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*Working together to identify, protect, and enhance strategic ecological, cultural, and historic open space within
the rural landscape of the North Quabbin Region*

Dear

Hello, this is David Brule and I'm writing to invite you to a neighborhood meeting to learn about how you might conserve your land.

If you're like me, you enjoy the privacy and natural beauty of your land. Eventually I decided I wanted to find a way to make sure that my land in Erving would stay this way forever. My property along the Millers River has been in my family for five generations and in the memory of those family members, I wanted to set aside the land where they lived and farmed, in perpetuity. The land is also home to numerous bird, mammal, reptile, and plant species.

To conserve my land, I donated a conservation restriction to a local land trust. A conservation restriction leaves the ownership of the land in my hands while permanently protecting the property's important natural resources. A conservation restriction can be placed on all or part of the property.

With a conservation restriction, I can continue to live on and use my property for activities such as farming, harvesting timber, and other activities I currently enjoy, while ensuring that the land I love stays protected for future generations. The area of my property under the conservation restriction will never be developed.

There are lots of great reasons why conservation of your land by donating a conservation restriction is a good idea, including a federal income tax incentive available this year until December 31, 2009. If you've ever thought about conserving the fields, forests, or wetlands on your property, now is a great time to learn more.

Please consider attending an informal meeting to learn more. It's my hope that you can benefit from my experiences with my woodland. A land conservation specialist from a local land trust will also be on hand to answer questions and provide more information. Please see the fact sheet in this mailing for more information.

We will be meeting at the Erving Town Hall, located at 12 East Main Street (Route 2), on Thursday April 9th at 6:30 p.m. Jay Rasku from the North Quabbin Regional Landscape Partnership is helping to organize the get-together, so please let him know if you can make it by calling 978-248-2118 or emailing info@nqpartnership.org

I look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

David Brule, Erving, MA