

Agricultural Stewardship Association

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Save These Dates!

June 14

10 am to 2 pm **Taking the Message** to the Market

ASA will be at the Cambridge Farmers' Market with games, contests, and prizes all geared toward raising awareness of the importance of farmland protection. Check our website for more information and for other dates at both Cambridge and Troy farmers' markets.

July 18

10 am to 12 noon **Family Nature Walk** on Conserved Farm Join ASA and naturalist

Howard Romack for a guided walk on a conserved farm to learn about animals and plants, land conservation, and ecology.

More details about these and other upcoming events can be found on our website

Aug 8

9 am to 12 noon Mushroom Walk in **Conserved Forest**

Skidmore College professor and mycologist Sue Van Hook will lead a walk through protected forestland near Greenwich to find and identify all kinds of wild fungi.

Sept 15

A Taste of **Rensselaer County** ASA joins our

Rensselaer County partners for this wonderful dinner celebrating the bounty of locally produced foods. This year's event will be held at Liberty Ridge in Schaghticoke,

Oct 10, 11 & 12

Landscapes for Landsake

The tradition continues for an eighth year with this wonderful juried show featuring art inspired by our working landscapes. The show will be held at Maple Ridge in Coila. Proceeds benefit ASA's farmland conservation program.

Opening Reception Oct. 10, 3 to 6 pm Admission: \$5

Additional **Gallery Hours** Oct. 11 & 12,

11 am to 4 pm www.agstewardship.org, or you may call ASA at 518-692-7285 for information or to register.

Agricultural Stewardship Association **news**



Love of the Land Leads to Permanent Protection of Moses Farm

One day in late October a few years ago, Rich and Kathy Moses were harvesting "the most incredible tomatoes ever" in one of their fertile bottomland fields near the Hoosic River. The dark soil beneath their feet, the blue sky above their heads, and all the natural beauty in between, suddenly struck them as a treasure in need of protection. Rich remembers thinking, "We have to make sure that this land will always be a farm." Now, with the help of ASA and funding from state and private sources, that desire has become a reality.

Grounded in history with an eye to the future

It would be impossible to grow up with the last name of Moses here in southern Washington County and NOT have a strong sense of history and your place in it. The renowned artist Grandma Moses was actually Rich's great grandmother, and the first generation of the family on this Eagle Bridge farm. The Moses family claims other artists as well, grandfather Forrest and cousin Will among them, who have memorialized in paintings the rural scenery and activities of our region.

The Moses Farm itself also enjoys considerable fame both in and outside of the area. Just as generations of the Moses family have worked the farm, so have generations of families made regular stops at the farm stand to buy their fresh seasonal produce. And how many young people over the years have worked at the Moses Farm during their vacations from school? This is a farm with long and deep connections in the community. Continued on page 4



Local farms and forests are vital to our future.

The Agricultural Stewardship Association is a nonprofit land trust founded in 1990 by local farmers and conservationists to protect land for agricultural and forestry uses in Washington and Rensselaer counties. Our goal is to ensure that farms and forests will continue to be a part of everyone's lives for many generations to come. To date, we have assisted landowners with the conservation of 9,423 acres of farm and forestland.

ASA receives funding from its members and supporters, Castanea Foundation, The Conservation Fund, the New York Conservation Partnership Program (administered by the Land Trust Alliance Northeast Program with support from the State of New York) and the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, among others.

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From the Executive Director



Many of our supporters have been wondering how the global economic situation has affected ASA. Briefly stated, funding is down and interest in land conservation is up.

The first part of this equation is no surprise. ASA's major project funding comes in the form of a variety of grants from the State of New York, and we are all aware of the financial difficulties at that level. The part of the State budget that affects us directly

has been cut by almost 30%, with additional cuts possible in the future.

The second part of the equation is very interesting, though. ASA has noticed a gradual increase in landowner interest in recent years, but never anything like what is happening now. Many factors are at play: a worsening economy, abysmal milk prices, and (on the positive side) an increased awareness of land conservation as a viable option.

