding from NYS Ag & Markets! The funding goes to the farmers to help them protect their land and ensure their conservation vision remains intact for years to come.

This year we worked with a total of ten farms and four municipalities to submit a record number of applications for state funding. This is a great example of a collaborative community effort that has paid off. These grants, when combined with a 25 percent match, will enable the protection of four farms in three towns containing a total of 1,400 acres of quality farmland along the Hoosic River. What's more, thanks to generous grants from two anonymous local foundations, we were able to secure funding to complete the local "grant match" requirement for three of the farms.

I want to thank all of the 2006 applicants. The six farms that were not awarded funding in this round are all worthy projects and we will continue to pursue funding for them. We look forward to expanding our conservation efforts throughout the county in the coming year.

The support of our members and sponsors is critical to our efforts. In the coming year we will be working with over 20 landowners, to protect almost 3,000 acres of beautiful, productive, and historically significant farms and forests. We could not do these important conservation projects without you. Thank you!

ASA Welcomes Janet Britt as Land Steward

With the successful completion of so many new conservation projects, ASA recognized the need to add additional professional staff in order to meet the needs of our conservation landowners and fulfill our legal responsibilities pertaining to our easements. To fill this need, Janet Britt has joined ASA's staff as our conservation easement steward.

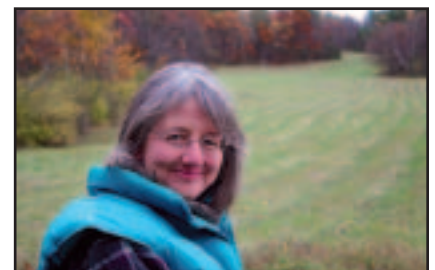


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Janet Britt working on her first conservation project, the Kheel-Burns Farm in Hoosick.

Janet comes to ASA with a wealth of experience. She has worked in agriculture for the past twenty five years, including operating a community supported agricultural farm (CSA) in Schaghticoke for seventeen years with her husband John Dojka. They now live in Cambridge. Janet explains, "I love the rich and beautiful farmland of our area. I admire landowners who choose to conserve their land and look forward to helping them achieve their goals."

Two Neighboring Families Work Together to Conserve Their Land and Keep it in Agriculture

With farms nestled on the deep, rich alluvial soils lining the Hoosic River, the Greens and Willbrants are neighbors who have long cooperated in their farming efforts. David and Leslie Green manage Evergreen Farm, a 5th generation dairy farm which they have grown into a 570-cow operation. They rely on leasing the Willbrants' land, which is an essential one-third of their operation's land base.

The Willbrants moved to Maple Lane Farm in 1955. Hilda Willbrant says proudly, "I live in the oldest house in the valley, built way back in the 1700's." Her brother Lloyd explains their conservation motives, "We don't want to see houses out on these fields. We see what the developers are doing in other places, and we're going to keep it like it is."

ASA staff members met with both families to ensure their immediate and long-term conservation goals would be achieved. "Developing a creative conservation solution that suited the needs of both families has been inspiring", comments Project Manager Maria Trabka, if more funding were available, we could use this as a model to help people in similar situations."

Thanks to funding recently awarded to ASA and Rensselaer County by the New York State Farmland Protection Program and an anonymous donor who provided the local match; both farms will sell their development rights resulting in the collective conservation of 538 acres.

Using proceeds from the sale of development rights on the 430-acre Evergreen Farm, the Greens will buy the Willbrants' land. The Willbrants will retain a life estate allowing them to remain on the family farm. David Green explains, "This valley has some of the best farmland in the state and I'm glad it got approved for conservation. The funding gives me a way to come up with the revenue to buy the Willbrant's Maple Lane Farm which is integral to the core of Evergreen Farm's operations."

"We are thrilled to support this neighborly conservation project that protects some of our county's most productive soils and successful farms but also honors the needs of people who have worked the land for their entire lives", stated Ken Herrington, Chairperson for Rensselaer County's Farmland and Agriculture Protection Board, who partnered with ASA to apply for funding.



David Green and wife Leslie run a 5th generation, 570-cow dairy operation that relies on the neighboring Willbrants' land.



Photos: Maria Trabka

Helen, Robert, Lloyd and Hilda Willbrant and their neighbor David Green have found a conservation solution that meets everyone's needs.)

