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Fracestown Land Trust Extends Conservation Corridor:
36-acre "Fisher Hill Rd." Property Acquired

In early June 2020, the Fracestown Land Trust (FLT) purchased a 36-acre lot off Fisher Hill Road in Fracestown. This parcel is the final key to connecting the conserved land in the Shattuck Pond area to the large block of conserved forestland around Crotched Mountain. Most of its 3500 feet of road frontage lies along Fisher Hill Road, a Class 6 town road, though about 1000 feet of it is on Bennington Road right across from the recently protected 33-acre St. Jean conservation easement parcel. The acquisition of this newest lot also protects 1300 feet of frontage on Collins Brook, visible from Old County Road North.

The property will be open to the public for non-motorized recreational uses, including mountain bikes. There is a very old snowmobile trail through the parcel that was part of a large regional trail system and also used as a section of the Hampshire 100 bike race. There are plans underway to restore and add to this recreational trail, providing a trail connection to the old Shattuck Pond Road to the north and other regional trails.

This project was made possible in part thanks to a generous donation from James and Cynthia St. Jean. The St. Jeans felt that this was important land to protect because "there are just a few critical connector properties that play a huge role in linking our conservation lands, and this was one of them. With important frontage to protect on Collins brook including an old snowmobile bridge and recreation trail, this was a significant property in linking Shattuck Pond to Crotched Mountain and creating a permanent greenway for wildlife and recreation."

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