Taken as a whole, this equation might seem very unfortunate. Just when demand is high for farmland protection, the funding to make it happen seems to have evaporated. But we prefer a more positive spin, because there is a lot of good stuff going on here.

First of all, the number and variety of farmers and other landowners that have approached ASA recently is in part a measure of our own success in communicating our message. We are delighted they have come to us and we will help as many as we can to achieve their goals.

Secondly, even though State funding is down, it is not entirely absent. We know that ASA can be very competitive, even when the pie to be divided is small. The level of community support we enjoy (That's you! Thank you! Keep it up!), the quality of the lands we aim to protect, and the care we take in submitting our projects all add up to an enviable degree of success.

And third, saving the best for the last, is that community support I just mentioned. Some how, some way, our members managed to surpass themselves last year. In the midst of the worst economic trouble many of us have ever seen, ASA's members gave even more generously at the end of 2008 than they did in 2007!

You, our active supporters, are as much a measure of our success as the number of acres we have conserved, or the number of landowners interested in protecting their land. Together, we are making farmland conservation happen in Washington and Rensselaer counties. Even in the face of economic unease, you are looking ahead and taking steps to help assure the viability of agriculture for future generations. Thank you!

As I write these words, I am reminded of one of the many benefits of living in a rural area: the opportunity to witness the great rebirth that comes with every spring. Oblivious to the concerns that plague us, the wild birds have changed to their summer colors and are busy with their nests. The bulbs are up and the hayfields are green. Farmers on their tractors are at work on their fields, and the forests are humming with life as the buds swell. Surrounded as we are by so much visible regeneration, how can we not be optimistic about the future? *-Teri Ptacek*

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Generous Easement Gift to ASA

In December 2008, Derial Sanders generously donated a conservation easement on his 372-acre property located just outside the Village of Salem. Prominent hilltops, managed forestland, abundant wildlife, frontage on the White Creek, and working fields are just some of the features of this magnificent parcel. Sanders is an avid turkey hunter who uses the property mostly for hunting and recreation, while leasing his fields to a nearby farmer.

Derial Sanders first approached ASA a few years ago to learn more about conservation easements and how donating his development rights could protect his land for the future. "This property is a haven for me and my family. We hunt, hike, bird watch, and take in the stunning sunsets from the hilltop. It has so much to offer that we wanted to ensure that it will not be developed even when our time as caretakers has

passed," remarked Sanders. The easement allows for agricultural, forestry, and recreational structures and uses.

"We decided to move forward with the easement now to take advantage of the enhanced financial incentives offered to landowners who donate a conservation easement before the end of 2009," Sanders stated. Landowners who donate easements may qualify for state and federal income tax deductions as well as take advantage of a tax credit on property and school taxes offered by New York State.

"Landowners who have the ability and the desire to donate easements are greatly appreciated," commented Teri Ptacek, ASA's Executive Director. "They not only conserve the resources on their properties, but they allow us to leverage our limited funds to protect more working farmland in our community."



Sunset on Federal Tax Incentives

Time is running out on enhanced tax breaks for donated easements

The enhanced tax benefit for landowners who donate a qualified conservation easement on their land is only in effect for a few more months. Anyone interested in taking advantage of this opportunity must act very quickly by contacting ASA before the end of June 2009.

Very briefly, this incentive offers up to a 50% tax deduction on the donor's adjusted gross income (AGI) with a carry forward period of fifteen years. Qualified farmers may deduct up to 100% of their AGI for a donated easement under this law.

Never too late for advocacy

This program, which was originally enacted by Congress in 2006 and later extended through 2009, is credited with accelerating the pace of farmland conservation throughout the country over the last three years by helping landowners choose conservation over development. During these times of uncertain funding for other forms of land conservation, it is especially important that we encourage our representatives in Congress to make this proven tax incentive a permanent option for interested landowners.

