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Protecting the Past and the Future: The Story of Ferrari Farm

By Jenna Ringelheim, The Trust for Public Land

Human well-being – mental, physical, and cultural – depends greatly on the environment, from the air we breathe, to the water we drink, and the food we eat. But equally important, is the connection we have with our community and the natural landscape. The character of Dunstable is no better epitomized than by the forest, farmland and historic homestead that make-up Ferrari Farm. Located in north central Dunstable, Ferrari Farm is just west of Salmon Brook, and includes the summit, southern and eastern slopes of Flatrock Hill, the fourth highest hill in Dunstable (elev. 347 feet). Ferrari Farm occupies a prominent location on the bend in Mill Street, and the farmhouse, barn, old farm roads and fields are reminders of the Town’s agricultural past.

The story of Ferrari Farm begins over a year ago when The Dunstable Rural Land Trust (DRLT), the Town of Dunstable, and The Trust for Public Land (TPL), embarked on an ambitious partnership to conserve the 159-acre landscape. The project’s main objectives included; protecting important wildlife habitat and natural resources; creating an expanse of 425 acres of protected land; enabling continued public access to the property for expanded recreational opportunities; and preserving the historic Read-Parkhurst house and surrounding landscape, helping ensure



Dunstable's rural and agricultural character.



These goals resonated with more than 250 voters at the Special Town Meeting in late February when town meeting members unanimously approved borrowing \$1.5 million from the Community Preservation Fund for the acquisition of the property. The purchase was further funded by the Dunstable Conservation Commission giving \$70,000. The project also attracted very generous contributions from non-Town sources, including \$421,000 from the Massachusetts Division of Conservation Services with Land and Water Conservation Fund assistance, \$400,000 from the sale of the house and 10 acres, and \$109,000 in privately raised dollars (an effort spearheaded by DRLT).

In April, Ferrari Farm will become a public asset, owned by the Town of Dunstable and managed by the Conservation Commission. The collaborative effort by local and national conservation organizations, the Town, the Commonwealth, and private individuals has resulted in the protection of a piece of land that will benefit the town for years to come. As noted by TPL Project Manager, Chris LaPointe, “We are so pleased that DRLT and the Town invited us to help protect Ferrari Farm. Dunstable has done what similar towns have not – protect land and landscapes that preserve quality of life and place. Future generations will enjoy the fruits of your wisdom.”

Winterfest 2007



A Beautiful Day!

Even without a wintry snow cover, many people turned out on Sunday, January 28th for the Annual DRLT Winterfest. Ice cutting and ice fishing were enjoyed, and the popular horse drawn hay rides provided a festive atmosphere. In the absence of snow, a wagon with wheels was substituted for the sleigh!



A Collector's Item!

*The sale of the
2nd Annual Winterfest Button
was a big success.*

Thanks to all for observing "No Dogs Allowed" at the event. Dogs are welcome at all other times. In fact, the DRLT Wildlife Preserve is highlighted in an upcoming book about *Dog Friendly Areas*, written by Jenna Ringleheim who works for the Trust for Public Land. Details will be forthcoming once the book becomes available for purchase.

Thank you to the Boy Scouts who served refreshments while they maintained the bonfire and to all the volunteers who helped make this day possible.

2007 Calendars – A Sell Out! **\$2,512 Raised for DRLT**

The calendars featured the local artist, Joyce Frederick's artwork. Her artwork may also be viewed at www.joycefrederick.com.

Jeff & Justin Pallis of DS Graphics in Lowell printed the calendar. Thank you, Jeff, Justin & Joyce!!

Calendar of Member Events

Ribbon Cutting Celebration

Ferrari Farm, Mill Street
Saturday, May 5th 12 Noon

Monday Morning Walks

April 30th, May 7th, 14th & 21st

Each week we'll explore a different DRLT or Town of Dunstable Conservation Area. There will be opportunities to walk a pre-existing trail or to blaze a new one. We'll leave town hall *promptly* at 9 a.m.

Hardman Garden Tour

Saturday, May 12th, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Rain or Shine.
417 Main Street
\$20. Children under 12, Free.

David has a beautiful new home and new plantings to share. Light refreshments available.

Winterfest 2008

Sunday, January 27, 2008 11 a.m.–3 p.m.



Mowing & Cutting Brush ongoing at DRLT Wildlife Preserve

During the past year, the Trust cleared and restored approximately thirty acres of area on the Main Street property to restore habitat for certain species that thrive in such areas. A major portion of this cost was borne by the Department of Soil Conservation Services.

The US Dept. of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service has been actively involved in the maintenance and preservation of the parcel's habitat for wildlife. The DRLT is thankful for the support in helping to develop and implement a resource management plan that conserves, maintains and improves our natural resources on this property.



Land Acquisitions!

45 acres off Horse Hill on Hall Street.
Gift from Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Matson

11 acre parcel on Hardy Street.
Gift from Robert and Claire Kennedy.

