



Preserve Our Scott's Mountain

Scott's Mountain a recognized "Critical Treasure and Special Resource Area"

The Phillipsburg Riverview Organization (PRO) has received a \$5,000 grant from the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, to create a new and collaborative open space preservation coalition focused on protecting the 30,000-acre Scott's Mountain region in Warren County. The mountain is recognized as a "Critical Treasure" of the Highlands and is part of the "Special Resource Area" identified by the New Jersey State Development and Redevelopment Plan adopted in March 2001 as a region with "resources of statewide importance which are essential to the...quality of life for future generations." Scott's Mountain is the last largest forested region in the rapidly developing southern portion of Warren County. Current development pressures are threatening to destroy this Critical Treasure.

As a Landowner in the Scott's Mountain region you have the opportunity to leave a significant legacy and guarantee that the land you love will be preserved according to your wishes.

There are many avenues of preservation which we ask you to consider; like selling development rights, conservation easements, stream corridor buffers; there are numerous creative ways to preserve land. Also, there are numerous ways of selling property that could save you money and taxes.

In preserving your property you will also preserve the future of this prized environment and leave a legacy for future generations to enjoy and treasure. If you wish to consider preservation of your property, POSM will assist you in seeking preservation funding through State, County, Local and Not-for-profit programs.

POSM draws representatives from 6 communities encompassing Scott's Mountain. The coalition - called **Preserve Our Scott's Mountain (POSM)** - is creating a preservation strategy for the region. A Steering Committee consists of interested citizens appointed by several towns and PRO members from the POSM communities which are facilitating the development of a resource map, an inventory of agricultural, woodlands, stream corridors and steep slopes, and an open space preservation plan for Scott's Mountain. The POSM coalition works closely with local and county government agencies to revise master plans, update zoning ordinances and pursue innovative land use and protection strategies to provide comprehensive, multi-layered protection to the mountain.

The POSM project area is located in: *Lopatcong Township, Harmony Township, Franklin Township, White Township, Washington Township and Greenwich Townships.* If you are interested in working on the plan or would like information on *Preserving Your Land* contact: **POSM at (908)454-4141**

"If we are going to reach our goal of preserving one million acres of New Jersey farmland and open space this decade, groups like PRO are going to play an important role," noted NJCF Executive Director Michele S. Byers. "As every organization grows, it reaches a point where it has to review its past and make plans for its future, if it wants to build on its successes. NJCF is happy to have the opportunity to help PRO foster new partnerships in preserving this important region."



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