

Morris County Preservation Trust
Recommended Open Space Projects for 2004



Mountain Lakes Brook

Submitted by: Mountain Lakes Conservancy, Inc.

Type of Acquisition: Fee Simple
 Conservation Easement

Acres To Be Acquired: 8

Grant Amount: \$1,000,000

Description:

At Route 46 and Sherwood Drive near the Morris Corporate Center, this 8-acre parcel is one of the last two large parcels of vacant, privately owned land remaining in the borough. It abuts a 40-acre borough-owned park. Heavily forested, it serves as a buffer from Route 46 and Interstate 80 for residential areas. Mountain Lakes Brook, which runs through the property, is the headwater of Troy Brook, a tributary of the Whippany River.

The property helps maintain the brook's integrity, providing water quality benefits downstream. It lies in the Aquifer Recharge Zone as designated in the Borough of Mountain Lakes zoning ordinances. The timing is important as the owner has been approached by developers and is seriously considering selling the property. It should be noted that this is the first county open space grant awarded in Mountain Lakes.

