

Preserve. Protect. Inspire.

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Dear Neighbor,

Our open space is one of Hopewell Valley's treasures. We value the many acres of preserved land and trails. Preserving land is fundamental to protecting wildlife, native plants, dark skies, and water quality. Woods, meadows, and wetlands filter toxins from entering our surface and groundwater supplies. Spending time outdoors improves health, nurtures joy, and strengthens connections to nature and one another. Thanks to your support, our accomplishments towards these initiatives include:

Preservation: Over the past 36 years FoHVOS has helped protect 8,000 acres including 28 nature preserves on over 1,800 acres in Hopewell Valley and now hold conservation easements on 790 acres. Open space expands one piece at a time, and there is more to do.

Recreation: In 2023, FoHVOS performed a comprehensive trail evaluation and completed widening and improvements on 17 miles of trails. We encourage you to hike the seven mile stretch from Woolsey Park to Woosamonsa Ridge or visit the Skyview Preserve to experience the impressive results!

Stewardship: FoHVOS works to protect and restore biodiversity through restoration, deer management programs and invasive species management focused on preventing the spread of new invasives in the Valley.

Community Conservation: FoHVOS encourages native planting through residential consultation, and biannual native plant sales to members. Participation in this program has increased each year facilitating the purchase of over 68,000 native plants since the program's inception.

Data Driven Science: FoHVOS continues documenting rare plant populations and leading community science initiatives. We are proud to report that of all the monitored kestrel boxes throughout the State, the highest kestrel nesting box occupancy rate is here in the Valley!

Invasive Species Strike Team: The FoHVOS Strike Team is a statewide resource for mapping, reporting, training, and outreach to prevent the spread of invasive species. Modeled after our Community Conservation Program, the Strike Team works with all public and private landowners to accomplish its goals.

On the back side of this letter you will find a map with the green areas depicting the preserved land in the Valley. Use the QR code to take you to trail guides and interactive maps to help you get out and enjoy what we have achieved together!

FoHVOS adopted a strategic plan in 2023 after extensive input from stakeholders. This plan positions us to move forward and provides a road map to continue work in the years to come. You are a crucial partner in this plan for preservation and stewardship. We are reaching out to you to support us this year with a tax-deductible donation. These funds are essential to furthering the core mission of FoHVOS. Thank you for helping us continue this work in the Valley!



Daniel Rubenstein, Board President



Michael Van Clef, Stewardship Director

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| 2. Albanowski | 15. Heritage | 27. Perkins |
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| 4. Arno | 17. Krech | 29. Skyview |
| 5. Baldpate | 18. Kulak | 30. Stephens |
| 6. Brown | 19. Lawrence | 31. Vales |
| 7. Chowdhury | 20. LippLewellen | 32. Vogler |
| 8. Elks | 21. Marshalls
Corner | 33. Walker |
| 9. Fiddlers Creek | 22. Mount | 34. Weidel |
| 10. Franz | 23. Nayfield | 35. Woodville |
| 11. Genovesi | 23. Mount Rose | 36. Woosamonsa
Ridge |
| 12. Gomez | 24. Nexus | |
| 13. Grossman | 25. Olcott | |

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