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Cushetunk Mountain, Readington Township – Duke Farms Foundation - Donation

Readington Township has preserved a 3.8-acre forested property on the eastern ridge of Cushetunk Mountain in Readington Township. The Readington Township Open Space Advisory Board accepted this parcel on behalf of Readington Township as a donation of land from the Duke Farms Foundation in Somerset County. This land was at one time owned for purposes of serving as a quarry for stone to be used at the Duke Farm in Hillsborough, NJ. This parcel adjoins an existing preserved woodlot and will serve to continue to protect the eastern ridge of the Cushetunk Mountain. Both Cushetunk Mountain and Round Mountain are preservation priorities for Readington as they are home to Readington's largest unbroken forests. The Office of Natural Lands Management (ONLM), which is a division of the NJDEP's Division of Parks and Forestry, identifies the majority of the Cushetunk Mountain lands as a *Natural Heritage Priority Site*.

Juergen Huelsebusch, Chair, Readington Township Open Space Advisory Board