St. Croix Farm in Schaghticoke will be Protected for Future Generations

“With the views from our farm, many visitors have encouraged us to cash in, develop it and live easy thereafter. They just don't understand what a special place this is, as it is, and the history of it”; remarked John Moore, who co-owns the 679-acre St. Croix Farm with his wife Eva, mother Beverly and sister Margery and her husband Tim Reilly. “Developing it would destroy what makes it so special and spoil the view for others as well. We just didn't want to break it up.”

The Moores raise beef cattle, grow crops and harvest timber on St. Croix farm. They also rent out some of their fields to Kernel Acres Farm, a heifer raising operation, and to Ren-Wa Farm, a dairy operation spanning the county line. Thanks to a grant awarded by the New York State Farmland Protection Program and the Moore family, who are donating a portion of the easement as the local match, the farm will be conserved.

According to Jean Carlson, Supervisor for the Town of Schaghticoke who submitted the application in conjunction with ASA, “The St. Croix Farm is a key part of our town's agricultural economy and its conservation protects water quality in the Hoosic River.”

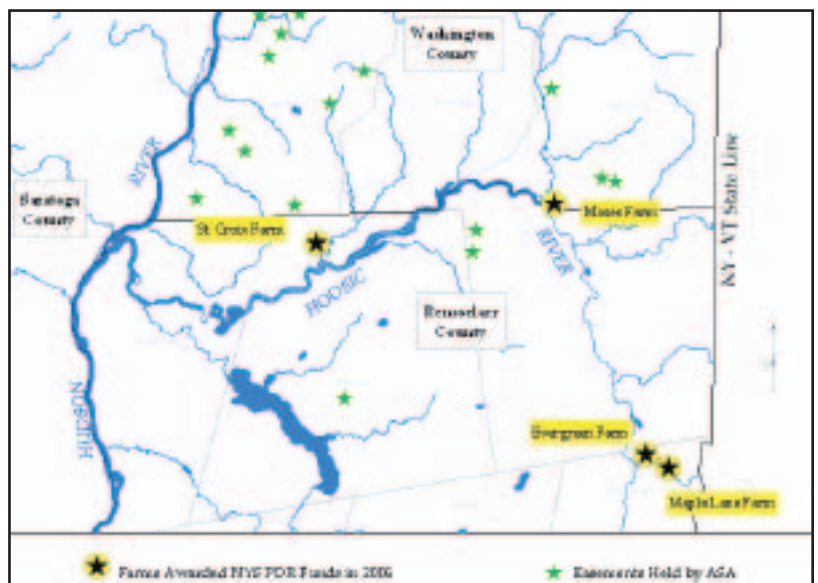
The St. Croix Farm is located on County Route 114 and Ridge Road. “This is a historic farm that should be here for future generations” explained Eva. “Our family's goal is to make sure that this land is not lost to development and we appreciate the work that ASA and the town are doing to make our goal a reality.”



Photo credit: Meegan Finnegan
Beverly Moore, John and Eva Moore and John's sister Margery Reilly are proud of the historic barns and productive soils on St. Croix farm.



Photo credit: Meegan Finnegan
John Moore stands in one of the high fields that overlook the 679-acre St. Croix Farm. ASA will be assisting the Moore family to conserve the farm.



All four farms awarded New York State farmland protection funding are in the Hoosic River watershed.



Photo Credit: Mark Merret

What is an Agricultural Conservation Easement?

An agricultural conservation easement is a legal agreement between a willing landowner and a qualified organization, such as ASA, that permanently protects a property's agricultural and forestry characteristics by restricting the type of non-agricultural development that can occur on the land. In addition to farming and forestry, home-based businesses and rural enterprises are often permitted, so long as they do not negatively impact the agricultural and forestry uses of the property.

The landowner still owns the property and retains the right to sell, lease, gift or transfer it. Each easement is tailored to achieve the landowner's conservation goals and he/she continues to manage the land. ASA's agricultural easements are designed to provide the flexibility to allow for farming and other compatible uses, recognizing that farming will change over time. The right to develop the property outside of those provisions is permanently extinguished. ASA is responsible for ensuring that the purposes of the easement are upheld in perpetuity.

Here are some important points to remember about ASA's agricultural conservation easements:

- ASA works with each landowner to negotiate the terms of the easement to suit the land's conservation values and the owner's goals. In addition, if ASA determines that the farm might qualify for state farmland protection funding, ASA will work with the town in which the land resides as well as the county agricultural and farmland protection board to write and administer the grant application.
- Agricultural easements do not require public access to the land. To allow each farm family to consider various aspects of conservation during the process, ASA

maintains confidentiality while working with the family. It becomes public record when it is recorded with the county clerk.

