

Goals, Vision and Policies

Readington Township's Open Space Advisory Board (OSAB) is actively working to maintain Readington's rural character and preserve appropriate open space aligned with County, State and Non-Profit Partners. The OSAB believes a 2050 goal of preserving 12,000 total acres of land will help accomplish this mission.

Given the expected build-out of Readington Township and New Jersey by 2050¹, it is critical that preservation opportunities be actively pursued whenever lands suitable for preservation, either for natural resource protection, recreation or farmland becomes available. The realization of a goal of 12,000 preserved acres by 2050 would ensure that 40% of the lands of Readington Township would be permanently preserved as Open Space and Farmland Preservation for the benefit of future generations.

To achieve this goal, an additional 3,000 acres must be preserved. Beginning in 2018 and continuing over the next 32 years, the goal would be to preserve an average of approximately 90-95 acres of land each year. Success would be dependent on the availability of Township, County, State and Non-Profit open space taxes and other funding sources as well as by opportunities provided by existing landowners willing to preserve their lands. A strategy that utilizes a variety of preservation techniques, including both fee simple and easement purchases, and a variety of funding sources for both conservation and recreation and farmland preservation purposes, would work best to successfully accomplish the Township's Goal.

Readington's open space plan is consistent with the goals and policies established in the 2001 Master Plan, the 2009 Goals and Policies Element and the 2009 Farmland Preservation Plan and are still relevant today, and should be pursued. These goals, specific to Readington Township, continue to provide relevant and substantive standards for Open Space Preservation.



¹ Nature Conservancy Director of Land Protection Jody Alessandrine. Sept 28, 2017 article