Interest in 35 ½ acres off Hall Street
The Family of George and Sylvia Wood

The DRLT Board of Directors would like to extend a very hearty thank you to our friends for their generous donation of land to the Dunstable Rural Land Trust!

A special *Thank You* to Attorney Rich Larkin who donated his time and legal work to make these transfers possible and David Tully for his financial skills.

Town Wide Earth Day Celebration “Clean Sweep Campaign” April 15th -22nd



Earth Day Packets – Trash bags, gloves and Earth Day Stickers will be available at the Town Hall and the Library from April 11th and at the Transfer Station on Saturday, April 14th only.

Filled bags may be lefts along the road for the Highway Dept. to pick-up. **Please note that the bags must display the Earth Day Sticker in order to be picked up.**

If you would like to organize a specific area in town to clean-up, contact Danice 978-649-4514, ext. 224 or Sue 978-649-6750.



Ribbon Cutting Celebration

Ferrari Farm, Mill Street
Saturday, May 5th 12 Noon.

BYO Picnic Lunch and join us for a walk on “Your” beautiful land!



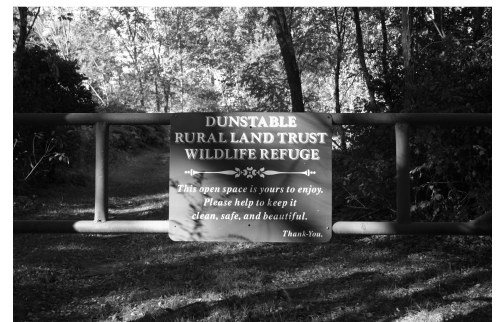
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Introducing the “New” DRLT website!

The Board of Directors would like to extend a very warm welcome to our website’s new “Webmaster”, Lisa Dingle. We are especially grateful to Bob Petersen, as he passes the torch to Lisa. As a long-time friend of the Land Trust, Bob created and maintained our first online presence by generously donating his time and expertise in the establishment of www.drlt.org. We gratefully appreciate his dedication and promotion of the organization! The Directors encourage you to visit our newly-designed website. Thank you, Lisa!

Please visit www.drlt.org



This has been a busy year for the DRLT; you may have already sent in your membership dues with a campaign gift. We are still actively fundraising for the Ferrari Project – thank you for your continued support. Please check the website for our progress. www.drlt.org

THANK YOU!

Ferrari Farm Contributors

\$5,000 and up – White Oak

\$2,500-4,999 – Sugar Maple

\$1,000-2,499 – Hemlock

\$500-999 – Paper Birch

\$250-499 – Pine

Up to \$249 – Spruce



White Oak

Juan J. Amodei
Basbanes, Jeanes, Chenelle Family
Alan Davis/Archer Davis Jr.
The Dingle Family
Judith K. Larter
The Tully Family

Sugar Maple

You could be listed here!

Hemlock

Anonymous (1)
David & Mary Dacquino
Ann & Paul Dineen
Robert & Claire Kennedy
Hugh & Roberta McGovern
Lisa & Frank O'Connell
Jeff & Aina Pallis
Mary Beth & Justin Pallis
Sue & Bill Psaledakis
The Rubeski Family
Judy Thompson

Paper Birch

Alan Chaney In Honor of Rob & Helen Kennedy
Anne & Chuck Davis
Richard & Kathleen Henry
Robert & Catherine Irzyk
Susanne & Jonathan Maurer
Jean M. McKinney
Mary & Bill Moeller

Pine

Tom & Pat Emery
Gerald Frazee
George & Susan Frost
John & Denise Gilbride
Jeffrey & Jean Haight
Bob, Melissa & Abby Holt
The Icenogle Family
Marilyn Fulton Pike
Donald & Holly Pottle
James & Susan Prescott
Hugh & Marion Stoddart
The John Thompson Family

