

Morris County Preservation Trust
Recommended Open Space Projects for 2004



Alamatong Wellhead Properties

Submitted by: **Randolph Township**

Type of Acquisition: Fee Simple
 Conservation Easement

Acres To Be Acquired: **18**

Grant Amount: **\$300,000**

Description:

Located off Sussex Turnpike and Park Avenue, south of Route 10, this project originally consisted of five parcels. However, this committee recommends the use of county open space funds toward the purchase of two lots, consisting of approximately 18 acres. Both lots are significant because they represent only a few of the remaining undeveloped parcels of significant size in Randolph Township in the Alamatong Wellhead Delineation Area.

The Wellhead Area draws from a highly productive aquifer that provides drinking water to approximately 35,000 western Morris County residents in nine surrounding communities (Randolph, Roxbury, Mine Hill, Chester Twp., Mt. Arlington, Jefferson, Denville, Wharton, and Parsippany) as well as several communities served by New Jersey American Water and the Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority. As a regional resource, it is in the interests of the county to work with Randolph Township to preserve these parcels as open space to avoid potential contamination in the future.

