



# Centre County Farmland Trust

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Postal Greeting,

Holiday Greetings to you & yours!

Ten years ago, I started volunteering with the Centre County Farmland Trust because I told myself that I had to try to *do something* to help maintain our rural and natural environment for future generations.

Convenience stores and housing developments, it seems, have a way of randomly springing up in the middle of our favorite rural scenery!

Some landowners who love their land are willing to protect it from development — even though land that cannot be developed often does not yield the highest price when it is sold. The Farmland Trust partners with those landowners to preserve their land.

We cannot pay the landowners for “development rights,” so their willingness to protect their land is a significant financial sacrifice on their part! I’ve recently had the privilege of helping some of those selfless landowners place permanent conservation easements on their land.

Now, I am convinced that if enough of us are concerned and pitch in, WE CAN make a difference! We already have. And there is much work ahead.

As a donor who has supported the preservation of lands in our beautiful Centre Region, you are helping to make that difference. Thank you!

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YES! You can count on me. I want to help preserve farmland in Centre County.

- \$5,000    \$2,500    \$1,000    \$500    \$250    \$100
- \$50    \$25
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ Other

I would like to remain anonymous.

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I have included the Centre County Farmland Trust in my will.

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Our Trust has 1,483 acres of private farmland and open land in the Centre Area under the protection of legally binding conservation easements that prevent the land from being developed. Every year, we visit each of those 17 properties to uphold those easements.

I am really excited that we have another 440 acres "in process" right now. We are helping three new easement donors preserve some beautiful and significant lands.

For each of these three new easements, the preparation of drawings and legal documents, and setting up of funds for perpetual stewardship costs the Centre County Farmland Trust tens of thousands of dollars.

Your past support is much appreciated, and I am hoping that this letter inspires you to support farmland preservation again this year!

Giving \$50 or more renews your membership in the Centre County Farmland Trust, giving you a vote at our annual meeting. That's doing something great to help maintain our rural and natural environment for future generations.

Every \$200 donated helps us to pay for the preservation of an acre of irreplaceable, undeveloped land! If you and 100 more people give \$250, that will pay for 110 of those acres!

And if everyone reading this letter gave \$250, we could preserve all 440 acres — and many future acres.

The financial support from you and others in the Centre area really IS helping to make a difference! I hope that you will be able to send us your check or pledge, so that together we can continue the good work!!

Sincerely,

*Dan Guss*

Dan Guss  
President  
Centre County Farmland Trust

Thank you for your generous support of the Centre County Farmland Trust!

Check enclosed          Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Or give securely online through the PayPal Giving Fund at  
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