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NEWS RELEASE

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Dating back to the 1997 Comprehensive Plan update, one of the goals established was to “Preserve the County’s rural character by preserving open space, as well as agricultural and forest lands.” One of the more effective ways to accomplish this goal in perpetuity is the use of conservation easements to limit future development allowing property to stay in private ownership while furthering the public goal of open space preservation. Since 1997, the County has approved 22 separate conservation easements, totaling nearly 2,000 acres of open space easements dedicated to the County. In appreciation of the contributions of landowners to this program, the County has created a sign to be installed on these properties. The signage helps to identify those properties and the property owners who have made a commitment to preserve the land for future generations. During the launching of this project County Administrator Doug Stanley stated, *“We’d like to thank the property owners for their commitment to preservation and the current and past members of the Board of Supervisors for their support of the program.”*



This program supports the goals of the County’s Comprehensive Plan to provide a means to assist County landowners in protecting and preserving farm and forest land, open space, scenic vistas, historic sites, water resources, environmentally sensitive lands, and the rural character of the community for the future.

Property owners who currently participate in the program and wish to have a sign posted on their property can contact County Planner Matt Wendling via email at

mwendling@warrencountyva.net. Citizens interested in learning more about the County's Conservation Easement Program should contact the County Planning Director Taryn Logan via email at tlogan@warrencountyva.net or by phone at (540) 636-3354.



Margie Guy Hockman conservation easement dedicated to Dawn Marie Hockman