You can get involved in advocating for this important federal program by contacting our New York Senators and Representatives to support S. 812 and H.R. 1831, the two bills that would make permanent the special tax incentives for qualified conservation easements. Call ASA at 692-7285 to learn more about helping to pass this legislation, or check our website www.agstewardship.org for more details about the tax incentive.

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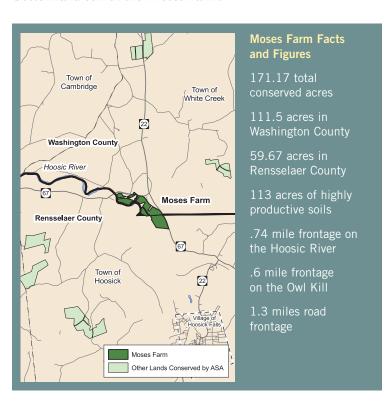
Conserved farm spans two counties

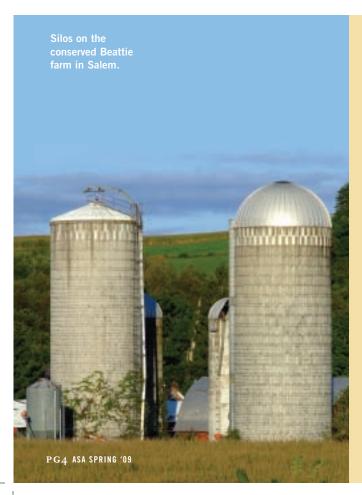
The highly scenic Moses Farm is situated at the intersection of two important roads and includes significant frontage both on the Hoosic River and the Owl Kill. Some would say the location is perfect for development. But to Rich and Kathy Moses, this land will always be worth much more as an intact productive farm. "The way we feel is that rich, fertile lands should always be farmland."

With acreage in both Washington and Rensselaer counties, the Moses Farm conservation easement permanently protects 171 acres of fields, woods, watershed buffers, and wildlife habitat. It includes approximately 85 tillable acres of high quality soils, on which three generations of the Moses family so far have been engaged in growing vegetable crops which are marketed directly to consumers. "The future is bright for vegetable farming," Rich Moses stated recently. "Vegetable farming is a growth sector of regional agriculture due to the increasing interest in safe, healthy, local foods." Rich and Kathy Moses have three children of their own, any one of whom might decide to ride the vegetable wave into the future. Thanks to their parents' foresight, the family farm will always be available to support new generations of farmers.

We are all grateful to those amazing October tomatoes with their timely message, and to the Moses family for

heeding the call and for taking action to conserve their rich and historic farm. Because of them, our children and our children's children can continue to enjoy all kinds of fresh vegetables with the exceptional flavor imparted by the dark bottomland soil of the Moses Farm.





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 nonagricultural development that can occur on the land. In addition to farming and forestry, home-based businesses and rural enterprises are often permitted, as 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 flexibility 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.

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



Timely Comments from Barbara Glaser, ASA Supporter Extraordinaire

One of my favorite aspects of living in this region is the wonderful diversity of our local food and dairy products. Our local farmers contribute so much to the character and health of our communities.

I support ASA because I know we need a critical mass of viable agricultural lands close to our communities. Our success in protecting these farmlands is vital to a bright, balanced and thriving future,

as development and construction present mounting challenges region-wide.

Our support of local land trusts helps keep communities intact in the face of this inevitable growth, as we take the time and care to identify and protect strategic lands that are vital to our agricultural future. ASA has been extraordinarily resourceful and effective in meeting these goals in Washington and Rensselaer counties.

In this time of economic uncertainty it is particularly important for us to make a special effort to support important organizations such as ASA, offering them moral support, financial resources, and our own time and energy whenever and wherever possible. I hope you will join me in supporting ASA in whatever way you can.

