

Residents of Leverett and beyond have a chance to protect this 147-acre farm and create a new trail system for public recreation...
...and we need your help!



Conserve Teawaddle Hill Farm Forever!



The Leverett Conservation Commission, Kestrel Land Trust, and Rattlesnake Gutter Trust are working on an exceptional opportunity to acquire a Conservation Restriction (CR) on the 147-acre Teawaddle Hill Farm. This classic New England hillside farm includes approximately 40 acres of open pastureland, 100 acres of woodland, sugarbush, and wetlands, trails and woods roads, along with a farmhouse and barns (which would be excluded from the CR). Located on a rural country road, the rolling terrain of the farm contributes greatly to the scenic character of Leverett. The farm also affords one of the best views of Brushy Mountain, where the 3,486-acre Paul C. Jones Working Forest was recently conserved with a CR by the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game in partnership with Kestrel Land Trust and Franklin Land Trust.

This proposed Conservation Restriction would permanently conserve the working farm, ensure public access for passive recreation, and add to an extensive wildlife corridor that extends from Leverett into North Amherst.

Threat to The Farm: The farm has more than 960 feet of frontage on Teawaddle Hill Road, which could be developed for multiple house lots. If family members, who are undergoing a generational transfer of the estate, are not able to sell the development rights, the long-term sustainability of this small family farm is at risk.

Why Conserve The Farm?

Landscape Conservation: The Williams Family, which purchased the farm in 1961, has already donated a portion of the farm to the town on the eastern border along Doolittle Brook. This proposed CR connects a series of open lands that serve as a wildlife corridor, extending north to Brushy Mountain and East Leverett Meadow in Leverett and south to conservation areas in North Amherst, comprising more than 3,600 acres of conservation areas and protected private lands.

Water Resources: The intermittent streams and wetlands located on this property flow into Doolittle Brook in East Leverett, conserving critical water resources in this portion of the Connecticut River Watershed.

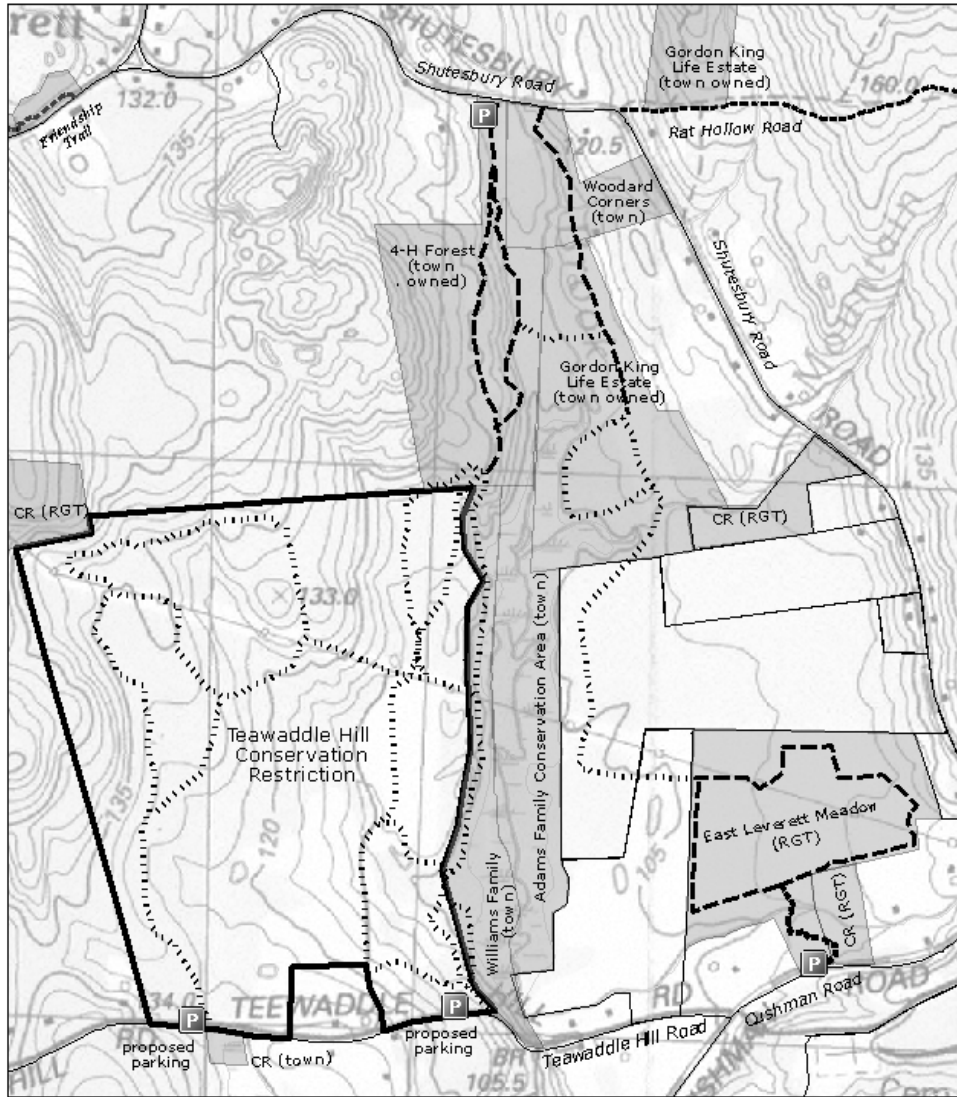
Working Lands: Teawaddle Hill Farm has been an active family farm under the same ownership for 50 years. It is the last remaining part of a larger 18th century farm complex. The Mitchells have spent decades restoring farm operations to include the production of hay, maple syrup, and cattle. The CR would preserve its historic and current significance as a working farm, permitting agriculture and forestry based on approved stewardship plans.

