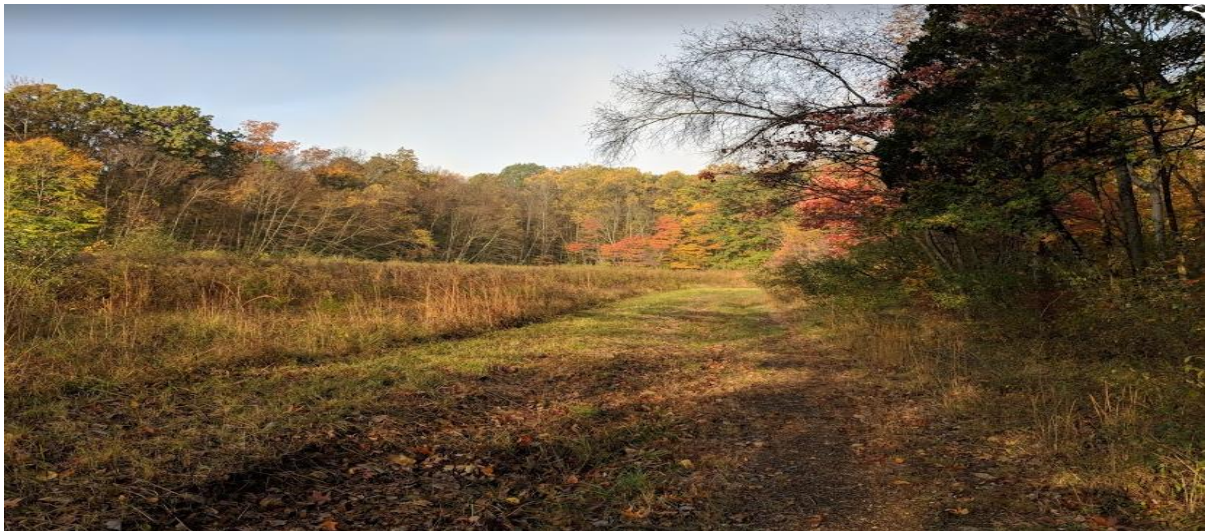


Readington Township Open Space Updates & Highlights – As of June 30, 2020

First, a step back. Readington Township has a long history of being a pioneer with both Open Space and Farmland preservation. The township residents overwhelmingly approved the first municipal Open Space referendum in 1978. The first farm was preserved in 1987. Today there are approximately 70 farms preserved and a total of approximately 8,920 acres preserved, either as Open Space or Farmland.

In 2018, Readington updated its Open Space Master Plan and committed to the preservation goal of 12,000 acres of preserved open space and farmland by 2050. This will require an additional 3,000 acres of land, either open space or farmland. This goal would preserve 40% of Readington lands with its success dependent upon the availability of Township, County, State and Non-Profit open space taxes and funding, as well as by opportunities provided by existing landowners willing to preserve their lands.



Starting in 2018, we have completed preservation efforts toward that goal as follows:

- 2018 Round Mountain – 14 acres of high quality mature forest near Stanton Village
- 2018 Round Mountain – 8 acres upland forest on summit of Round Mountain
- 2018 Cushtunk Mountain – 3.8-acre steep slope woodlot adjoining preserved land
- 2018 Cushtunk Nature Preserve – 8 acre addition by South Branch of the Rockaway Creek
- 2019 Cushtunk Mountain – 30 acre additions to Holland Brook Headwaters Natural Area
- 2019 Round Mountain – 14 acre addition to Round Mountain section of County Park system
- 2019 Chambers Brook – 35 acre open space preserve in the Chambers Brook headwaters area

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In 2020, completed preservation efforts thru June are as follows:

- 2020 Chambers Brook – 22.61 acre private open space in the Chambers Brook watershed
- 2020 South Branch of the Rockaway – 1.5 acre open space in Whitehouse Station
- 2020 South Branch of the Raritan – 60 acre preserved farm in Three Bridges Village greenbelt
- 2020 South Branch of the Raritan – 45 acre open space alongside State Wildlife Mgmt. Area

All acquisitions were preserved by Readington Township and Hunterdon County and were reimbursed by County and State programs and extend protection of existing natural lands.

Juergen Huelsebusch, Chair, Readington Township Open Space Advisory Board