Readington Township – Open Space Preservation Update

Chambers Brook Greenway – Gallo Acquisition (35 Acres)

Readington Township has accepted the donation of a 35.66-acre wooded and wetland parcel located on the Chambers Brook Corridor. This stream corridor is one of six major preservation priority areas in Readington Township, which include key watersheds such as the Holland Brook, Pleasant Run and Chambers Brook. This Ridge Road parcel contains lands identified as of State-wide importance for water quality and protects a northern portion of the headwaters of the Chambers Brook. It includes sensitive wetlands, a pond and streams that provide suitable habitat for reptiles and amphibians, large areas of importance for groundwater recharge, and coniferous forest that provides suitable habitat for wintering owls, including the threatened Long-eared Owl.



A view in the northwest section of the parcel with a turtle basking in the center of the small pond. The Readington Township Open Space Advisory Board and Environmental Commission plan to protect and monitor this parcel, especially the wetland areas and it is expected that this parcel will be maintained in its natural state for wildlife protection. The Open Space Advisory Board will also evaluate the parcel for a potential trail for local residents.

Juergen Huelsebusch, Chair, Readington Township Open Space Advisory Board