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Forever Farmland

Fall/Winter 2020

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Why do we protect farms and forests?

We do it for our children

As I write this, it has been more than a month since schools in our area reopened. All around us kids and families are grappling with the challenges of remote learning or attending classes under special precautions.

Without question, the pandemic is hard on children, parents and teachers, and, well, ALL of us. Including the team at ASA. But I take heart in the fact that people are resilient. We will get through this because so many people — people like you — care about our children's future and are taking action to protect it.

When we asked for your help to get us through these difficult months, you gave generously. A bushel of thanks for that! Because of you and our incredible team, not only have we been able to navigate this difficult time, we've actually made a great deal of progress on many fronts.

But if we want to protect enough land to keep farming viable in this area forever, we must persist. More and more

farmers are asking for our help to protect their farms and we want to help. We also want to make the Cambridge Community Forest accessible to visitors by renovating the bridge, developing trails for hiking and biking, and creating a sensory trail for small children.

You are key to accomplishing both of these goals.

When you take action to protect our farmland and forests, you are ensuring our children will always have land to grow food on and landscapes rich in fresh air and clean water where they can connect with nature. Study after study shows that spending time in nature makes children happier, less stressed, more active and physically healthier. In other words, outdoor kids are happier kids. Just the ticket during these COVID times!

So please continue your support and thank you for being such a wonderful member of our ASA community.

Sending my best,

Teri



Our 5-Year Strategic Goals



Conserve Land

by protecting high quality farms and diverse forests, and advancing climate resilience strategies



Support Farmers

by helping established and emerging farm businesses remain or become economically viable



Engage People

by shaping policy and addressing community needs through engagement and outreach



Sustain ASA

by creating a durable, adaptive and well-run organization with broad community support

You are making a Forever difference

24,000+ acres conserved thanks to you

By participating in our Forever Farmland Campaign, you helped us make incredible progress toward protecting our community's working farms.

Five years ago ASA launched its first Forever Farmland Campaign. The goal of the campaign was to protect an additional 8,400 acres of farmland to reach 24,000 acres by 2020. We figured we needed to raise \$9.4 million, including \$1.9 million from private donors, to accomplish this goal.

Thanks to you and the State of New York, we were able to secure a total of \$17.9 million, nearly double the goal! Not only did this get us to 24,000 acres by 2020, the additional amount we raised will get us to 30,000 acres once all of the projects awarded funding are completed. How amazing is that?



Without you, land is lost forever.

Your donation, as well as those received from foundations and conservation organizations, has put us so very close to our goal of \$1.9 million from private donors. Only \$152,000 to go! This money provides matching funds and helps cover critical transaction and stewardship costs.

Every acre conserved began with one thoughtful individual like you making the choice to protect the working lands that feed and sustain us.

Thank you for providing critical support when it's needed the most.

Your gift makes a huge difference to the landowners we work with, the community where we live, and the health of the planet. Simply put, we can't do what we do without you.

There's still time to help us defend farmland

We're still accepting gifts to the Forever Farmland Campaign. With your donation, we'll be able to continue to protect and steward land—including Hay Berry Farm featured on p. 4—now and in the future.



For thirty years, ASA has worked with local landowners to protect the agricultural landscape of our region. We celebrate and support the foresight of these landowners and donors who recognize that once lands are lost to us, we never get them back. It is with great gratitude and pleasure that we share a few of their stories in the pages that follow.



Reshaping the future of Hay Berry Farm

A heartfelt thank you

Lawrie Nickerson's project is only possible thanks to generous donations from donors like you. Your donation enables ASA to invest the time and energy necessary to secure funding through various grants and programs. Funding for the Hay Berry Farm easement (due to close Fall 2020) was provided, in part, by USDA NRCS through the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program. **Additional funding is needed to conserve this land and make Lawrie's vision a reality. To make a donation to ASA's Forever Farmland Fund, visit agstewardship.org**

Farmland conservation encourages long-term investment in permaculture design & plantings on Hoosick farm.



Lawrie Nickerson still remembers the drive to Cambridge in May 2019 for a presentation hosted by ASA on Restoration Agriculture by Mark Shepard. "I had read about Mark's work and I was really interested in learning if I could apply some of what he's doing to the terrain at Hay Berry Farm. I *thought* it was just an information-gathering mission but before I knew it, Mark was here reshaping our landscape and planting 7000 hazelnut trees!"