Trail System: As part of the CR, a series of designated trails will be established to guarantee public access for hiking and cross-country skiing through the fields and forest. Hunting will be permitted by permission of the landowner.

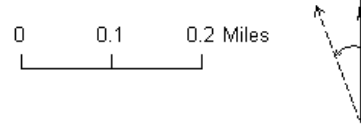
*Photos by Stacey Lennard (top 2) & Gwyn Mitchell.
Map shows protected land in green.*

Contribute Today to Raise \$25,000 by April 20, 2012

Teawaddle Hill Conservation Area and Proposed Trail Network



- Present Trails
- Proposed Trails
- Present Conservation Land



If You Care About This Farm, You Can Help!

The total cost of the acquisition of the Conservation Restriction, stewardship, and trail development is \$434,250. The majority of funding will be provided by a state grant award of \$240,600 and a proposed \$170,000 in Community Preservation Act funds to be voted by Town Meeting in Leverett on April 28, 2012. **That only leaves a \$25,000 gap**, which Kestrel Land Trust and Rattlesnake Gutter Trust need to raise from the people who care most about the future of this farm. Please consider making a tax deductible, charitable donation today of \$100 or more today!

Teawaddle Hill Farm Contribution Form

Yes, I would like to make a donation to the \$25,000 needed to permanently conserve Teawaddle Hill Farm as a working farm. My donation will leverage \$408,000 from state and CPA funds to complete this project.
All contributions are tax-deductible.

___\$50 ___\$100 ___\$250 ___\$500 ___\$1,000 other \$___

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**Please send your check payable to Kestrel Land Trust, PO Box 1016, Amherst, MA 01004
OR Donate with your credit card ONLINE at www.kestreltrust.org**

About the Project Partners: Kestrel Land Trust is a non-profit regional land trust dedicated to conserving land that sustains the quality of life and ecological integrity of the Connecticut River Valley. Rattlesnake Gutter Trust is a non-profit town land trust dedicated to conserving land in Leverett. Leverett Conservation Commission is dedicated to conserving open space and wetlands in town. We have been working together with the landowner for more than a year on this conservation project.