Barbara Glaser is a well-known champion of conservation in our region. She has supported ASA since 2002 with generous grants from the Nordlyss Foundation. In addition, she provides visionary mentoring and is a leader in building partnerships between organizations. Barbara's support has made ASA a much stronger organization.



Ways to Help! In 2009, ASA must count on you as never before. As we face reduced state

funding, increased landowner interest, and new development pressure spilling over from Saratoga County, we are relying on our stalwart supporters to see us through. Here are some of the ways you can help:

Make a Donation

In addition to the direct financial help, your contribution also demonstrates community support for ASA's conservation efforts, which in turn helps us leverage funding from grants and private sources.

Volunteer

ASA needs volunteers to help with organizing outreach events, implementing membership mailings, and providing expertise in professional and technical

Be a Conservation Leader

You can show others your commitment by protecting your land and ensuring that its valuable attributes will remain intact for future generations.

Host a neighborhood gathering

Introduce your friends and neighbors to land conservation by hosting an informational gathering with ASA staff and Board members.

Make a bequest

Consider making a lasting impact by leaving a gift of land or other property to ASA in your will. A bequest can reduce your estate taxes while helping ASA achieve its vital long term goals.

For more information about ways you can help, please contact ASA at (518) 692-7285 or by email at asa@agstewardship.org.

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St. Croix Farm Conserving a Legacy

Imagine this... Imagine being a young person growing up today on a large farm in Schaghticoke, NY. The house and barns, fields and woods, creeks and river that you see every day are not just a farm to you. They are home. Now imagine a feeling of deep satisfaction in knowing that this entire landscape has just been permanently protected. It will never be parceled off, paved over, or otherwise ruined for a future in agriculture. If you were Emily or Matthew Moore, this would be your reality right now. And you would be feeling both glad and grateful.

A farm with a history

St. Croix is a 688-acre farm in northernRensselaer County with fertile soils and frontage on the Hoosick River. The farm has a long and colorful history. It began as part of an enormous land grant given to the Van Rensselaer family by the Dutch government. In its current dimensions of roughly a square mile, St. Croix has been in continuous cultivation

since the 1780's under a succession of just four families. The beautiful farmhouse was built in the 1860's, while the large barns were constructed very early in the 20th century. These structures, now used by the third and fourth generations of the Moore family, stand as testaments to the ongoing productivity of the farm.

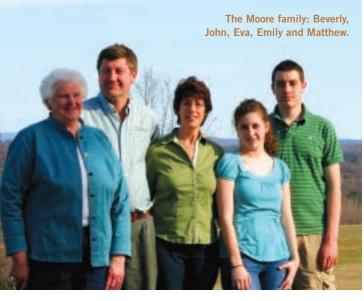
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-John Moore



Four generations on the land

Ira Moore purchased St. Croix in 1932 when it was a well-established Dairy of Distinction. He continued developing the dairy operation with his sons for over forty years, until the decision to disperse the herd was made in 1978. Ira's youngest son Kenneth then began raising beef cattle, and continued producing forage and feed crops. This is the business which Kenneth's son John Moore continues to operate, and which he hopes to pass on to the fourth generation some day.



In addition to sharing the life and work of the farm, every generation of the Moore family has shared the desire to see St. Croix remain as a family farm. Kenneth Moore's wife Beverly expressed it this way: "We feel we are caretakers of the land. It is our job to tend it, keep it productive, and keep it intact." "Selling off lots was just never on the table," recalled John, referring to his years growing up on the farm and working alongside his father Kenneth and his uncles Charles and Murray Moore. John's wife Eva said, "Our family's goal has been to make sure that this land is here for future generations and not lost to development."

Largest farmland conservation project ever completed in Rensselaer County

When John first heard of agricultural conservation easements and purchase of development rights, he realized that this might be the route by which he could achieve his family's goals and at the same time provide some security for their farming operations in the future. Assisted first by Rensselaer County's Bureau of Economic Development and Planning, and later with help from the Town of Schaghticoke and ASA, the Moore family successfully applied for funding through the State's Farmland Protection program.