Harnessing the natural power of the landscape

Nestled between the Tibbits and Pittstown State Forests in Petersburg, NY, the 167-acre Hay Berry Farm is a popular seasonal pick-your-own destination for blueberries, lavender, flowers and herbs. The shelves of the modest on-site shop are filled with honey, mushrooms, herbal products, and handmade baskets, while the

rafters are strung with bundle after bundle of dried flowers as vibrant as the prettiest backlit stained glass. But while Nickerson is happy with the business the shop generates, it's what's happening on the hills that surround it that truly inspires her.

"With nothing but an excavator and a lot of vision, we reshaped the landscape to create a more hospitable environment for all kinds of crops and, eventually, animals," says Nickerson. "So much of modern agriculture, and the type of farming that was done here in the past, was really at odds with nature. When the hills and fields were cleared for grazing, it created the perfect conditions for run-off and erosion. What we've done is re-contour the slopes with long channels and a berm on the downhill side. We also carved out a series of catch-ponds that hold water. Run-off gathers in the channels and ponds, and slowly seeps into the soil rather than rushing down the hill, taking soil with it."

The contours are readily visible lined with the hazelnuts planted in 2019 and 1300 chestnut trees planted this spring.

"If you needed any proof that the berm-system works, the drought we experienced this spring is it," notes Nickerson. "We planted the chestnuts

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in early spring and saw some rain after they went in. Then the drought hit. I thought for sure after 6-8 weeks of no rain we'd lose some trees. But they all made it. The contouring worked exactly as planned."

With 90 feet between tree rows, Nickerson has left plenty of room for phase two of her permaculture project. "The next thing I want to do is establish some biodiversity through polyculture.

I'd like to add more types of trees — white oaks and persimmons — and I'm considering planting crops like asparagus or hay between some rows. I then want to look at bringing in some animals. It could be turkeys, young cows, or pigs from other farms. Any or all would serve a purpose in maintaining the natural balance of things and in enriching the soil. I'm eager to connect with other farmers to see how we can work together to bring that balance to each other's efforts."

"Thanks to ASA and those who support it, I see a new future for my farm."

Looking across the contours sprouting with new grasses and picketed with healthy young trees, Nickerson acknowledges, "It's only because of ASA and knowing that this farm will be "Forever Farmland" that I am able to pursue permaculture on this scale. Creating the design, bringing in the equipment, and purchasing the trees... it was a huge investment. I would have never undertaken this work without ASA. Thanks to ASA and all those who support it, I see a new future for my farm."



With over 1,800 blueberry

bushes, rows upon rows of lavender plants and flowers, and an abundance of wildflowers, Hay Berry Farm was the perfect setting for ASA's *Identifying Bumblebees and other Pollinators* in August.

Led by Katie Hietala-Henschell, the program covered the life of a bumble bee, tips for identifying pollinators, and a spotting walk on the soon-to-be-protected property.

A conservation biologist with the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation, Hietala-Henschell has a master's degree in Forest Ecology and Management and has extensively studied pollinators in agricultural systems.



WASHINGTON COUNTY

SIMPLY GRAZIN' FARM

THE HAY BERRY FARM

RENSSELAER COUNTY

COVID-19 fuels unprecedented growth

Simply Grazin' responds by doubling down on conservation efforts



While COVID-19 brought the world to a halt for many people and businesses, for Mark Faille it was more like rocket fuel on the fires of his Simply Grazin' operation. "Most years we see 10-20% growth," says Faille, "But this year we're at 100-150%. And I don't see any signs of it slowing."



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—Mark Faille

With success comes challenges

The premier producer and wholesale distributor of 100% grass-fed and grass-finished beef on the East Coast, Simply Grazin' operates farms in New Jersey, Virginia and Washington County, New York. In addition to beef, their pasture-raised pork, poultry and lamb are sold through

retailers including Whole Foods, FreshDirect and Walden Local Meat Co. as well as numerous small butcher shops and retail establishments.

"The demand for locally-raised beef is extremely high right now," says Faille, "Between distributors losing access to overseas meat — particularly China — and a growing consumer demand for locally-raised product — especially through home delivery channels, we're honestly having a hard time keeping up."

