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Watershed Association Acquires 8.5 Acres Adjacent To Its Existing Reserve

The Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association recently added close to 8.5 acres to the land it already manages, bringing the total acreage under its care to approximately 830 acres. The property is located on Moores Mill-Mount Rose Road in Hopewell Township and the Watershed Association made the purchase along with Mercer County, using Green Acres funds set aside by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for this purpose.

The property, which borders the Watershed Association reserve on two sides, has a storage barn and includes open fields with groups of evergreens. It is the final parcel of the original Charles Dobkowski family farm, purchased in the 1930s, which at one time comprised over 200 acres on both sides of Moores Mill-Mount Rose Road. Ed Dobkowski and his cousin, Sean Mannix, have been the most recent family owners and have made the open space conservation possible.

In commenting on the purchase, Watershed Association Property Manager Bay Weber said, "This acquisition makes sense for both the community and for the Association. It provides opportunities for expanding our well-regarded environmental education programs, further buffers our trails from development and gives us additional storage space for field and trail maintenance equipment. We hope our members and guests will visit the reserve and enjoy natural lands that we maintain for hiking and recreation."

The Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association protects water resources in the 265-square miles of central New Jersey drained by the Stony Brook and the Millstone River. The Association's headquarters is located on a now 830-acre reserve in Hopewell Township that includes a nature center, pond, and 14 miles of trails, as well as an independent organic farm. Visitors are welcome from dawn to dusk year round. For more information, call 609-737-3735 or visit online at www.thewatershed.org.

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