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Cushetunk Nature Preserve & Round Mountain Updates – PSE&G parcels



Readington Township completed a preservation effort in February 2018 which includes two parcels of land owned by PSE&G. Both are approximately eight acres in size and both complement existing preserved lands and allow additional trail opportunities given the contract with PSE&G. The first is on Round Mountain which will remain as forest and second is next to the Cushetunk Nature Preserve which will serve to protect land along the South Branch of the Rockaway - a C1 category trout stream and add a future trail connection for walking access to the preserve. This preservation effort, which took over a year of discussions by our Open Space Advisory Board and PSE&G, now become part of Readington's Open Space lands inventory, at no acquisition costs given the license arrangements made with the corporate owner. Below is a view of Cushetunk Nature Preserve from the southwest toward the restored "Reno barn" reconstructed onsite in 2010.

Juergen Huelsebusch, Chair, Readington Twp. Open Space Advisory Board