

# The Campaign for the Hart Farm

Preserving Holden's rural character, now and forever.



## Our Vision

The Holden Land Trust Board of Directors has signed a purchase and sale agreement to buy the 157-acre Hart Farm on Copeland Hill in Holden, Maine, for the purpose of preserving the parcel as open space. The Campaign for the Hart Farm will make this land purchase possible.

Conserving the Hart Farm is important in that it offers the opportunity to preserve open land from residential development while at the same time offering the opportunity for multiple uses which would include continuing to farm the land and providing public access for recreational and educational activities.

Purchasing the Hart Farm provides the chance to perpetuate where Holden has been, and opens the door to area residents to view current wildlife habitats and explore the land in conjunction with similar opportunities on the neighboring lands of the Curran Homestead and Maine Audubon.

Acquisition of this property will meet the goals of the Trust as well as the Town of Holden's intent of preserving open space. Your tax-deductible contribution will bring us one step closer to preserving this parcel of land for future generations to enjoy its bucolic beauty.

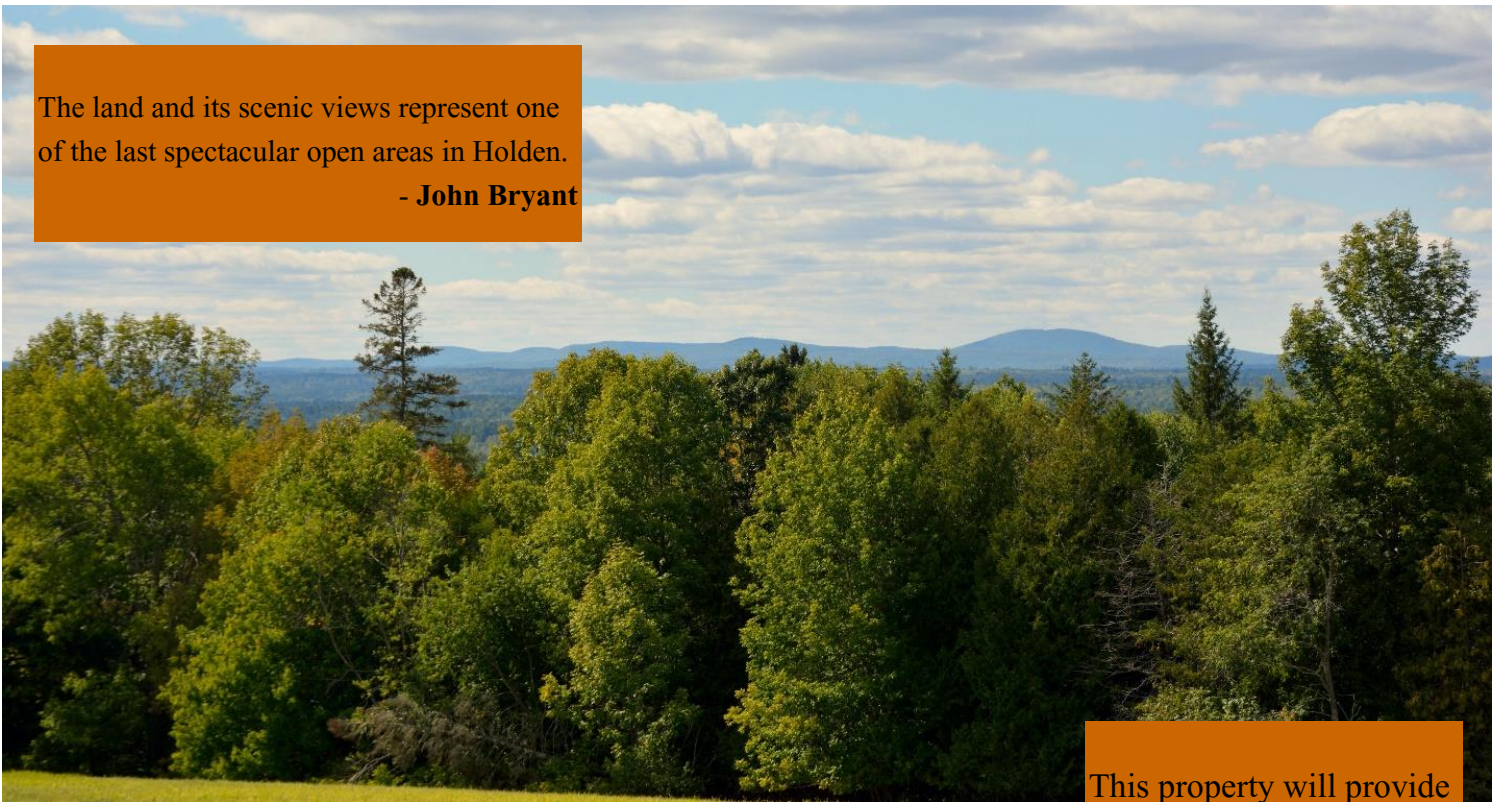
Our goals include protecting and preserving this open land for public use, for wildlife habitats, and continuing the agricultural tradition by keeping the open fields cleared and available for farming as conditions permit.

