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DeDominicis Property Factsheet

Public purchase of the 185- acre DeDominicis Property was accomplished through shared funding by the Town of Cheshire, the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, and the Regional Water Authority. This cooperative effort also results in a need for a mixture of management goals to include, at least, public access/recreation, wetland and upland habitat conservation, and public water supply watershed protection.

Over the past century the DeDominicis property was part of a larger farm system, likely used primarily for haying, grazing, and woodlot purposes as typically found within the colonial land husbandry systems. Since abandonment for agricultural purposes, the property existed as open space and was used primarily for its horse trails and some minor logging operations. Most recently, the property was considered for development until 2002 when the owners approached the Town about a possible acquisition for open space.

The Town of Cheshire Plan of Conservation and Development and Conservation's Open Space chapter identifies an "East Cheshire Greenbelt" as a desirable goal, and the DeDominicis Property is a substantial component toward the realization of this greenbelt. This site was noted as an area of interest as far back as 1985, when the desired acquisition of this property was listed in the Town of Cheshire Plan of Conservation: Areas of Conservation Interest Plan from the same year.

In 2008, the Town of Cheshire purchased 16.5 acres of open space to the north of the DeDominicis property boundary, expanding the total acreage of the open space to 201 acres.

The Town of Cheshire Plan of Conservation and Development and Conservation's Open Space chapter identifies an "East Cheshire Greenbelt" as a desirable goal, and the expansion of open space acreage surrounding the DeDominicis property is a substantial component toward the realization of this greenbelt.