



Jerry Hersey raking hay for baling on the Roger Hersey fields—8/09. Photo: Beth McGuinn

Hersey Family Farm— Phase 2

Opportunity to add 55 acres to the Hersey Family Farm protected properties on Route 11 in East Andover.

In 2007 an alliance of the Hersey family, local citizens, conservation organizations, Town and Federal government raised the funds needed to protect 268 acres of working farmland and forest on both sides of scenic Route 11 in East Andover NH.

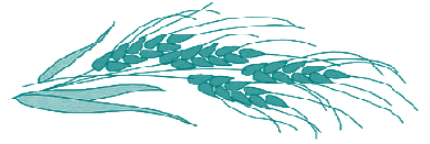
Now the same alliance needs your help to add another 55 adjacent acres to this regional conservation treasure. The adjacent land includes the long stretch of fields interrupted by the barns with the red doors which are regularly photographed by passersby on Route 11. Hay is cut from the property for use by local livestock. Hereford cattle graze peacefully in the pasture and find shade among the trees of the small forestland. This is the Roger Hersey farm, owned by the cousin of Andover farmer Jerry Hersey. Jerry and his family have farmed this land for nearly 100 years. Cousin Roger's land is integral to Jerry's adjacent conserved cattle and hay farm, providing enough field acreage over the two ownerships to support a farmer.

Last year, this landscape and its historic buildings, were listed on the National Historic Register. Many folks who appreciate the historic landscape and the active farm have expressed a strong desire to see this farm remain available as a working farm, no longer threatened by the temptation of development for another purpose. Placing a conservation easement on the property would accomplish just that, and require that the fields be kept open in the future.

The Ausbon Sargent Land Trust has been awarded a grant by the Farm and Ranchland Protection Program (one of only 5 offered in the state) to help purchase a conservation easement on Roger Hersey's 55 acres of fields and woodlands, and the Andover Conservation Commission has committed funds to the same purpose. The estimated cost of the project is \$165,000. With a generous reduction in price from Roger Hersey, and private donations already in hand, an additional \$40,000 needs to be raised to complete the funding to purchase the conservation easement.

If you are interested in helping to protect the Roger Hersey Farm, please contact the Ausbon Sargent offices at 526-6555.

The Hersey Family Farm Alliance



The Andover Conservation Commission

The Andover Historical Society

The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust

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**Checks may be made payable to:
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

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	Hersey Family Farm
Phase 1 – Conserved in 2007	
	Hersey Family Farm
Phase 2 – To Be Conserved	

Hersey Phase 2: 55 acres - 11 acres woods, 44 acres fields

Important Features:

- Well managed farm land, producing Hereford cattle and high quality hay
- Well known oft photographed scenic landscape on Rte 11
- The Farm landscape is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Hersey Farms Historic District
- The NH Wildlife Action plan lists 80% of the property as being ranked among the best habitat in the biological region
- Adjacent to the 268 acre Hersey Family Farm property, owned by Jerry Hersey and under Conservation Easement with Ausbon Sargent and the Natural Resource Conservation Service.
- Operated by the Hersey family for over 100 years (Jerry, his father James, and grandfather Guy), integral to the success of Jerry Hersey's farming operation.

Funding: Total Estimated Cost: \$165,000 includes purchase price, and acquisition costs such as survey, legal, appraisal and stewardship. Funding Partners: USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service, Farm and Ranchland Protection Program; Andover Conservation Commission, Roger Hersey, Andover Historical Society and private donors.

Additional funding needed to complete: \$40,000