Your financial support of our vision will preserve this historical farming property with its open fields, forested uplands and stunning vistas.

We hope you will join us in supporting the Campaign for the Hart Farm. Contribute to preserve Holden's rural character, now and forever. Please give generously.

**- Kevin Cuddy, President  
Holden Land Trust Board of Directors**

The land and its scenic views represent one of the last spectacular open areas in Holden.  
- John Bryant

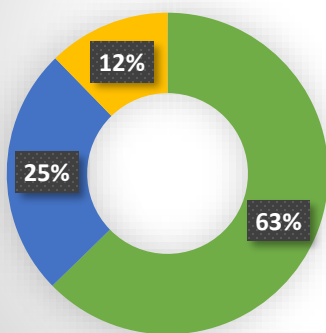


This property will provide opportunity for so many nature related activities while also providing a connective path with neighboring Curran Homestead and Maine Audubon lands.

- Mary McDonald

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### Goal: \$500,000



- Land Purchase & Related Expenses - \$313,530
- Stewardship Fund & Property Maintenance - \$125,000
- Administrative & Campaign Costs - \$61,470

The view from the Hart Farm on Copeland Hill Road today would have been much the same for Native Americans, as well as for the very first settlers from Massachusetts colony who would eventually denude the surroundings of almost all trees. It is difficult for us to imagine this as a treeless vista, and even more difficult to imagine the staggering amount of manual labor it took for many generations of farmers and their families the Bates, Fords, Copelands and five generations of Harts, to clear these fields first of trees, then rocks and boulders which now constitute substantial bordering stone walls. It is essential that we the preserve this land as working farmland and forest, publicly accessible, with vistas unimpeded by the clutter of residential development. - Rodney Hanscom

We have an amazing opportunity to preserve at some level what was a bucolic way of life that settled rural America. - **Ellen Campbell**

**Together, we can conserve the Hart Farm  
as a community asset and work to promote  
local, traditional agriculture for future  
generations.**

**Purchasing the Hart Farm will allow the Trust to  
cultivate a thoughtful plan for land use and  
public access, including:**

**Open space  
Scenic views  
Hiking trails  
Access to nature  
Habitats for wildlife  
Agricultural heritage  
Educational and recreational activities  
Connectivity to Audubon and Curran**

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This is an opportunity to leave our children a legacy that includes our careful stewardship of the soils in Maine. - **Kris Reid**

## *Ways of Giving to The Campaign for the Hart Farm*

- Check or money order: Payable to the Holden Land Trust. Note Hart Farm Campaign on the memo line.
- Credit Card: Give securely online using PayPal on our website. Visit [www.holdenlandtrust.org](http://www.holdenlandtrust.org).
- Appreciated securities: Call, write or e-mail to learn more about making a gift of stock.
- Give Through Your IRA: Check with your personal financial or tax advisor for information on making a charitable gift directly from your IRA assets without tax implications.
- Corporate Matching Gifts: Ask your employer or former employer if retired if the company will match your contribution to the campaign.
- Bequests: Include the Holden Land Trust in your will or estate plan. Consult with your attorney for specific details.

Preserving this last bit of farmland for public access and future farming is essential. - **Jane Rosinski**

*Gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.*

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*Established in 2004, the Holden Land Trust is a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) member driven organization committed to the conservation of our natural resources, as well as our significant historical and scenic landscapes. Our mission is to identify and preserve wildlife habitat, scenic vistas, agricultural lands, wetland access and working forests integral to the rural character of Holden for the benefit of current and future generations.*