



Pogmore Forest Legacy Tract, Connecticut

January 1997

The Pogmore property becomes the first tract to be acquired in the Connecticut Forest Legacy Program. The development rights to the 52 acres of land were purchased through a conservation easement for \$80,000. The easement will be held by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, with management and monitoring to be conducted by the Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Forestry.

"This program is a cooperative effort between the federal government, the State DEP, and private land owners. Through this Legacy Program, Connecticut taxpayers can conserve and protect open space without the owners having to give up their land in order to preserve it," said Sidney J. Holbrook, DEP Commissioner.

The conservation easement includes restrictions on development and other land uses, while providing for public access. "The acquisition of a conservation easement on the Pogmore property by the US Government is good for the State of Connecticut as it protects another piece of forest land which abuts the Natchaug and Goodwin State Forests from future development. This fits in very nicely with the goals of the Connecticut Forest Legacy Program in that it expands the base of protected land in the Town of Hampton," said Dick Ackerman, US Forest Service official.

"Barbara and I are very pleased that we are given the opportunity to participate in the Connecticut Forest Legacy



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pogmore of Hampton, Connecticut accept a Stewardship sign from Tom Worthley (left) Stewardship Coordinator and Dick Raymond (right) of DEP Division of Forestry for completing a Stewardship plan, under which this Forest Legacy tract will be managed.

Program. Now that the US Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture has purchased a conservation easement we can be assured that our Hampton property will be forever retained as forest land." said Fred Pogmore, landowner.

The Forest Legacy Program protects important forest areas from any kind of development. The federal government offers landowners an alternative to development by purchasing development rights and other restrictions from willing landowners. The landowner keeps all land rights not purchased by the federal government. Forests protected are important. They may provide key wildlife habitat, protect water quality, offer outstanding recreation opportunities, provide outstanding

scenic views, contain historical sites or provide opportunities to continue traditional forest uses, such as timber harvesting. In general, Forest Legacy areas will be encouraged to be working forests where forest land is managed for the production of forest products.

"Through this Legacy Program, Connecticut taxpayers can conserve and protect open space without the owners having to give up their land in order to preserve it."

CT DEP Commissioner, Sidney J. Holbrook

In Connecticut, additional criteria requires that parcels under consideration for inclusion in the Legacy program must abut, or be in close proximity to permanently protected forest land. The

Pogmore property abuts approximately 15,000 acres of the Goodwin and Natchaug State Forests in Hampton, and is in close proximity to several farms, totaling 523 acres, which have been protected under the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Farmland Preservation Program.

USDA Forest Service
271 Mast Road
Durham, New Hampshire 03824

Partners in forest conservation

Connecticut Department of
Environmental Protection
79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106