

Prescott Brook – Stanton Manor Acquisition (38.447 acres)

Readington Township and Hunterdon County have collaborated to preserve a key forested parcel of land along the Prescott Brook and the South Branch of the Raritan River. The parcel is located on Stanton Station Road and northwest of Round Mountain and will be added to the Hunterdon County South Branch Reservation. The parcel is along the Prescott Brook, a stream upgraded in 2020 to category 1 (high quality water which sustains important fish and aquatic resources), a mature forest with white oaks and hickories with an approximate age of 100-150 years. It is also contiguous with existing Hunterdon County parkland and other preserved land along the South Branch of the Raritan.



A view highlighting white oaks and shagbark hickories along a hillside.

The parcel contributes to the overall protection of the Prescott Brook watershed near Stanton Station and Stanton Village. The additional land along the South Branch also provides habitat for wildlife such as bald eagles and ospreys. The preservation was joint effort between the Readington Open Space Advisory Board and the Hunterdon County with the land to be added to the Hunterdon County South Branch Reservation. This is the second 2021 acquisition in Readington along the South Branch and furthers the goal of protecting this strategic Hunterdon County greenway corridor. The intention is to protect these parcels in their natural state for wildlife and watershed protection.

Juergen Huelsebusch, Chair, Readington Township Open Space Advisory Board