- Easements can be donated, sold or a combination of both. Landowners who donate an easement are often entitled to significant state and federal income tax deductions, generally 30-50% of their adjusted gross income for up to six years against the value of the easement donation (see page 8 for additional information).
- If funding is available, landowners can sell their development rights and extract equity from their land without selling it for development. Landowners can also combine both approaches, selling their easement at a reduced rate (bargain sale), and receive both equity and tax benefits.

For more information on agricultural conservation easements, visit www.agstewardship.org and download ASA's Landowner's Guide.



Photo credit: Cliff Oliver

The Stones donated an easement on their 309-acre farm in Easton in 2005.

ASA's Farm Tour Will Promote Conservation and Agritourism in Southern Washington County

The Washington County area is defined by its beautiful farmscapes. To promote agritourism in our area, the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets has awarded ASA a grant to develop and promote a self-guided cycling or driving tour designed to encourage visitors to experience our farmland firsthand. Highlights on the scenic tour will include farms that are protected with conservation easements, farms with farm stands or other agricultural enterprises.

ASA plans to launch the tour in 2007 with a cycling event that will feature locally produced food and drink. Participants will be given a map of the tour route as well as coupons to be redeemed at farm stands along the way. The map will then be made widely available to tourists through area farmstands, chambers of commerce and other local organizations.

"We are grateful that ASA is undertaking this project to promote land conservation and to bring exposure to the many wonderful agricultural businesses in the region"; relayed Kathy Nichols-Tompkins, of the Greenwich Chamber of Commerce. "Agritourism creates jobs and gives people the opportunity to learn about how and where their food is grown."



Photo credit: Jim
The scenic farmland and rural roads of Washington County provide the perfect setting for a tour that promotes local agriculture and farmland conservation.

Betty Little and Roy McDonald Help ASA Meet Challenge Grant

Senator Betty Little has secured a grant for ASA in the amount of \$10,000 through the Community Projects Fund to help accelerate the pace of land protection in our area. Assemblyman Roy McDonald has also awarded a \$10,000 grant to ASA through the Department of Agriculture and Markets.

ASA's President, Seth Jacobs, noted that "These gifts are very important to us as they represent a commitment to conservation on the part of our local government." They also enable ASA to leverage \$20,000 from a

challenge grant that allows a dollar for dollar match up to \$133,000. Two private foundations offer this challenge grant as an incentive to our community to invest in conservation. With contributions from Little and McDonald, ASA has raised \$95,000 to date and needs to raise another \$38,000 by April 2007 to meet and take full advantage of the challenge grant.

On behalf of all those who care about farmland protection, ASA wishes to thank Betty Little and Roy McDonald for their support of farmland conservation.

ASA to Create New Program to Educate Landowners and Professional Advisors on the Finances of Land Conservation

Land is often a family's most valuable financial asset and choosing to conserve it is a major life decision that requires careful thought and planning. Each conservation easement is different and is negotiated based on the individual needs of the landowner's family, financial and tax situation.

To help landowners and their professional advisors

understand their options and maximize their advantages, ASA has received funding from the Nordlys Foundation to launch a new educational program on the finances of land conservation. The program will be geared toward landowners, attorneys and accountants in Washington, Saratoga, Warren, and Rensselaer counties and will contain important information on local, state, and federal tax issues.

Program to be unveiled in 2007

To launch the program, ASA will host a nationally recognized expert in conservation finance to lead an accredited seminar for local tax and estate attorneys and accountants. ASA is also creating a team of professionals to share their expertise and analyze a diverse handful of case studies which represent common situations applicable to other landowners. These case studies will form the basis of other training programs to be offered in the future. **If you are a landowner interested in conservation, a local attorney or accountant, and are interested in taking part in the case studies, please contact Maria Trabka at 692-7285.**

In order to assist landowners who are considering conservation, ASA plans to develop a charitable gift annuities program. This will enable landowners who sell their development rights at a reduced rate (bargain sale) to receive some compensation for their easement, defer capital gains on the sale portion, maximize the charitable deduction on the donated portion, and receive a guaranteed stream of income over a period of time.

ASA is also working to find funding and establish other mechanisms to off-set the fees paid by farmers to professional advisors that have been trained to maximize the financial benefits of landowners' conservation plans.



Photo: Cliff Oliver

ASA's new finances of conservation program will help professionals and landowners understand their options and maximize their financial advantages.

WAYS TO HELP!

