



Barneys Joy Road Farms



The Barneys Joy Road Farms Preservation Project will permanently protect 48 acres of working farmland that define the agricultural, scenic and environmental quality of South Dartmouth's extraordinary Allens Pond landscape.

Scenic and productive farmland, diverse wildlife, and clean waters - these are just some of the distinct riches of life in Dartmouth, made available to all through the steadfast and collaborative work of visionary landowners and conservation organizations. Together, we have made a lasting, positive impact on the coastal landscape around us for today and for future generations. But the work is not complete. From Allens Pond to the Slocums River, significant parcels of land still remain unprotected. Their loss to development would threaten to undo so much wonderful conservation work in recent years.

And now, three critically-important places are in need of our assistance. The time has come to preserve the former Wainer Farm and its production barn, the scenic Knight family hay fields, and the recently-expanded organic, grass-fed beef pastures at Jordan Farm.

Building on the success of 2017's Allens Pond Conservation Project and 2019's preservation of Eva's Sommaripa's Garden on Jordan Road, these lands will be permanently preserved through purchase of Conservation Restrictions (CR) which will allow for the continuation of agriculture in this important complex of farms and protection of their natural resources.

Our Land Protection Plan

Wainer Farm

News of the 2020 real estate listing of the Wainer Farm at 443 Barneys Joy Road raised concern throughout the area that the property, with its highly scenic quarter mile of road frontage and cultivated fields, would be converted to a row of houses. The asking price was unreasonable, but we kept a close eye and earlier this year, the price was reduced and the Buzzards Bay Coalition (BBC) pounced on the opportunity in partnership with the two adjacent neighbors - the Knight and Manioudakis-Cammet families.

Together, we purchased the property in March, with the neighbors acquiring the rear forest and BBC acquiring the front fields, house and barns for protection. Under our agreement with the neighbors, no more than two homes can be built on the rear 11 acres, >70% of the forest cover must be preserved, and BBC acquired the right to buy the parcels if either neighbor ever decides to sell them.

The 11 acres of fields and barn are currently being leased to two local farmers while funds are raised for the farm’s protection. When that is accomplished, BBC will preserve the property with a permanent Conservation Restriction and advertise it for purchase to buyers committed to maintaining the fields in agriculture.

Knight Field

Just around the corner from the Wainer Farm, Sam and Anna Knight’s field, with ~1,000 feet of frontage on the north side of the road, will also be permanently protected from residential development by the generous donation of a Conservation Restriction to BBC. This field is probably best known for its beautiful rye grass which was planted each year by Eva for use in enriching her legendary soils at Eva’s Garden on Jordan Road.

Jordan Farm

The remaining 32 acres lie south of Barneys Joy Rd and fill in vital gaps of unprotected land wedged between Ocean View Farm and Andy Burns’ Jordan Farm. These fields stretching south to Allens Pond include significant portions of “Hobart Farm” whose status had been unclear since the passing of Roberta Motha in 2019. Andy purchased the land from her estate and is now partnering with BBC to preserve it.

Specifically, BBC is assisting Andy in securing funding for a bargain sale of a Conservation Restriction through the USDA’s Agricultural Land Easement (ALE) Program. This federal grant program provides funding to farmers to protect their land and was first used in this area in 2017 for the preservation of Ocean View Farm (now Round The Bend’s East Farm). BBC will hold the CR and monitor and enforce its restrictions in perpetuity.

Your Support Needed

The support of the community of people who love the Allens Pond agricultural landscape is now critical to the success of the Barneys Joy Road Farms Preservation Project. \$435,000 in private contribution is needed to preserve the 48.5 acres of Barneys Joy Road Farms described here. These funds will leverage three times that amount through grants and the post-CR resale of the property.

Estimated Project Budget

Expenses	
Land Purchase	\$ 1,500,000
Project Costs (legal, appraisal, survey, interest, etc)	\$ 65,000
BBC CR Stewardship Fund	\$ 35,000
	\$ 1,600,000
Funding Sources	
Interim Rental of House	\$ 65,000
USDA Agricultural Land Easement (ALE) grant	\$ 400,000
Resale of Protected Property to Farmer	\$ 700,000
Private Fundraising Need	\$ 435,000
	\$ 1,600,000

Payments can be made over two calendar years – 2023 and 2024 – allowing donors to maximize charitable income tax deductions. We hope that you will join your neighbors and friends in protecting these extraordinary lands forever.



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