



The Land Conservancy of New Jersey Preserves 53-Acres in White Township

BOONTON, N.J. - Nov. 12, 2018 - [PRLog](#) -- The Land Conservancy of New Jersey, a non-profit, member-supported organization dedicated to preserving and protecting New Jersey's vital natural lands and drinking water resources, recently assisted in the preservation of 53-acres of land in White Township, New Jersey.

This 53-acre property features stunning views of the surrounding rural landscape, including the Delaware Water Gap. There are rolling fields of hay and corn intermingled with forestlands and a variety of evergreen Christmas trees for the commercial market. Funding of this project was made possible through the State of New Jersey's Municipal Planning Incentive Grant.

The Municipal Planning Incentive Grant is a program within the State of New Jersey's Department of Agriculture. It enables the State Agriculture Development Committee to provide grants to eligible counties and municipalities to purchase development easements for permanent preservation of farmland in designated project areas.

"The County is excited to see this farm preserved and we thank the landowners for choosing this program. Preservation not only protects land from development, but it helps to keep farming viable for future generations," says Corey Tierney, director of land preservation, Warren County. "The Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the State Agriculture Development Committee, and The Land Conservancy of New Jersey all deserve special thanks for working together to protect this farm," added Tierney.

This recent closing will extend a preserved farm belt in this portion of the Township, which will continue to expand. This will ensure that the Township retains its rural character, and since producers rely on a plentiful supply of available working lands, agriculture in this part of Warren County will continue. White Township is a hub for agricultural activity and is adjacent to towns such as Phillipsburg, Washington Borough and Hackettstown which offers local farmers easy access to potential buyers and markets.

"Our family is happy to have been able to preserve a part of New Jersey's agricultural history for future generations. We are so thankful to the Land Conservancy of New Jersey for their assistance and guidance throughout the entire process. Their knowledge and experience in farm preservation is what made it happen," says Tracy DeBoer, property owner, DeBoer Farm.

"The White Township Committee and the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders are to be commended for their forward thinking and continued dedication to farmland preservation in the Township and in the County as a whole," says Aaron Cela, land preservation specialist, The Land Conservancy of New Jersey. Cela added, "The preservation of farms not only ensures the continued availability of working farmland, but also supports the local economy by providing land owners with liquid capital that they can reinvest in their farm operations."

About The Land Conservancy of New Jersey

Founded in 1981, The Land Conservancy of New Jersey is a non-profit member-supported organization

dedicated to preserving and protecting New Jersey's vital natural lands and drinking water resources. It is working to inspire and empower individuals and communities to take action to save the land that is important to New Jersey. To date, The Land Conservancy has helped preserve over 24,000 acres and helped towns receive more than \$235 million for their land preservation projects. It has worked in 100 municipalities in 13 counties, benefiting millions of people who live in, work in, or visit New Jersey.

Accredited by the National Land Trust Accreditation Commission in 2009, The Land Conservancy meets the highest quality standards for protecting open space, upholding the public trust, and ensuring that our conservation efforts are permanent. For more information visit <http://www.tlc-nj.org>

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