Working with ASA was a wonderful experience, according to the Moore family. "We can't praise them enough," said Beverly. "They really know their stuff, and they put a lot of work into this." Eva Moore commented, "People keep congratulating us and thanking us for what we have done in conserving our land, but we are the ones who feel really grateful."

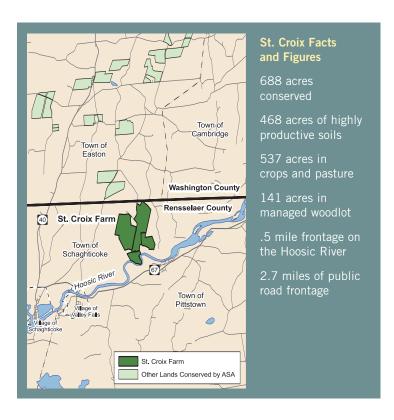
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—Beverly Moore

"The fertile soils of St. Croix currently help to support three different farm businesses, so the benefits of protecting this land are immediately multiplied out into the farming community as a whole," said ASA's Executive Director Teri Ptacek. "The conservation of St. Croix is an important step towards securing a viable future for agriculture in Rensselaer County."

A dream realized

John's father Kenneth died 14 years ago, but he would have been proud and pleased at this most recent chapter in the history of St. Croix. It is a tribute to him and a fitting legacy of the Moore family's love for their land that they have now sold the development rights to the entire farm, thus assuring that it will remain forever farmland.



Staff changes at ASA

ASA is pleased to announce that **Renee Bouplon,** formerly ASA's Senior Program
Manager, was promoted to Associate Director
in January. In addition to overseeing ASA's
land protection and stewardship programs and
national accreditation efforts, Renee will
provide assistance to the Executive Director in
programming and management and achieving
organizational goals.

We welcome **Chris Krahling** who has joined ASA as Project Manager, working directly with Renee Bouplon and Janet Britt on conservation projects and stewardship.



Chris comes to us from the Lake George Land Conservancy, where he was a Land Protection Specialist. He brings stewardship and

mapping experience to ASA, as well as a good sense of humor. At ASA he works with landowners through all the stages of the conservation process. Chris has hit the ground running, and is already involved in several of ASA's active projects.

Many thanks and congratulations go to Maria Trabka, formerly Senior Project Manager at ASA. Maria has become the Executive Director of Saratoga P.L.A.N., where her leadership and professionalism will be put to good use for open space preservation in Saratoga County. We look forward to collaborating with her in the future and wish her every success in her new role.

9,423 Acres Conserved-Why Does It Matter?

You may have noticed that ASA always keeps a running tally of the number of acres we have conserved. So why should you care about this number? The reason is that every conserved acre has significance that extends far beyond the 43,560 square feet that it includes.

Meeting the needs of people

First of all, there are numerous human lives and livelihoods that are directly tied to any particular conservation project. Secondly, the fact that those acres will always be available for agricultural or forestry pursuits is important for people who appreciate both the scenic and the productive qualities of the landscape. As more and more properties are conserved, it is more and more likely that you will continue to be able to find a local source for cheese, meat, vegetables, firewood, or fruit. And you will be more likely to continue enjoying the views that now greet you at every turn of our rural roads.

Building critical mass for a future of farming

Perhaps the most important reason that the number of acres conserved matters is also the least obvious and the most difficult to calculate. With each new conservation easement, we are slowly building an essential "critical mass" of protected farmland, the importance of which will only increase as the years go by. In areas where farmland has been whittled away by development, the related infrastructure and businesses eventually fail or withdraw, making farming more difficult and finally impossible for the remaining farmers. But if we can keep our farmland for farming and not fractured for development, our region can continue to support and be supported by agriculture. This is the best and most sustainable way to achieve the goal of many people "to preserve the rural character of our communities."