The first challenge is finding help. The labor market is extremely tight. And the other challenge is the cost of land."

Since COVID hit, Faille has seen land prices in Washington County jump from \$1,500 to \$2,500 per acre virtually overnight. "I can't emphasize this enough: Now is the time to be preserving every piece of land we can. You've got land developers and solar folks all looking to buy land. I'm working to conserve everything I have but realize that for some farmers, an asking price of \$2500 or even \$3000 an acre is hard to pass up. We've got to get every bit of land we possibly can conserved over the next five years. If it gets chopped up into small lots, agriculture in the region is done for."

Reinvesting in the farm and the community

In addition to protecting the land from development, Faille sees easements as an easy and natural way to invest in the communities where his farms are located.

"Every dollar we get through the sale of our development rights goes directly back into the local economy," he explains. "Some of it goes to the tractor and hardware stores, some of it goes to paying salaries of local people, that they then spend at local businesses, and on and on. By investing back in our business, we're investing in our community. If we don't do that, we're basically undercutting the financial viability of the place we live in."



Honoring a past with a gift for the future

A gift of real estate furthers ASA's mission



Growing up in Cambridge, Seth Craig couldn't help but develop a deep appreciation for the land and farmers in the community. "We lived on a small farm but my father was a dentist so we worked with local farmers to maintain the property," he recalls. "I grew up witnessing and participating in the seasonal chores, including loading and driving a horse-drawn hay wagon."

After college, Craig's career took him to Virginia but he returned to the area regularly to connect with family and friends. In 2012, he purchased a 21-acre property

on Colfax Mountain in the Town of Jackson complete with a fire tower, a caretaker cabin, and an awe-inspiring four-state view. "The property is a constant reminder of the beauty of this region. Having witnessed the area where we live in Virginia slowly evolve from a rural landscape to a suburban one, my wife and I were inspired to do what we could to help ensure that doesn't happen in Washington County."

Toward that end, Craig and his wife Marcia decided to donate their mountaintop property to ASA's Gifts of Real Estate Program. "While the property isn't one that can be conserved for agriculture," explains ASA Associate Director Renee Bouplon,

"ASA can resell it and use the proceeds to further our local impact. Gifts like this are essentially unrestricted and can be applied where needed most."

And while Craig knows he will miss this piece of heaven on earth, he takes comfort in knowing that his gift will make a difference. "I see this gift as a way to honor the rural life I enjoyed growing up. I'm both honored and pleased to do what I can to ensure a great future for the area I will always call home."

To learn more about the Gifts of Real Estate Program, call Renee Bouplon, ASA Associate Director at (518) 692-7285.

Training and outreach to expand land access

ASA explores ways to build connections with diverse communities.



American Farmland Trust recently awarded ASA an \$8,000 Hudson Valley Farmlink Network (HVFN) Partner Grant to help facilitate land access to diverse groups in our community.

Funding from the grant will allow ASA team members to participate in diversity, equity, and inclusion training. Post-training, the team will invite farm-workers and their

families to join them for dinner with the goal of building relationships by hearing their stories over a shared meal. The team will also reach out to urban communities to gauge their interest in farming if land were made available. Janet Britt, ASA Easement Steward, notes, "We have heard anecdotally of people of diverse backgrounds who are interested in farming but need access to land. This project will help identify interest and need."

The HVFN program was set up to match beginning farmers seeking land with landowners looking to transfer or lease their land to the next generation. ASA has been participating in this program since its inception in 2014 along with 16 organizations throughout the Hudson Valley. The program is coordinated by American Farmland Trust with primary funding from the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation.

Another 540 acres conserved thanks to you.

Simply Grazin' conveyed two easements to ASA in 2018 on 505 acres in the towns of Fort Ann and Hartford. In 2020, they conserved two additional easements for 540 acres in the towns of Fort Edward and Hartford. Funding for the new easements was provided in part by the New York State Environmental Protection Fund administered by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets.

Thank you.

You make conservation happen, every day, all year long.



