

**Fracestown Land Trust Conserves Active Scenic Farmland:
Abbottville Farm Easement Completed**

On December 23, 2019 the Fracestown Land Trust (FLT) completed the Abbottville Farm Conservation Easement Project which protects forty acres of scenic agricultural fields and adjacent forest well known to all who drive the Second NH Turnpike from Mont Vernon to Fracestown. The conservation easement will allow the current landowner, Robert Abbott, to continue to use the property as both pasture and forestland, as his family has for generations. Mr. Abbott's property is one of a few parcels with "prime" agricultural soil in the Fracestown area that remains in active agricultural use. Active farms such as Mr. Abbott's are vanishing in the region abutting the Second NH Turnpike.

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