

Readington Township, Hunterdon, NJ – Stewardship Vision Statement

May 2022 – Working Draft for discussion

Readington Township seeks to establish and maintain a sustainable township and community for the benefit of our residents. Readington has been an active proponent for Open Space and Farmland preservation in the State of NJ since the 1970s. Readington seeks to continue that role as a model for other semi-rural / suburban NJ townships that were historically rural and farming communities. Starting in 2022 and leading to 2050, the vision and goals are to actively manage and maintain a semi-rural environment with sustainable practices to protect the traditional nature of the township, expand the preserved farming community and provide a natural environment with protection for our forests, meadows, and streams.

Township Master Plan

<https://www.readingtontwpnj.gov/images/public-notice/2020/master-plan-amendment.pdf>

Committee Review:

Open Space Advisory Board - meeting April 6, 2022 – Reviewed and Approved
Readington Water Watch – meeting April 19, 2022 -

- **Open Space Advisory Board Goals / Vision** [Open Space Goals & Vision](#)

Target 50% natural resource land protection with (40% public and 10% private)
Target additional protections from current 30% to 40% (12,000 acres of our land area by 2050)
Open Space - Current 4,352 acres 2022 per Nov 2021 Township Map, CCH

- 1 – Open Space goal is 3,000 new preserved acres by 2050 (Farmland and Open Space)**
- 2 – Trails Goal – Comprehensive Trails System (50 miles / xxxx)**
- 3 – Forest Mgmt Stewardship Goal – Implement Best Practices – xxxxx**
- 4 – Meadow Mgmt Stewardship Goal – Implement Meadow Mgmt Best practices – xxxxx)**