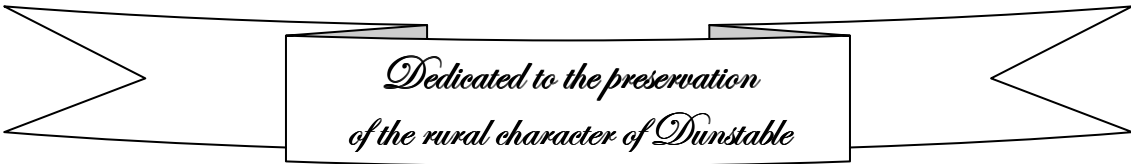
Spruce

Anonymous (7)
Frank & Joanne Antonelli
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Joan Barenscheer
Steven & Judith Cardinal
Kevin & Jill Connolly
The Cooney Family In Memory of Adam Barros
Pat Cormier
Chris Cox
Jeffrey & Heather Curtis
Carl & Ellen Davis
Michael & Linda DiPrizio
Doug & Jennifer Ehlert
Jason & Linda Elwood
Ruth Ernick
Falkner Family
Amber & Brian Finnell
Arline M. Fitch
Stanley Foster & Deborah Christopher
Gregory & Sandra Freiter
Ted & Sue Gaudette
Maureen Amaral Gay
Carolyn P. & Fred W. Geissler In Memory of Lauraine Riel
Gerry Gray
Bob & Barbara Gurecki
Frank & Joan Hanchett
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Richard & Virginia Holt
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Deborah McMillan
Steven & Bernadette Merrow
Mark & Ann Millett
Leonard Monk & Monica Akerberg
Carl & Patricia Oberg
Elizabeth & Michael Oliveira
Pat Plaehn & Nicole Anne DeMoultied
Sean Ready
Bob & Bonnie Ricardelli
Stephen & Deborah Ricci
David & Permelia Sears
Rich & Gail Silveria
Alan & Patricia Starbird
Dawn Theberge & Jack Pinard
Dave & Coral Webber
Robert & Ann Marie Winkowski
Mike & Carolyn Wurm
David & Sarah Young

Gifts Recorded as of April 1, 2007

As the Campaign for Ferrari Farm progresses, an updated list of contributors will be published.

Please accept our sincere apologies for misspellings, omissions or incorrect listings. We appreciate being informed of corrections so that we may provide accurate acknowledgement and adjust our records appropriately. Thank you.



This meeting is open to ALL Members & Friends!

**Dunstable Rural Land Trust
Annual Meeting**

Wednesday, April 25, 2006
Nashua Country Club
25 Fairway Street Nashua, NH

6 p.m. Cocktails

7 p.m. Dinner

8 p.m. Business Meeting

Followed by our speaker, **Debbie Gleeson, Director of 2nd Nature Academy Elementary School**
School opened in September 2006 and is a neighbor of the Land Trust, located on Gregg Road in Nashua.

**Everyone is welcome to attend the after dinner program free of charge.
Reservations must be made in advance for dinner.**



Dinner Reservations (Please write number in box): \$ _____ enclosed for _____ dinners at \$35 each.

- Prime Rib au jus
- Crab Stuffed Shrimp

**George Tully, DRLT
401 Hollis Street
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Please return your reservation no later than April 20th to:

2007 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

- Annual Individual/Family Membership \$25
- I would like to make an additional contribution of \$ _____ towards Ferrari Farm.

Total Enclosed \$ _____

*The Dunstable Rural Land Trust is a 501 (c) (3) public charity. Gifts are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.
Thank you for your support.*

Remember, you will not save the Dunstable woods and wetlands, broad vistas and country roads for your children and grandchildren by doing NOTHING. Instead, please join us and become a member today!

Please return FORM with check made payable to: DRLT

Please Send to: George Tully, DRLT
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DUNSTABLE RURAL LAND TRUST REACHES MILESTONE

The Dunstable Rural Land Trust (the Trust) reached a major milestone during this last year – the Trust now owns over 600 acres of land in Dunstable.

As reported at the Annual Meeting held in April 2006; the Trust acquired (partly by purchase and partly by gift) fourteen acres of land and development rights to an additional six acres from Catherine Gregg on Main Street. We deeply appreciate the Gregg family's continued support of the Trust with their most recent donation.

The Trust has also been the recipient of donated land. We would like to sincerely thank:

- Robert and Claire Kennedy for their donation of eleven acres of land on Hardy Street. This property abuts other property owned by the Trust and the Dunstable Conservation Commission.
- Wayne Matson of Ayer, Massachusetts for his donation of forty-five acres of land off Hall Street. This property abuts other land owned by the Trust.
- The family of George and Sylvia Wood for their donation of 3/4th's interest in thirty five and one-half acres off Hall Street. This land abuts the Matson parcel referred to above as well as the Horse Hill Quarry parcel previously owned by the Trust.

The Trust has accepted the responsibility to hold a conservation easement on approximately sixteen acres of land on Main Street from James Stoddard. The Town of Dunstable Conservation Commission holds the property with the Trust holding the easement.

The Trust and its trustees have been very active during the past year with our commitment to the Ferrari Farm purchase. Please be sure to read the front page article in this newsletter regarding the Trust's efforts in this regard.



Earth Day Celebration Town-Wide Cleanup April 15th – 22nd

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Edited by Elaine Basbanes & Judy Larter

Debbie Gleeson, Director of 2nd Nature Academy, to Speak at Annual Meeting – Wednesday, April 25th at the Nashua Country Club



School opened in September 2006 and is a neighbor of the Land Trust, located on Gregg Road in Nashua.

Philosophy:

At *2nd Nature Academy* we strive to provide a learning environment that enables children to experience success in all curriculum areas through the use of an integrated, multi-sensory curriculum. Our goal is to provide an alternative educational environment that focuses on Howard Gardner's Multiple Intelligence Theory. This pedagogy encompasses eight intelligence areas: verbal/linguistic, logical/mathematical, bodily/kinesthetic, musical, visual/spacial, interpersonal/self, and naturalist.

The annual meeting is an open meeting – Friends and members are invited. Please join us at 6pm for a social hour followed by dinner at 7pm – Reservations required, \$35 per person. A short business meeting and our speaker follow dinner at 8pm. Everyone is welcome to attend the after dinner program – free of charge.