Conservation easements protect valuable farmland and open space, while keeping land in private ownership. Land protected by conservation easements stays on the local tax rolls.

Since 1985, Dutchess Land Conservancy has worked with 416 private landowners to preserve 43,500 acres of land with conservation easements. Over half of our conservation easements are on farmland. We also protect forests, wetlands, and critical wildlife habitat.

Note: Conservation Easement properties are privately owned. Conservation easements do not create a right of public access. Please respect the property rights of all landowners.

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