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Round Mountain - Loughlin Parcel – Stanton Village, Readington Township

Readington Township has preserved a 13.8-acre forested property on the northern slope of Round Mountain in Readington Township by the village of Stanton. The Readington Township Open Space Advisory Board identified this parcel as a key parcel which is bordered on three sides by existing preserved land and protects a mature high-quality forest. It contains stands of mature red and white oak, beech, tulip trees and has an old logging road which will be used as a trail to connect an existing trail network that is maintained by both Hunterdon County and Readington Township.



According to the NJ Conservation Blueprint, the land is listed as of highest importance for priority lands for ecological integrity and high importance for water quality protection. The forest also is largely intact with native understory and limited deer browse.

This preservation effort continues Readington Open Space efforts to preserve forest land on Round Mountain, add to the greenbelt surrounding the village of Stanton and provide further trail connections between Readington Township and Hunterdon County Park System. This parcel will be part of a larger complex of preserved land and an extensive trail system.

The funding was all provided by County and State programs. The allocation was 50% State Green Acres Planning Incentive Grant Fund, 20% County Funds (Cooperative County OS Fund), and the balance of 30%, the County's Municipal Grants Program.

Juergen Huelsebusch, Chairman, Readington Township Open Space Advisory Board Township