

Hillsborough Completes Preservation Of 100 Acre Area

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The Hillsborough Township Committee approved the purchase of a 12 acre Montgomery Road property that, “helps to complete the preservation of an extensive area of more than 100 acres along Montgomery Road leading to the Sourland Mountains,” according to Township Committee member Bob Wagner, the Committee’s Open Space liaison.

Mayor Anthony Ferrera noted, “The property will be acquired using \$480,000 from the Township’s dedicated Open Space Trust fund. It will also serve to complete a significant portion of the Township’s trailways plan.”

The 12 acre parcel owned by Mr. Fred Azimi is contiguous to several other Township preserved open space properties, including the Gibson property which was preserved in 1999, the Burshnic-Shamro property which was preserved in 2005, the donation for preservation of a part of the Taverner property at the end of last year, and the purchase of 20 acres and the preservation by development easement of another 25 acres of the Scudder property which is nearly complete.

Committee member Wagner stated, “The Open Space Advisory Committee indicated the preservation of this property is a priority. The Township will be able to submit the purchase of this property to Green Acres and to the County Open Space Partnership program next year, in order to seek reimbursement for as much as half of the purchase price.”

The Township ordinance accepting the Azimi property is scheduled for a public hearing on June 12, 2007.