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The purpose of the Falmouth Land Trust is to permanently protect field, forest, shoreline, and wildlife lands; to maintain the historical character and natural beauty of Falmouth; and to educate its citizens regarding the values of donation, stewardship, and enjoyment of protected lands.

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Hurricane Valley Farm

Help Falmouth Land Trust PROTECT THIS CONSERVATION TREASURE

ocated in West Falmouth, off of Gray Road (Routes 26/100) at the Falmouth/ Cumberland border, Hurricane Valley Farm (currently known as Capall Creek Farm) is one of the last farmland properties in Falmouth, Maine. Consisting of 62 acres of rolling open fields, wetlands and farmland, this project strives to preserve one of the most scenic spots in Falmouth. The land is currently approved for a 17-house subdivision but recent conversations with the developer allowed us to sign a purchase and sale agreement for the parcel, permanently protecting this landmark property. The site provides key linkage to other open space parcels within Falmouth 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, recreational and educational uses.

Protect Hurricane Valley Farm: THE TIME IS NOW DEADLINE JUNE 15, 2015



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Please send your tax deductible donations to Falmouth Land Trust. Or, if you wish to donate online, go to falmouthlandtrust. org and select the GIVE button to make a secure donation.

Help us meet our goal to conserve Hurricane Valley Farm







Highlights

- 62 acres of open fields and potential farmland
- Rare opportunity to permanently protect scenic view and agricultural land
- Provides important linkage piece between multiple conservation parcels in Falmouth and Cumberland

HURRICANE VALLEY FARM

Farming Heritage

Hurricane Valley Farm is situated in the heart of Falmouth's Hurricane Valley. The area got its name in 1767 after a hurricane leveled most of the trees in the area and made it an ideal spot for farmers to settle. Early records show the land housed a dairy farm and for the last thirty years the farm has been used for boarding and training Morgan horses. The Trust plans to continue the property's agricultural heritage by growing hay on the farm in the short term with the future goal of establishing a tenant farmer on the land.

Falmouth Land Trust has signed a purchase and sale agreement with the owner of the farm. Total project costs are \$700,000 to cover purchase price, acquisition costs and stewardship needs. On February 9th the Falmouth Town Council approved \$400,000 from its Park and Land Capital Fund towards this purchase. **FLT must raise the remaining \$300,000 by June 15, 2015 to purchase and permanently protect this jewel property.**

Conservation Benefits

Hurricane Valley Farm offers great potential for:

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

Hiking Falmouth Trails? by Bob Shafto

Don't Forget Your QR Reader!

When we conserve land, we also conserve some of the history of our town. While our conservation properties have now reverted back to nature, they were once working landscapes, supporting the lives of the many people and families who lived in Falmouth before our time.

Evidence of our ancestors' presence can be found throughout our town trail system. Among other things, they include rock walls, foundation holes, a rail bed, granite quarries, discontinued roads, abandoned farm equipment, and even trash dumps.

Many of these locations have been marked with signs such as the one shown below. They can be easily "read" with your smart phone and a OR reader app.

Before leaving on your next hike, download a QR code reader from your app store (most versions are free). When you see a sign, scan it and a web page will come up with information about the site. Some have links to other web sites with more detailed information; some have photos; and others are just text.

These places give us a small glimpse into what life was like in the past. What do you think your life would have been like back then? And what evidence will we leave future generations regarding our land use in Falmouth?

HISTORIC FALMOUTH Hurricane Valley



Scan the QR code above to learn about the history of this location. Scroll down for a complete description.

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- I would like to volunteer (advisors needed in ecology, botany, wildlife, land monitors and trail stewards.)

☐ I would like to learn more about planned giving program.

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Sunday | June 28, 2015

5 Miler starts at 9:00 AM MA 08:8 at starts at 8:30 AM

Race day registration opens at 7:30 AM

5 miles: \$25 | 10 miles: \$40







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