



## Board of County Commissioners

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## Hunterdon Protects Another 255 Open Space Acres

So far this year Hunterdon County has added another 255 acres to its inventory of over 8000 preserved open space acres, ensuring the protection of streams, forests and potential recreational sites, Hunterdon County Board of Commissioners Deputy Director Zachary T. Rich reported at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting.

Deputy Director Rich, the Board's Planning and Land Use Department liaison, reported, "The preservation of open space continues to be a focus of the Planning and Land Use Department and the Commissioner Board.

The 255 acres have been preserved across five municipalities and includes partnerships with the Hunterdon Land Trust and the New Jersey Conservation Foundation."

Rich listed the preservation efforts as follows:

- The 52-acre HBH property on the border of Raritan and Franklin Townships, with a \$250,224 County open space grant, \$239,520 Green Acres grant through Raritan Twp, and a \$10,704 County municipal grant for a total of \$500,448.

The project included funding from the County open space fund to the Hunterdon Land Trust. Raritan Township will manage land as municipal parkland. The project was recommended the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee or POSAC.

- A 13-acre parcel at the Wesleyan Church Property on Lower Landsdown Road, directly adjacent to the trailhead for Lower Landsdown Trail in Franklin Twp, at a total cost of \$112,000.00 from the County open space fund.
- The Lauber property in Holland Township which is nearly 18 acres and is a key piece to nearly complete open space contiguous with Riegler Ridge, Musconetcong Mountain Preserve, and Hoffman Farm, at a total cost of \$75,000.00 from the County open space fund.

Rich noted, "By adding the Lauber property, 227 county park land acres, 156 municipal open space acres, 369 preserved farmland acres, all contiguous with the property, bring all the acreage into connection."



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- The 97-acre CRC Mine Road property in Bethlehem Twp on Mine Road adjacent to Tower Hill Preserve at a total cost of \$608,403.20, of which the County Open Space Fund provided \$304,201.60 to Bethlehem Twp and the Hunterdon Land Trust and \$304,201.60 in Green Acres funds.

The County was deeded the property on closing.

- 75 acres at the Rockaway Creek Preserve in Tewksbury Twp on CR 523, frontage on the Rockaway Creek, and the property also contains a tributary of the creek.

The New Jersey Conservation Foundation preserved the property and deeded it to the County at closing, at no cost to the county.

Rich concluded, "That is an impressive list of open space preservation work which has taken place since the end of last year. The whole Planning and Land Use Team, particularly our open space coordinator Bill Millette, and the County's Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee, deserve kudos for many jobs well done."