

CAMPAIGN FOR Read Family Farm & Woods

CCLT has embarked on a campaign to protect 54 acres of land on the south side of Blanchard Road in Cumberland Center. The property consists of 7 acres of open field and 47 acres of forest connecting to other conserved areas.

The property contains a variety of essential habitats including a field used actively for local agriculture; a large block of intact, upland forest; and a variety of wetland types including streams and forested wetlands.

In addition to protecting the property from future subdivision and development, the conservation easement will allow CCLT to install a small parking area adjacent to Blanchard Road and create and maintain trails for non-motorized recreation in the forested portions of the property and to connect to Rines Forest.

Your donation toward this project will help:

- Protect 54 acres of land less than half a mile from Cumberland Center
- Provide a critical recreation and habitat linkage to the north and south as part of multi-town green conservation corridor from Hadlock Forest (330 acres in Falmouth) through Rines Forest (306 acres in Cumberland) to Knight's Pond area (334 acres in Cumberland and North Yarmouth)
- Support active local agriculture and working woodlands. The landowner intends to lease the fields to a farmer for agricultural use. The forests will be sustainably harvested by the landowner for forest products and to promote the health of the woodlands.
- Protect an admired scenic viewshed along Blanchard Road

“Dr. Frank Read purchased this land in 1984 to prevent a housing development from being built there. Our family has since spent many long afternoons roaming those woods and meadows, and now we have decided to permanently conserve the property with CCLT so that others may do the same, in perpetuity.”

– MARK READ

To support this project and CCLT's work, please visit ccltmaine.org/donate

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Since its founding in 1987, CCLT has completed 31 conservation projects including 8 fee-owned properties and 23 conservation easements, protecting over 1,050 acres in the towns of Chebeague Island and Cumberland.



THE OPPORTUNITY

PROJECT SIZE

54 acres

(7 acres of open field and 47 acres of forest)

TOTAL PROJECT COST

\$321,500

Thanks to the generosity of the Read family, CCLT has the opportunity to protect this land for \$141,500 less than appraised value.

TOTAL FUNDRAISING NEED

\$180,000

FUNDRAISING DEADLINE

8/1/2022

Fundraising covers easement acquisition costs, CCLT's pooled stewardship funds, and operational support.

To see more photos and video of this important property, please visit ccltmaine.org/active-projects

