



## “A Very Small Green Spot on the Earth”

Located two miles northwest of historic Brattonsville in York County, this 63 acre tract has been family owned for four generations. Natural pines and hardwoods are mixed with areas of planted pines and open fields, with the greatest diversity on the property found adjacent to a small creek.

When asked why they decided to place the property surrounding their home in a conservation easement, Cheryl replied, “My Grandfather’s other lands were divided among heirs. So many large tracts like his have vanished so very quickly and once it’s gone, it is gone. That realization was enough for us to preserve this tract. We all want to leave some positive legacy. Our way is to leave a very small green spot on the Earth. Our hope is that future generations will appreciate the privilege of being connected to the land. “



Cheryl and her husband Joe will continue to manage their property for healthy, productive woodlands, aesthetic and wildlife diversity, and protection of all its resources. Their conservation easement agreement provides for a variety of forest management practices. Early in 2013 a timber harvest will remove low quality, overstocked pines as well as maturing pines and hardwoods. These areas will then be replanted with loblolly pine, along with some of the open fields.



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