

Closing the Circle.



The heart of Jamestown: the Dutra, Neale, and Ceppi Farms are shaded red; currently protected properties are shaded green; and the Jamestown watershed is overlaid in blue.

The permanent protection of the Dutra, Neale, and Ceppi Farms will complete a 25-year-long public and private effort to conserve the central part of our island. From the purchase of the Jamestown Golf Course in 1986 to prevent its subdivision into 102 housing lots, to the protection of the Conanicut Island Sanctuary, Great Creek, Hodgkiss Farm, and Watson Farm, to the systematic safeguarding of over 128 acres surrounding the North Reservoir, sustained conservation efforts have preserved the rural character that island residents support.

Permanent protection of the Dutra, Neale, and Ceppi Farms, 160 acres in total, will bring the total number of contiguous acres of protected land in the heart of Jamestown to 1026 – more than 17% of the island’s land – and will safeguard a significant portion of Jamestown’s watershed.

This effort “closes the circle,” permanently securing a refuge of forest, coastal marsh, wetlands, and upland pasture from the relentless pressure of development in what is now the second most densely populated state in the country, and preserving the integrity of what has been rightly called “the most recognizable landscape in Rhode Island.”

We are halfway toward our goal of raising \$4 million by September 30th. We will succeed only with the generous support of every member of our community. To support this effort, please contact Land Trust board members Quentin Anthony at 847-1008, Craig Amerigan at 423-3537, or Mike Swistak at 294-3304, or visit our website at www.conanicutlandtrust.org.



Save the Farms Challenge

