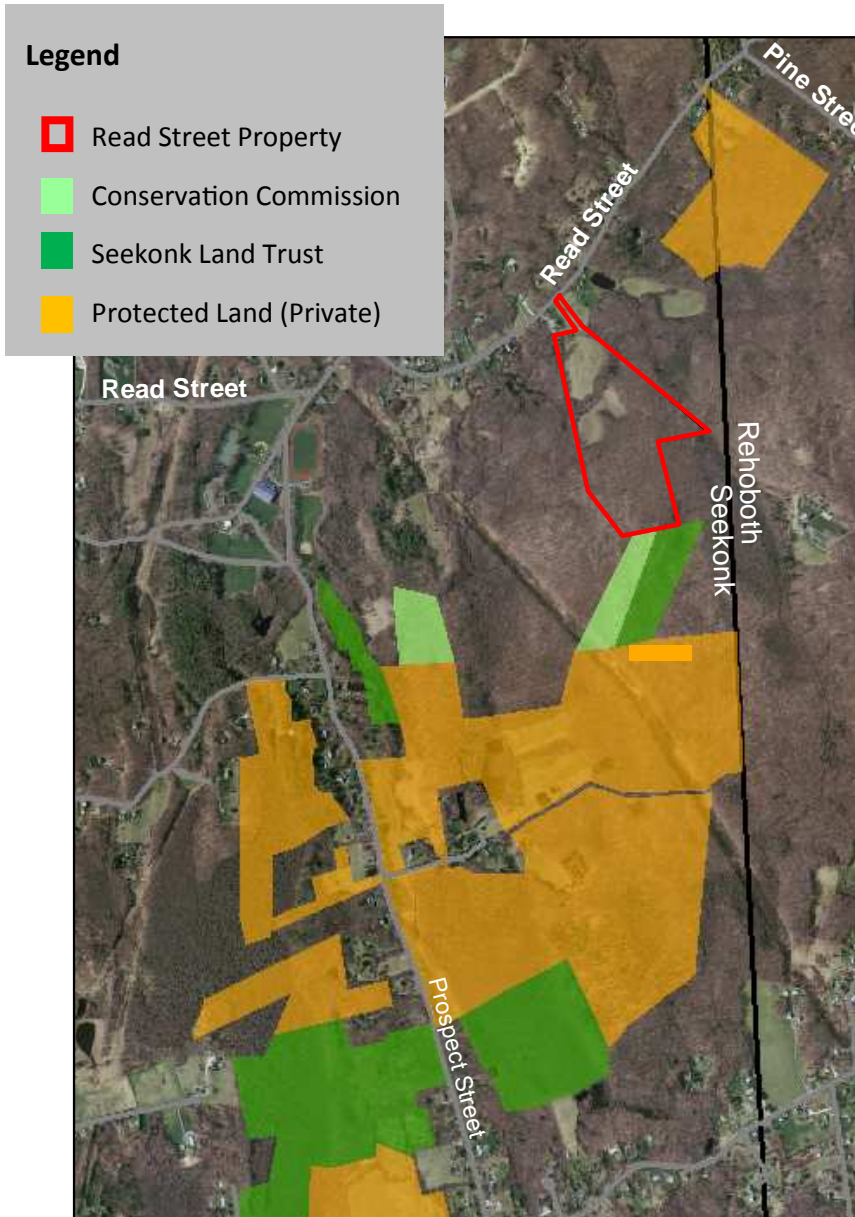
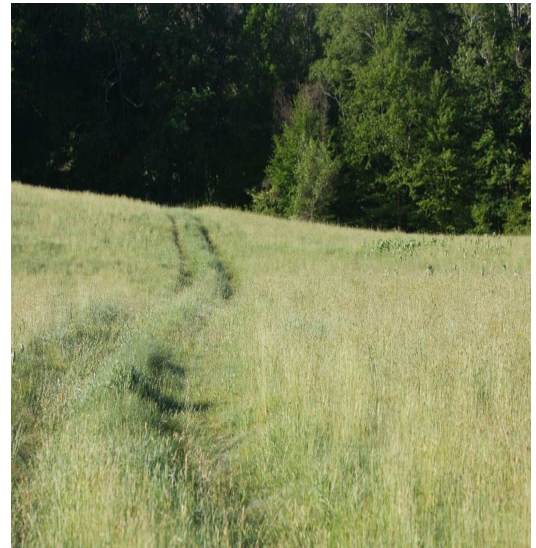


Article 17

Permanently Preserves 36 acres of Farmland and Good Habitat



- Preserve Seekonk's rural character
- Preserve good farming soils
- Provide a place for passive recreation
- Add to adjacent protected land
- Protect critical wildlife habitat
- Protect groundwater
- Advance Seekonk's Master Plan



Vote: To transfer \$532,000 in CPC funds to permanently preserve 36 acres of fields and forests

The Town of Seekonk has the opportunity to preserve 36 acres along Seekonk's scenic Read Street. With rolling fields and healthy forests, these acres consist of important habitat and good farming soils.

Supported by the Seekonk Land Conservation Trust and the Seekonk Conservation Commission, this land protection project was reviewed by the Community Preservation Committee* (CPC), who recommends the use of \$532,000 in CPC funds for the purchase and permanent preservation of this property. The request of \$532,000 includes \$510,000, which is the purchase price of the land (determined by a third-party appraisal), plus transactional expenses like legal expenses and title review and the creation of a small parking area on Read Street.

With Town Meeting approval this evening, the land will be purchased by the Town under the care, custody, and stewardship of the Conservation Commission and the land will be preserved, continued to be farmed and open to the public for passive recreation like walking, cross-country skiing and nature observation.

**Per the Community Preservation Act, Community Preservation Committee funds are designated for the preservation of open space and historic resources and the creation of outdoor recreation areas and affordable housing. These are not general town funds.*