

Falmouth Land Trust

HURRICANE VALLEY FARM

Hurricane Valley Farm is located in West Falmouth off of Gray Road/ Route 100 at the Falmouth Cumberland border. Consisting of 62 acres of open fields, farmland and wetlands, this project strives to preserve one of the most scenic view sheds in Falmouth. The land is currently approved for a 17 houses subdivision but recent conversations with property owner Kevin Smith allowed us to sign a purchase and sale agreement for the parcel permanently protecting this landmark property. The property is located in a designated rural low growth area according to the most recent Town of Falmouth Comprehensive Plan (adopted in 2013). The site has outstanding connections to other open space parcels (see map) as well as connections to Town of Cumberland open space. A barn and small house come with the project and the Trust plans to continue the current use as a hayfield with a future eye towards meeting the demand for a variety of agricultural uses.

Highlights

62 acres of open fields and potential farmland

Rare open space opportunity permanently protecting scenic view shed and agricultural land

Key linkage piece between multiple conservation parcels-- Wilshore Farms, Blackstrap Hill Preserve in Falmouth and Milburn property in Cumberland. Potential future connections to Hadlock Forest in Falmouth and Rines Forest, Knight's Pond/ Blueberry Hill in Cumberland

Conservation Potential

Falmouth Land Trust conserves land for public benefit. Hurricane Valley Farm offers great potential for:

- Scenic views
- Public access and trails
- Trail and snowmobile connectivity
- Wildlife habitat conservation
- Water quality protection (Hobbs Creek)
- Agricultural possibilities

Protecting Hurricane Valley Farm: Deadline June 15, 2015

Costs

Purchase price	\$600,000
Transaction costs	\$ 25,000
Legal costs	\$ 25,000 (includes vacating subdivision)
Stewardship	\$ 50,000

Total	\$700,000
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Funding Sources

Town of Falmouth	\$400,000
Fundraising Campaign	\$300,000