Please contact Meegan Finnegan at (518) 692-7285 or by e-mail at asa@agstewardship.org for more information on ways you can help

If you believe that protecting farmland benefits our community there are a number of ways to help:

- **Join** - Demonstrating that the community supports conservation through membership helps ASA leverage funds from the government and private foundations
- **Volunteer** - ASA needs volunteers to help with monitoring, fundraising events and membership mailings.
- **Conserve your land** - ensure that your land will be protected for future generations by donating a conservation easement.
- **Host a neighborhood gathering** - Introduce us to friends and neighbors who care about conserving farmland by hosting an informational get-together.
- **Make a bequest** - Consider making a lasting impact by leaving a gift of land or ~~property~~ in your will to ASA.

ASA Works with the Land Trust Alliance and Others to Create New financial Incentives for Land Conservation

Over the past year, ASA has been working with the Land Trust Alliance and our local and national representatives to create new financial incentives for land conservation. The incentives were created to recognize how important farm families and their lands are to our local and national economy, heritage, and quality of life.

Enhanced Charitable Deduction - Reducing income taxes

In 2006 and 2007, the income tax incentive for conservation easement donations has been enhanced, permitting farmers to deduct up to 100% of their adjusted gross income (AGI) utilizing the value of their charitable donation, carrying that on for up to 16 additional years or until the value of the donation has been exhausted.

Non-farmers donating easements can deduct up to 50% of their AGI for up to 16 years. This enhancement will permit "land rich, cash-poor landowners" to more fully realize the charitable benefits of easement donations. Unless Congress extends this enhanced deduction beyond 2007, the incentive will revert back to the pre-2006 deduction of a 30% maximum deduction applied for up to only six years.

Conservation now receives a Tax Credit for Property Tax

Beginning in 2006 and continuing on for future years, New York State will reimburse property owners for a portion of the local property and school taxes that they pay on land for which a conservation easement has been fully or partially donated.

An income tax credit of 25% of those property taxes, up to \$5,000, can be claimed when filing state income taxes. This is not a deduction against income before income taxes are calculated; this is a tax credit, a direct subtraction from income taxes owed - or a refund if the amount exceeds income taxes owed.

Conservation Can Aid in Estate Tax Reduction

In the overwhelming majority of cases, conservation easements reduce a property's value through removal of most of its non-farm and forestry development rights, thereby lowering the amount of estate tax exposure when a landowner passes away. This diminution in value is also why landowners are paid for the value of these development rights if funding is available. If they donate their development rights they can receive a state and federal income tax deduction, as explained above).

In addition, for fully donated qualifying easements, property values can be reduced an additional 40% when estate taxes are calculated. In 2006 and 2007, estate values in surplus of \$2M are taxed by the federal government and those in excess of \$1M are taxed by the state government (although these limits are currently fluid from year to year.)

For more information on the tax benefits of conservation, please refer to ASA's website www.agstewardship.org and the Land Trust Alliance's web site www.lta.org



Photo: Cliff Oliver

New state and federal tax incentives make conservation an advantageous option.

Peter Niles Conserves His Family Farm on Route 22 ~~in White Creek~~

Peter Niles, who has lived in the Town of White Creek his entire life, has protected his 119-acre farm by conveying a conservation easement to ASA. Mr. Niles rents his fields along Route 22 to a neighboring dairy farmer, repairs equipment at Salem Farm Supply during the week and helps the Chamber Brothers on their farm outside Salem on weekends. In his spare time, he cuts and sells a little firewood from his woodlot.

Mr. Niles loves his land and wants to keep its trails open for snowmobiling. He was concerned that, even if he sold it to a farmer, there was no guarantee that a future generation might not sell it to a developer. Mr. Niles generously

donated a significant portion of the value of his development rights and ASA was able to purchase the remaining value with funds from a private foundation and thus assist him with protecting the land he loves.



Photo: Maria Trabka

For Peter Niles, conserving the land he loves was the right thing to do; it "just made sense".

"I made a living here farming. My dad farmed this land before me... and who knows how many people farmed it before him. The next generation will be able to try to do the same. Farming is something you know...something you can talk with others about...milking, crops, cows, equipment, production...something in your blood."

