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Dear Dan and Jason,

I'm pleased to report that we're working with Cheryl Brotherton on a conservation easement donation that will secure her 324-acre family farm that borders State Route 13 and Ringwood Road. The property features productive farmland as well as a significant portion of the Etna Swamp Unique Natural Area.

There is one existing home on the property and the easement will allow for one additional home site and division into two farms. As you can see on the attached map, land use zones for agriculture, forest management, residential use, and environmental protection will all be delineated by survey. This planning is preliminary and I expect that the residential/farmstead zones will be expanded somewhat to provide for additional farm buildings.

While Cheryl intends to donate the conservation easement, we estimate that we will need to raise \$40,000 to cover associated costs including a \$22,000 contribution to our Stewardship Fund for long term monitoring and management of the easement. We're applying to Tompkins County's Natural Infrastructure Fund for an allocation of \$20,000 toward these costs. I hope that the town board will consider endorsing this request.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this project.

Andy Zepp