So ASA will diligently continue to count the number of acres conserved, and our community of supporters will understand that this number is just our numeric shorthand for a far-reaching accomplishment.

Thank you, thank you

Many thanks go to our two retiring Board members, Meg Southerland and Glen Rowse, for their tireless support of ASA and its mission. Both joined our Board of Directors in 2003 and will complete their third and final terms in May 2009. Glen and Meg exemplify the old adage "if you need something done, ask a busy person." Both operate farm businesses in addition to maintaining demanding schedules of off-farm responsibilities, yet they each made time for six years of service to ASA. Our thanks also go to Leon Clark for his service to the Board from 2006 to 2008. We are a stronger organization today thanks to all of their contributions.

Board member Meg Southerland completes three terms

Meg Southerland is a Washington County native who was raised on Mac Clan farm, a dairy and poultry operation in Salem, NY, where she helped with the work of the farm and developed her green thumb in her own garden. After high school she left the area to pursue higher education and a career in horticulture.

When the future of Mac Clan Farm was in jeopardy in 1990, Meg and her family moved back to Salem



to give the farm new life and a new direction. In 1992, Meg opened Gardenworks, focusing on flowers, plants, and berries. Gardenworks has become a destination for both locals and tourists, and Meg is recognized as an innovator in forging direct links between local farmers and their consumers through public events at her farm. The beautiful old dairy barn is now redolent with the scent of flowers instead of cows, and the rest of the farm's rolling fields are rented

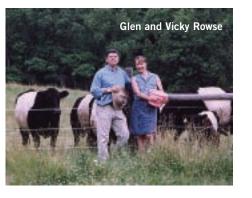
to a nearby farmer for feed and forage.

Meg Southerland is also a strong advocate for farmland conservation, having witnessed the loss of productive land to development. "Fertile farmland is a tremendous asset for our county and we need to take steps to protect it," she believes. Meg put her belief into practice when she joined the Board of Directors of ASA in 2003. Three terms and six years later, she will retire from the Board in May 2009, with gratitude from ASA for her insights, her energy, and her unfailing support.

Glen Rowse Retires from Board

Glenwood Rowse has a love for open spaces that goes back to his early years living out West. But for the last 30 years, since he moved to the Capital District to take a job with the State Department of Education, the open spaces he cares most about are the ones right around here.

Glen owns Manx Station Farm, a beef and goat farm in Cambridge, NY. He understands that farmers need a critical mass of other active farms around them in order to survive and succeed. He is also familiar with the effects of development pressure on farming. "I know how development



can creep into an area and gradually gobble up the open space and farmland," he said. "Unless people work to save it, agricultural land will eventually disappear."

In 2003, Glen Rowse accepted a position on the Board of Directors of ASA because, he said, "ASA is the one local organization working to save the nature of our community, and I believe in the way they are doing it." During his six years on the Board, Glen has participated in some of the organization's most important recent changes, including the move to a paid professional staff.

ASA and its community of supporters extend heartfelt thanks to Glen Rowse for his long service and his contributions to the growth of our local land conservation efforts.

Leon Clark Moves On

ASA reluctantly accepted the early resignation of Board member Leon Clark in December 2008. Originally a farmer from Vermont with an understanding of land trust work, Leon later became Supervisor of the Town of Hampton in northern Washington County. During the two years that he was with us, he used his combination of experiences to bring a very valuable perspective to the Board.

Although we miss him at ASA, we are happy to report that Leon has bought a conserved farm in the Mettowee Valley of Vermont, and has returned to being a full time dairy farmer. We wish him all the best.

Thank You.

Your Support Makes Farmland Protection Happen.

ASA would like to express heartfelt gratitude to our wonderful community of supporters. In these challenging times, your generous contributions and the spirit they reflect mean so much to us. You are simply the best!

The following lists include contributions made between October 15, 2008 and April 14, 2009. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this information. Please contact us at (518) 692-7285 to note any changes that should be made for the next issue of our newsletter.

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