Give a Gift for Future Generations – Help Make Sure Farmland and Forest ~~land~~ is Forever

~~Would you like to help ensure that the farms in Washington and Rensselaer Counties are conserved?~~

~~Do you want  now that children will have local farms and forest to experience as they grow up?~~

~~Your gift as outlined in your will to the Agricultural Stewardship Association will enable us to protect more farms and forest faster before they are lost. We will be able to work with new farm families to implement their conservation goals. If you already have a will, all that is needed to include ASA is a codicil. This is an easy job for an attorney.~~

~~The following is sample language that can be used when preparing your will:~~

~~"I give to the Agricultural Stewardship Association, a New York nonprofit corporation having its principal offices at 28R Main Street, Greenwich, NY 12834, the sum of \$___ (or alternatively, ___ % of my estate) for its general purposes (or for a specific project that you have discussed with an ASA staff person)."~~

~~ASA greatly appreciates the generosity of people who leave us a gift in their will. It can make all the difference in the world. If you would like more information concerning leadership bequests, please contact Teri Ptacek at 518-692-7285.~~



Photo: Cliff Oliver

Landscapes for Landsake Raises Critical Funds to Expand Land Conservation Efforts

Thanks to the generosity of the artists, Larry Sconzo and Laurie Simon who hosted the event, a dedicated core of volunteers, and the talents of Barbara Price who curated the event, the fifth annual Landscapes for Landsake art show was an enormous success. ASA was able to raise critical funds for land conservation while reaching out to the community to convey the importance of protecting our farmland.

The beautiful fall weather on the opening weekend helped to draw over 700 people to the historic barn at Maple Ridge in Coila. Twenty-five artists contributed over 100 works of art to the show, 35 of which sold. The

artists donate 40 percent of proceeds to ASA making this an important part of ASA's ability to carry out its conservation work throughout the region.

“Open space, best preserved by farms in our times, is the common ground on which America will come together someday. People of all beliefs will see the preservation of the greater part of our farmland as patriotic.”

-Harry Orlyk on why he paints landscapes

ASA was also delighted to welcome 38 new members who attended the art show. Meegan Finnegan, ASA's outreach and development coordinator, was inspired by the large number of joining members, remarking that “The people of our community really understand that farmland makes this a wonderful place to live. By supporting us with

their membership they enable us to work with even more families who want to conserve their land.”



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Neighbors Deko Stone (L) and Shirley Mulligan (R,) both of whom have conserved their land, share an appreciation for landscape.



“Sutherland Road Grazers”, by Greenwich artist Leslie Peck, was one of many beautiful pieces in this year's show.

Thank You Everyone who Made Landscapes for Landsake a Great Success!

A special thanks to Larry Sconzo and Laurie Simon for graciously hosting the show at their beautiful home, as well as our volunteers, sponsors and artists.

Curator: Barbara Price

Exhibition Consulting: Karen Kozial

Exhibition Assistance: Hugh Hodgson, Naomi Meyer, Larry Sconzo, Jim Shanz

Catering: Thomas Christenfeld and Liz Gordon, Something's Missing

Catering Assistants: Hannah Reeves, Ben Zipperer

Decorations: Kate and Brian Ziehm, Tiashoke Farm; Meghan Herland, Gardenworks

Exhibition photography: Jon Barber, Cliff Oliver, Jim Shanz
Poster Design: David Greenberger

Volunteers: Judy and Jonathan Bridge, MaryDee and Clem Crowe, Kathy and Don Idleman, Annie Miller, Sam Valentine, Annelise Kelly, and Lucas Sconzo

Artists: Stephen Alcorn, Alan Brown Sr., Jean Clark, Jeri Cole McDonald, Diana Cook, Joan Duff-Bohrer, Sally Eckhoff, Lisa Haun, Tom Kerr, James Howard Kunstler, Dona Ann McAdams, Virginia McNeice, Cliff Oliver,

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THANK YOU!



The board and staff of the Agricultural Stewardship Association would like to extend our sincerest thanks to everyone who has made a contribution since our last newsletter. The conservation work we do depends on the generosity of people like you; with over 25 new projects in the works, each contribution will go a long way towards protecting our area's most treasured farmland.

Reflected below are contributions made between June 30, 2006 and October 31, 2006. Every effort has been made to ensure this list is accurate. Please contact Meegan Finnegan at 692-7285 to note any changes that should be made for the next issue of our newsletter.

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There are over 3,000 acres of farmland ready to be protected next year: You can help!

Farmers throughout Washington and upper Rensselaer County are asking the staff at the Agricultural Stewardship Association to help them protect the land they love, land that has often been in the family for generations.

We need your help to do this. Each project takes over one hundred hours to complete, involving land planning, mapping, land research and natural resource inventories, photographs, and legal documents that explain and document the landowners' conservation goals.

Please consider a year-end gift to help protect these beautiful and productive farms and forests.

The farmers can't wait. Farmland is one of our irreplaceable resources-a community treasure. With your support we can conserve some of the most important farmland in the region.



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