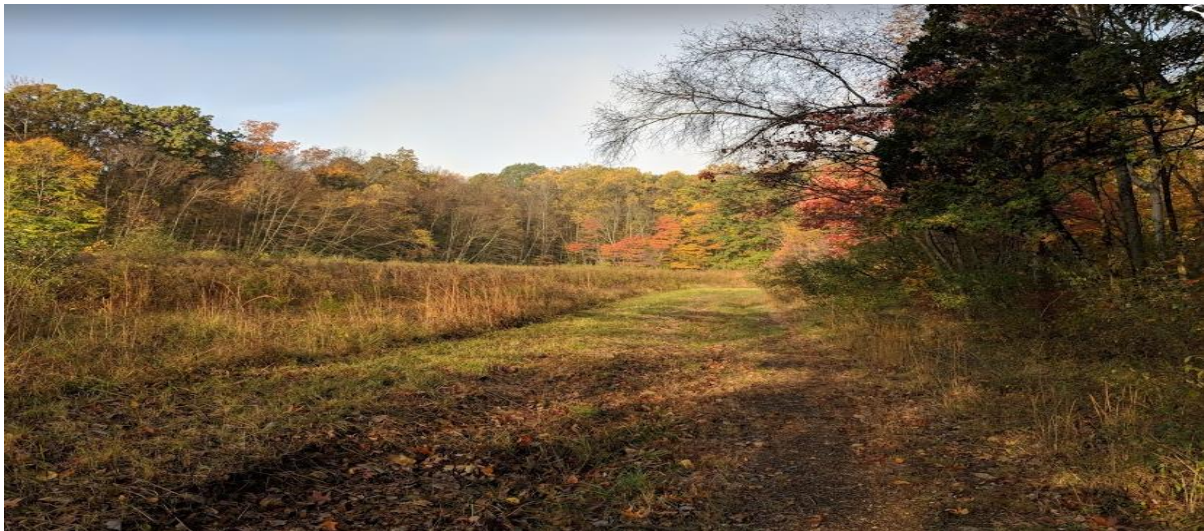


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Readington Township Open Space Updates & Highlights – As of December 31, 2018

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 and there are now 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 and 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 four preservation efforts toward that goal with the preservation of a total of 35 acres of open space in four separate parcels throughout Readington Township.

- Round Mountain – 14 acres of high quality old growth forest near Stanton Village
- Round Mountain – 8 acres upland forest on center of Round Mountain
- Cushetunk Mountain – 3.8-acre steep slope woodlot adjoining preserved land
- Cushehunk Nature Preserve – 8 acre addition by South Branch of the Rockaway Creek

All 2018 acquisitions were preserved by Readington Township thru donation and license agreements (\$1 fee for each parcel from PSE&G) and one with full reimbursement from County Open Space programs. All acquisitions extend protection of existing lands and two provide future trail opportunities, both expected to be completed by Readington open space volunteers in 2019.

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