



Located south of Brattonsville on the York and Chester County line, this 305 acre tract is primarily openland. Wooded buffers along small creek drains and around the farm's four ponds protect soil and water quality and provide cover for livestock. This property is owned by a family with nine generations of farmers, and seven generations to farm in York and Chester County.

Mr. Rusty Darby and his father, Mr. Guy Darby, decided to place a conservation easement on this portion of their farm to ensure that it would never be used for anything other than agriculture. Cattle, cotton, and wheat production are the current land use. The conservation easement eliminates any pressure from potential land development. In addition to the tax incentives from the easement, the Darbys also felt another benefit was the opportunity to leave the land better than they found it.



Through Mr. Guy Darby's vision and hard work in the 1950s and 1960s, about half of the property was converted to openland. Atypical of most farms in the Piedmont of South Carolina, the expanse of openland contained in this tract made it an ideal location for filming portions of the "The Patriot", a major historical film about the Revolutionary War.



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