How you made a difference in 2019-20

Thanks to you and our partners, ASA made major strides in the past year. Here are just a few efforts your contributions made possible:

Conservation continued moving forward during this period. **Five families worked with ASA to conserve 900+ acres of farms and woodlands** in Rensselaer and Washington counties. These included Mapledale Farm in Berlin, Sugar Bush Farm in Stephentown, Lewis Waite Farm in Jackson, the Fried property in Pittstown and the Roome property in Jackson. Partners for these projects included New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets and Department of Environmental Conservation; USDA Natural Resource Conservation Services, Equity Trust and **you**.

Eight projects were awarded \$4 million in state farmland protection funding in 2019-20, bringing the total number of projects underway during this period to 29. No doubt our land protection team had a very busy but fruitful year.

In June of 2019 **ASA became the owner of a forested property** on the outskirts of the Village of Cambridge. The 140-acre Cambridge Community Forest will offer recreational and educational opportunities as well as a demonstration site for sustainable forestry management. Planning for bridge repairs and trail creation were initiated in late 2019. Partners for this project include the Open Space Institute, Fields Pond Foundation, Alfred Z. Solomon Charitable Trust, the Com-

munity Foundation and members of the community. The property is anticipated to open in 2021.

A new 5-year Strategic Plan was launched in 2019. It challenges ASA to strengthen our impact in new ways such as including climate resilience in our work, making land more affordable for farmers, engaging new and diverse communities, identifying and addressing community needs, and planning for organizational change and succession.

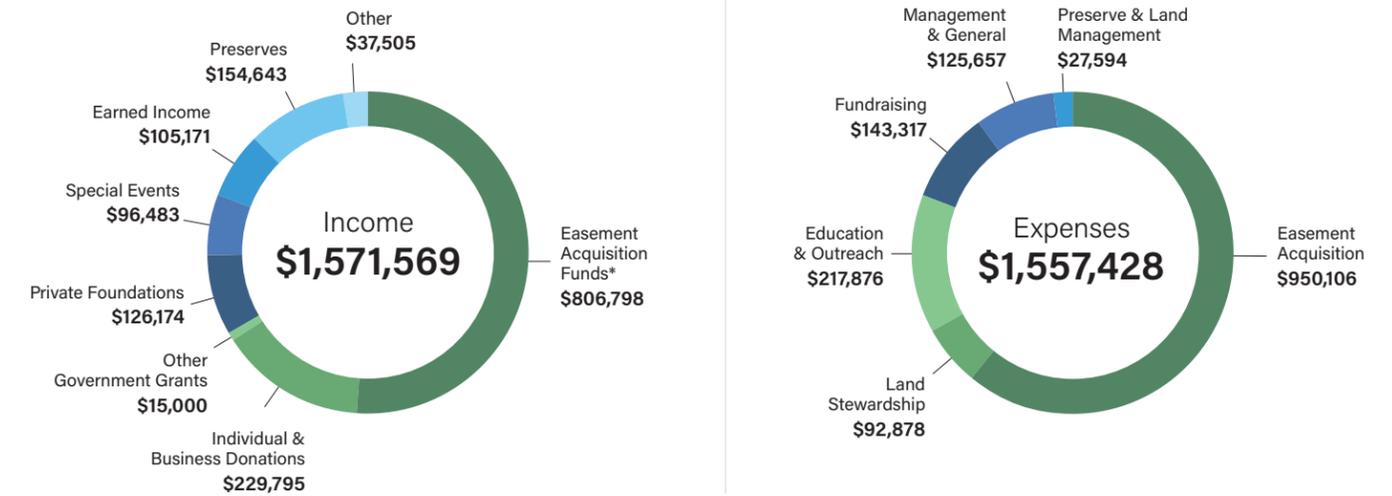
ASA hosted **workshops and projects focused on soil improvement and regenerative** agricultural practices that promote carbon storage, help manage risk related to climate change and increase production and resiliency.

ASA offered **outreach and educational programming for children**. The Farm-to-Fork series brought urban children from Troy to four conserved farms to meet the farmers and see how food is grown, followed by a shopping visit to the Farmers' Market with their families.

The ASA's **18th annual Landscapes for Landsake** art event was held in a historic barn, featured over 500 pieces of artwork by local artists, and achieved record sales.

Again, these are just some of the highlights of ASA activities over the past year. To learn more about past and upcoming events and efforts made possible by your contributions, visit agstewardship.org and sign up for news.

Financial Statement 2019-20



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